

Abstract

Title: Investigating Good Governance as the catalyst for social infrastructure delivery in Gauteng.

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Infrastructure development remains a key pillar for the country's social and economic development as it responds to job creation and poverty alleviation. It is important for the country to ensure that delivery of infrastructure is people centred by ensuring that people are the beneficiaries, as well as taking advantage of the infrastructure to explore the opportunities that come with it in the form of business opportunities and job creation. In this regard, sustainability of social infrastructure delivery requires an in-depth observation of good governance, and this is achievable by complying with the legislative framework. However, in a province like Gauteng, there has been a clear conflict with good governance principles, especially when it comes to contract management by the province's Department of Infrastructure Development. There is none compliance with the 30 days undertaking for payment of contractors as required by the legislative framework, which is seen to have a direct impact on small and medium enterprises within the built industry.

This paper will investigate the impact of none compliance with the legislative rules which requires payment of invoices within 30 days, as well as the general management of projects. Furthermore, it will investigate the effectiveness of the oversight bodies such as the legislature in ensuring that the Department of Infrastructure Development conducts its business in line with good governance principles, and to ensure that there is accountability in addressing the non- payment of contractors as required by the law.

This paper will adopt a qualitative approach, as it will aim to gain an in-depth understanding of the impact that comes as a result of lack of proper governance when it comes to social infrastructure delivery. The paper envisages to engage contractors who have been impacted by non-compliance with the 30 day payment legislative framework. It will also engage members of the Portfolio committee on their role in ensuring that there is oversight on the work of the Department of Infrastructure to ensure delivery of infrastructure is not impacted, but rather enhanced through compliance with good governance principles.

Proposed structure of the Paper

1. Introduction/Background
2. Literature Review
3. Methodology
4. Discussion of Findings
5. Conclusion and Recommendations

