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SMALL TOWN REGENERATION TOOLKIT

This Small-Town Regeneration (STR) Toolkit is designed to provide a structured approach for evaluating, planning, and implementing regeneration strategies in small towns across the Northern Cape. The toolkit aims to address the unique socio-economic, environmental, and infrastructural challenges faced by small towns and create a framework for sustainable development, spatial transformation, and economic growth.

TOOLKIT INTENT

The STR Toolkit's objectives are to:

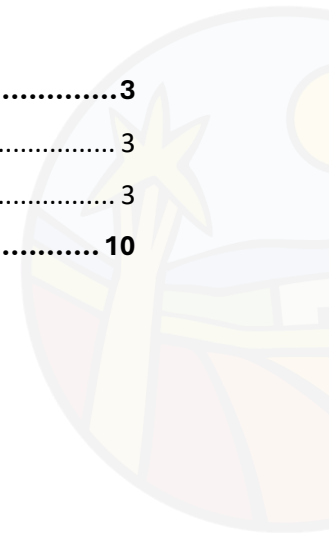
- Assess the Economic Viability of small towns, identifying growth opportunities and addressing decline.
- Enhance Social Impact, focusing on improving quality of life and promoting equitable access to services.
- Promote Environmental Sustainability, ensuring that regeneration projects are ecologically sound and climate-resilient.
- Evaluate Developability, and analyse infrastructure, accessibility, and service delivery capabilities.
- Guide Strategic Investment, aligning projects with the Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), National Spatial Development Framework (NSDF), and Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF).

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1 INTRODUCTION

Small towns in the Northern Cape play a critical role as local nodes linking urban and rural areas. They face unique challenges, including limited economic diversification, infrastructure backlogs, and declining service delivery. The STR Toolkit provides a comprehensive framework to support regeneration efforts, ensuring that these towns become viable, sustainable, and resilient.

1.1.1 KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR STR

Successful regeneration of small towns requires a holistic approach, addressing the following aspects:

- Identifying growth sectors, promoting investment, and leveraging local resources.
- Enhancing access to education, healthcare, and community services.
- Environmental Sustainability: Promoting green infrastructure and resilience against climate change.
- Ensuring adequate infrastructure, service delivery, and connectivity.

This toolkit aligns with key policies, including the NSDF, IUDF, and PSDF, to ensure a strategic, integrated approach.

1.1.2 STR EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following factors should be considered when evaluating whether a small town in the Northern Cape should undergo regeneration efforts or be allowed to decline. It includes criteria for assessing economic viability, social impact, environmental sustainability, and developability. By applying this structured approach, stakeholders can make informed decisions that balance economic development, social equity, and environmental stewardship.

1.1.2.1 Economic Viability

Economic Viability		
Indicator	What is considered?	Response
Diverse economic activities	In terms of the social services wheel, is there a combination of two or more of the following: → Industrial Complex, Employment Complex → Industries, shopping Malls, Retail and Warehousing → Tourism Office and Business Support → Agricultural Co-ops, Retail and Farmer Support	● Yes ● No
Positive trends in investment	Are there any public or private investments, such as infrastructure upgrade projects?	● Yes ● No
Availability of natural resources	The presence of resources such as minerals, fertile land, water and other natural assets	● Yes ● No
Skilled workforce	The population has the same or a higher education level than the national average of: → 37,6% for Grade 12 and → 12,2% for higher education	● Yes ● No
Education	Availability of educational facilities Availability of FET, skills training facilities	▶ Not available ▶ Some facilities
Services are required as per the Social Services Toolkit	The Social services wheel identified that services are: → Not available but is a priority → Satellite services may be required.	↑ Certain services are not available but are a Priority ⇒ Satellite Service may be required

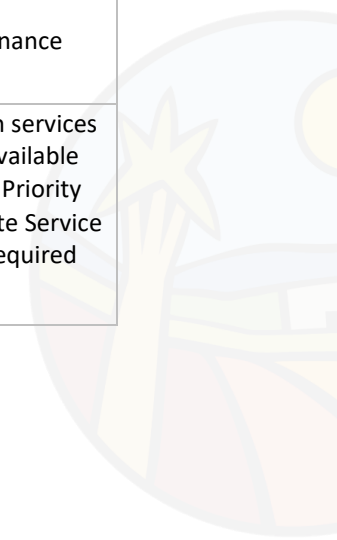


1.1.2.2 Social Impact

Social Impact		
Indicator	What is considered?	Response
Growing population	Is the population growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Balanced age distribution <i>(only 2016 data is available)</i>	Youth approx. 0-14 years: 30% Working age 15-64: 60-65% Elderly 65+: 5-10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Income levels to support a good quality of life	The average household income level is between R20,000 – R30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Availability of health and emergency services	Presence of one or more of the following as per the social services wheel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Small hospital, CHC, emergency, fire station ● 24-hour clinic, ambulance, pharmacy ● Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Not available ▶ Some facilities
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1.1.2.3 Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Sustainability		
Indicator	What is considered?	Response
Good air, water and soil quality	As per the PSDF Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Low vulnerability to climate change	As per the PSDF Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Presence of green infrastructure projects	As per the PSDF situational assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Water and sewer management	As per the Social Services Toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrading Needed ○ Maintenance Needed
Water and sewer reticulation	As per the Social Services Toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrading Needed ○ Maintenance Needed
Services are required as per the Social Services Toolkit.	Refer to Social Services Wheel and Toolkit 1 – Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Certain services are not available but are a Priority ⇒ Satellite Service may be required



1.1.2.4 Developability

Developability		
Indicator	What is considered?	Response
The intersection of national roads	Basic Assessment of the proximity of the town to the various access roads and intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
intersection of national and provincial road		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Intersection of provincial roads		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
The intersection of provincial and regional roads		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Intersection of regional roads		
Access to essential services	SAPS offices + Hospital = Yes Clinic + SAPS Office = No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No
Access to basic services	Homes with access to piped water Home access to electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes ● No

The Table provided as an Annexure provides for the prioritisation of the Small Towns in the Northern Cape Province based on the STR done by COGTA:

- STR Priority 1 Towns
- STR Priority 2 Towns
- STR Priority 3 Towns



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Britstown	-	●	-	-	●	-	●	●	●	●	●	▶	●	●	▶	-	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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2 CONCLUSION

The STR Toolkit provides a comprehensive framework for the regeneration of small towns in the Northern Cape, addressing critical issues related to economic viability, social equity, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure development. By aligning with national and provincial strategies, this toolkit supports informed decision-making, enhances service delivery, and fosters resilient, sustainable communities.

