

PUBLIC FINANCE



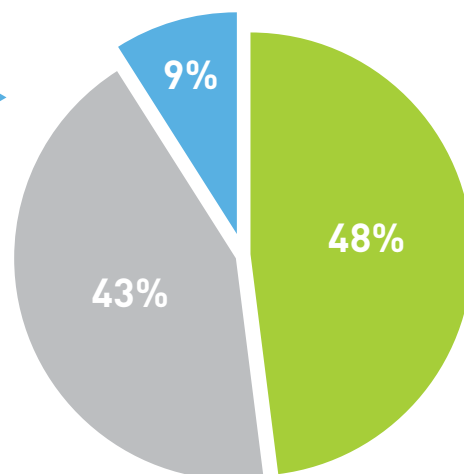
Our public finance niche is defined by two factors. The first is deep knowledge and experience acquired through working across all three spheres of government over more than two decades. We understand the evolution of policy and how this policy has played out in practice. The second is the multi-disciplinary mix of PDG staff which means that our public finance knowledge is complemented by an understanding of the technical and spatial issues that influence public finances, as well as the ways that organisational capacity and governance impact on finances.

At the national government level, we conduct research and analysis to support policy development, including input into the local government fiscal framework over many years. In recent years our national-level work has included research on the viability of local municipalities in two provinces; analysis of the adequacy of the own revenue sources for metropolitan municipalities; drafting policy, legislation and guidance on development charges; and designing infrastructure grants. Our provincial work has largely focussed on research and analysis to enable provincial government to better support municipalities, including tariff setting tools and district funding assessments.

Our work directly for municipalities is typically based on a set of financial models, developed and refined over the

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years, including long term financial planning tools and financial viability models for individual municipal services. Over the past decade, we have built up specific experience with tariff setting and the affordability of services, including the development of tools to set tariffs and to test their affordability.

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KEY PROJECTS:

Mapping Ability to Pay for Municipal Services in Cape Town,
City of Cape Town through the Future Cities South Africa consortium, 2020

Tariff Assessment and Development of Municipal Tariff Setting Tool,
National Treasury, 2019

Long Term Financing Plans for Four Intermediate City Municipalities,
National Treasury, 2018-2019

Assessment of the Viability of Municipalities in Gauteng and North West Provinces,
National Treasury, 2018

Assessment of the Sustainability of Utility Services in Cape Town,
City of Cape Town 2015-2017