

**INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS A REDISTRIBUTION POLICY IN  
SOUTH AFRICA: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study investigated Integrated Development Plan as a redistribution policy in South Africa. Primary and secondary sources were used for this study. This study revealed that Integrated Development Plan has the potential to be a fully fledged redistribution policy. Two questions (Figures 3 and 4) were raised on separate dates by South African Broadcasting Corporation; Phalaphala FM. Listeners responded by Facebook and Short Message Service (SMS) and answers were read out. From both questions the study revealed that as reflected in Figure 3 and 4, poor roads infrastructure is a serious problem at 50% and 48% respectively. Water followed by 37% and 29% respectively. Lastly electricity received the least support at 12% and 11% respectively. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> question, listeners also raised various issues such as housing, schools and jobs whose combined percentage was 12%. The study has revealed that inasmuch as slow pace of service delivery is attributed to high number of protest actions which grew from 12, 651 to 13,575 between 2010-2014 service delivery plays a limited role. Yet, the road infrastructure problem might intensify the protest action. The 12% of others being lack of housing, jobs and schools as seen in Figure 4 might be exploited to trigger more protest actions. Sadly the study revealed South Africans as violent people who lack culture of engagement and negotiation with government authorities to solve problems. What can be deduced from this study suggests that community stakeholders are not meaningfully involved in IDP processes where they are able articulate and know about the service delivery happening around their areas. Municipal officials do not understand how to communicate implementation of IDP service delivery projects and coordinated strategy. Municipalities should build capacity to officials to devise strategies to involve communities in the implementation of policies. Officials should also be empowered to monitor and evaluate service delivery policies as well as conducting research to know the type of services communities need.

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