

IRISH AID (SOUTH AFRICA)

Budget summary and
reductions

Jan 2008 – Dec 2012



Original Approved Programme

From January 2008 – December 2012:-

€13.6 million pa (Total €68 million)

R129.2 million pa (Total R646 million)

Of which, for the water programme:-

€4 million pa to Masibambane in Limpopo

€300,000 pa to WRC for research projects

€900,000 pa to Tsogang for LINGO Consortium

Water Programme Situation in 2008

- Masibambane reduced from €4M to €3M due to eight month delay in signing agreement.
- €300,000 for WRC included in Agreement with DWAF – Only transferred to WRC in June 2009
- €900,000 for LINGO disbursed, used and accounted for.

Irish Aid Budget Cuts

- Overall Irish Aid South Africa Programme cut from €13.6 million to €5.9 million for 2009. (57% reduction)

In water sector, contributions to:- Masibambane reduced to €1,555,000 (61.1% cut)

WRC reduced to €200,000 (33% cut)

LINGO reduced to €645,000 (28% cut)

Future Years – Current Programme

- 2010 – We have been advised to expect further cuts. Detail of Aid budget and allocations should be known in November 2009
- 2011/12 – We cannot predict yet. Will depend on the Irish Economy and Government Revenue.

The Long Term

- At the Bi-lateral talks between South Africa and Ireland held in Dublin recently the Irish representatives informed the South African delegation that the full amount of the commitment made in the 2008 – 2012 programme WILL be met, eventually. They just could not commit to the five year time frame.