



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

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Dear Ms Gasu

**Management Response on the recommendations for Design and Implementation evaluation of the Urban Settlement Grant**

The Department would like to thank your department for the cooperation and support provided on the design and implementation evaluation of the Urban Settlement Development Grant that was part of the National Evaluation Plan of 2012/2013.

As per the correspondence received requiring the department to submit a formal management response on the evaluation study recommendations, the department has already commenced with the process of addressing the key recommendations and at the same time engaging with the relevant stakeholders in order to make the grant perform to its desired objectives.

The management plan in response to the evaluation study recommendations is attached. This will also be presented to MINMEC and to the relevant Cluster prior submitting to Cabinet for approval.

Thanking you for the continued support.

Kind Regards

  
**Director General**

Date:

29/05/2015

**Management response on the Design and Implementation evaluation of the Urban Settlements Development Grant**

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Record of agreement</b>	<b>Reason for Disagreement</b>
1.	Clarify the grant intent through identifying the existing programmes and the specific outcomes associated with these programmes to which it is intended to contribute, preferably in a revised policy framework	The department has already developed the USDG Policy Framework to address the recommendation. Agree with recommendation	
2.	Revise the monitoring framework (inclusive of rationalising outcome, outputs , and selected indicators) to focus on changes at beneficiary level	The monitoring framework has been revised and key issues emanating from the study regarding the rationalisation of outcome, outputs, and selected indicators have been taken into consideration.  There will however be further consultation with other role players regarding the proposed revision of grant outputs into four broad categories.  Agree with Recommendation	

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3	Retain the USDG as Schedule 4B supplementary Grant but increase accountability	Engagements with Treasury are underway	This requires further discussion
4	DHS and National Treasury should amend the USDG Policy Framework to stipulate a portion that may be used to procure technical and project management expertise	The USDG Policy Framework has been developed and engagements with Treasury are underway regarding capacity building in Metros.	

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