

NEWSLETTER



Progress, Resilience, and Community Impact

During the past quarter, Ezulwini Municipality has made significant strides in infrastructure, public health, disaster preparedness, and social development. From the Buhleni Street upgrade to citywide food inspections, HIV prevention, and youth and women empowerment programmes, these initiatives are improving safety, resilience, and quality of life for all residents. These programmes reflect a Municipality that is growing, thriving, and committed to serving its community.

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Flea Markets Promote Inclusive Local Economic Activity

The Municipality continues to host monthly flea markets as part of its ongoing efforts to support informal vendors and promote inclusive economic activity across all income levels within the Town. Five successful flea markets were hosted, reflecting the Municipality's sustained commitment to empowering local traders.

Ezulwini Youth Forum Strengthens Structured Youth Engagement

The Ezulwini Youth Business Forum, held on 25 October 2025 at Mananga College, marked an important step towards strengthening youth participation in local economic development. The forum was convened through a collaboration between the Municipality and the Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with the primary objective of initiating the development of a comprehensive youth database and creating a more structured platform for youth engagement in future programmes.

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A total of 41 young people attended the forum, predominantly from peri-urban areas, with only one participant representing the urban area. The discussions were candid and insightful, highlighting key barriers to economic participation. Among the concerns raised were limited access to start-up and expansion funding, high operating costs associated with Ezulwini's premium market status, unemployment and crime affecting both purchasing power and business safety, the absence of centralized information on available opportunities, and gaps in practical business skills such as financial management and digital

literacy. A significant outcome of the forum was the election of a local youth chapter, which will serve as the formal engagement platform between the Municipality and young people. This newly established structure will play a central role in articulating youth priorities and shaping contributions to the forthcoming Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy.

The forum represents a renewed commitment to ensuring that young people are not only heard, but meaningfully integrated into the economic future of Ezulwini.

Recycling Volunteers Receive Cooperative Training

The Municipality facilitated Cooperative Awareness Training for 17 waste separation volunteers on 14 November 2025 at the Municipal Offices. The session, delivered by the Eswatini Co-operative Development College (ECODEC), provided foundational knowledge on cooperative development, governance, and operations.

The training was part of a strategic effort to prepare volunteers to potentially establish waste separation and recycling enterprises capable of serving municipalities and private companies.



Strengthening Labour Relations and Policy Review Progress

Ezulwini Municipality continues to maintain constructive and collaborative engagement with the Union, reinforcing a stable and productive working environment.

Negotiations for the 2026/2027 Financial Year were conducted in an open and solution-oriented manner. Management and the Union reached agreement without challenges, reflecting mutual respect, transparency, and a shared commitment to employee welfare and the long-term sustainability of the Municipality. Ongoing engagement platforms remain active, promoting regular dialogue, strengthening trust, and ensuring that organisational and

employee matters are addressed effectively and timeously. At the same time, the Municipality has initiated a comprehensive review of its policies to ensure continued relevance, compliance with applicable legislation, and alignment with good governance standards. The review process will involve consultation with relevant stakeholders to encourage inclusivity and shared ownership.

These developments show continued efforts to strengthen labour relations, enhance organisational effectiveness, and foster a supportive and accountable workplace environment.

Building a Healthier and More Inclusive Ezulwini

In the past quarter, Ezulwini Municipality advanced social development, public health, and community empowerment through several impactful initiatives.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the College of Theology to support community-based programmes, student placements, and joint social development initiatives.

Health and wellness remained a priority, with the Municipality contributing E50,000 toward Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness, distributing 1,000 condoms to advance HIV prevention, and participating in World AIDS Day 2025 under the theme “Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response.”

Gender-based violence prevention featured prominently during the 16 Days of Activism, with a multi-stakeholder event engaging partners from REPS, SWAGAA, World Vision, traditional leadership, civil society, and

community members to promote collective action.

Food security was strengthened through support to four Neighbourhood Care Points, including food assistance and vegetable seedlings to promote sustainable production.

Women’s empowerment was promoted through donations of 240 sanitary packs at the Spar Women’s Challenge. Health promotion efforts included mental wellness sessions for Grade 12 learners and screenings during World Diabetes Month.

Youth civic engagement was encouraged through the Active Citizen Programme, awarding certificates to pupils who completed 20 hours of community service.

These initiatives demonstrate the Municipality’s ongoing commitment to building a healthier, inclusive, and socially resilient community.

Waste and Recycling Initiatives

During the third quarter of the financial year, Ezulwini Municipality collected a total of 381,200 kg of waste from both commercial and residential establishments. Of this, 65,349 kg was recycled, representing a 17% diversion rate from the landfill. In addition, 3,421 kg of health care waste was safely disposed of, ensuring compliance with environmental and public health standards.

The Waste Separation Programme continued to make progress, supporting the Municipality's efforts to reduce landfill disposal, promote recycling, and encourage sustainable waste management practices across the community.



Promoting a Cleaner, Healthier, and Safer Ezulwini

Environmental Monitoring of Construction Projects

Ezulwini Municipality monitored key construction projects for compliance with the Environmental Management Act 2002. The projects monitored during the quarter included the Buhleni Street Upgrade and the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) construction.

These efforts ensure that development within the town adheres to environmental standards and sustainability practices.

Food Inspections and Health Clearance Certificates

Over the third quarter, Council conducted 17 routine inspections of food establishments and issued 31 health clearance certificates. During these inspections, 1,980 kg of expired or damaged food items were seized and condemned, safeguarding public health and maintaining food safety standards within the community.

Rabies Vaccination Campaign

In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Unit, the Municipality facilitated a rabies vaccination campaign for dogs and cats across four designated stations in the community. A total of 112 dogs and 8 cats were vaccinated, contributing to animal health and protecting public safety from rabies outbreaks.

The Municipality is showing commitment to environmental stewardship, public health, and the well-being of the Ezulwini community.



Ensuring Safe and Quality Food Across Ezulwini

In preparation for the festive season, Ezulwini Municipality conducted citywide food quality inspections to ensure that retail food items were safe for consumption. The exercise was carried out in collaboration with the Royal Eswatini Police Service and supported by the participation of the Chief Executive Officer, who joined the inspection teams. Key outlets inspected included Pick n Pay (Gables and Corner Plaza), Spar, and Woolworths Foods.

During the inspections, several non-compliant items were identified and condemned, including dented or compromised canned goods, spoiled fruits and vegetables, products with torn or damaged packaging, and items sold past their best-before dates.

The festive season inspections reinforced regulatory compliance among retailers and strengthened public health protection, ensuring that only safe and quality food products were available to consumers during a period of high demand.



Strengthening Disaster Resilience in Ezulwini



On 14 October 2025, Ezulwini Municipality commemorated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, observed globally on 13 October each year. Guided by this year's theme, "Fund Resilience, Not Disasters," the event focused on enhancing financial and institutional support for disaster resilience in Eswatini.

Speakers from the National Disaster Management Agency, United Nations Development Programme, and the Eswatini Environment Authority shared insights and opportunities for funding initiatives aimed at reducing disaster risks and strengthening community preparedness.

Building a Safer and More Resilient Ezulwini

Ezulwini Municipality continues to strengthen disaster preparedness, environmental resilience, and regulatory governance across the urban area.

As part of disaster risk reduction efforts, the Municipality commemorated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on 14 October 2025, under the theme “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters.” Speakers from the National Disaster Management Agency, United Nations Development Programme, and Eswatini Environment Authority highlighted opportunities to enhance funding and institutional support for disaster resilience.

To support land restoration and fire preparedness, the Department of Forestry under the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs donated 30 indigenous trees, six fire knapsacks, and four fire beaters.

In anticipation of the rainy season, the Municipality conducted a preliminary assessment of flood-prone areas within the urban area, identifying 11 potential flood hotspots that require urgent remedial action to protect infrastructure and communities.

On the regulatory front, the Municipality has drafted 11 new bye-laws in line with the Urban Government Act, 1969, covering areas such as occupational safety, waste management, food safety, noise control, informal trading, and fire safety.

These bye-laws have been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for further legal review, marking a key step toward enhancing governance and public compliance.

Environmental Stewardship in Ezulwini

On 10 December 2025, Ezulwini Municipality facilitated a validation meeting for the State of Environment Report (SOER), bringing together 53 stakeholders from academia, NGOs, businesses, and local communities. The session, led by consultants Interlink Professionals, presented the findings of the report and invited stakeholder feedback to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive assessment of the town’s environmental landscape.

Key issues raised during the meeting included incorporating surrounding peri-urban communities in future reports, mitigating stormwater runoff, exploring beneficial uses of Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS), and strengthening social cohesion among stakeholders. Participants were also invited to submit written comments by 20 December 2025, which will be considered in finalizing the report.

The engagement reflects the Municipality’s commitment to evidence-based environmental management and collaborative decision-making to safeguard Ezulwini’s natural resources.

Buhleni Street Upgrade Completed

Ezulwini Municipality has successfully completed the Buhleni Street upgrade (Tender No. 20 of 2025/25), with works reaching Practical Completion on 15 December 2025. The four-month project transformed a 300-metre gravel stretch into a fully asphalted road, improving mobility, safety, and accessibility for residents of Ward 5.

The upgrade included asphalt surfacing, walkways, property accesses, stormwater drainage rehabilitation, road signage, markings, and solar streetlights. A 12-month Defects Liability Period is in place to address any issues arising.

The project also supported local economic empowerment, employing three local youth during construction. This milestone aligns with the Municipality's Integrated Development Plan objective of achieving 80% asphalted road coverage, reflecting ongoing commitment to infrastructure development and service delivery in Ezulwini.



Ezulwini Municipality Moves to Cashless Payments

Ezulwini Municipality has fully transitioned to cashless payment systems, enhancing financial security, convenience, and efficiency for residents and stakeholders. By adopting digital payment options, including EFT, card payments, ATM deposits, and mobile money, the Municipality is reducing the costs associated with handling cash while delivering faster, safer, and more cost-effective services.

This improvement is a sign of the Municipality's commitment to modernising financial processes and improving service delivery for the benefit of all community members.

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