



A city-wide cleanup operation was launched in Elsies River last week. PHOTO: CITY OF CAPE TOWN

City-wide clean-up campaign launched in Elsies River

Cape Town Mayor Dan Plato has officially launched a city-wide Clean-up Campaign in Elsies River last week.

In a statement, Plato said after meeting with many residents in the community, he has allocated an extra R115 million to ramp up the cleaning operations. “But we can’t do it without you,” he said.

“While growth and development are indicators of success, they come with a greater need to keep a hand on the health and physical appearance of our shared spaces. We want the street you live in, and the park your children play in to be clean and safe.”

He shared a breakdown of the funds which are as follows:

- R56 million will go towards additional cleaning of informal settlements;

- R14 million is allocated for the recruitment of Expanded Public Works Programme workers who will assist with community clean-ups;

- R20 million is allocated to the Area Cleaning Division in the Solid Waste Management Directorate; and

- Specifically for services in poorer areas,

an additional R25 million is earmarked for the Recreation and Parks Department which will go towards grass cutting and maintenance across all wards.

“The city’s solid waste management department work hard to ensure high levels of cleanliness are maintained. Our staff remove residents’ refuse and EPWP workers keep our streets clean.

However, it is also the responsibility of residents to throw their refuse in bins and not illegally dump waste on the side of the road or in open spaces. We want this clean-up to be a team effort and something which creates pride within communities to look after the neighbourhood that they live in,” said Plato.

He said over the coming weeks he’ll be visiting a number of communities to make sure they are spending their budget effectively and efficiently.

Plato has urged residents to report illegal dumping to 021 480 7700.

“Our motto ‘making progress possible together’ is one we live by, and one that we want our residents to embrace too.”