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# GLOBe in South Africa

The VVSG programme GLoBe works on good local governance in 7 countries (Belgium, Benin, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Senegal & South Africa). In South Africa, the VVSG strengthens local governance through 2 town twinning programmes between Flemish and South African municipalities and through cooperation with its sister association SALGA.



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The Republic of **South Africa** is the most southern country on the African continent. The country inhabits a variety of population groups and has 11 official languages. South Africa is composed of 9 provinces comprising 278 municipalities, of which 8 metropolitans, 44 district municipalities and 226 local municipalities.

There is a growing focus on waste prevention and waste reduction. Local governments develop an Integrated Waste Management Plan in which they include effective and innovative ways to improve waste management, sensitize citizens, and expand partnerships with the private sector. This must lead to a diversion from waste to landfill and increased recycling.



## Challenges

- About 90% of all waste is still brought to landfill sites and is thus not being recycled.
- Difficult to provide waste collection to remote areas and informal settlements.
- Lack of reliable data on waste.
- Need for creation and support of viable and decent job opportunities in the waste sector.
- Mentality shift of citizens towards reduction and recycling of waste needs to be enhanced.



60.756.000 inhabitants



of the population lives in urban areas



of waste in the country is generated and treated in metros and secondary cities



Average of 54.2 billion ton of household waste on a yearly basis



National legislation aims to divert 100% of organic waste from landfill by 2027

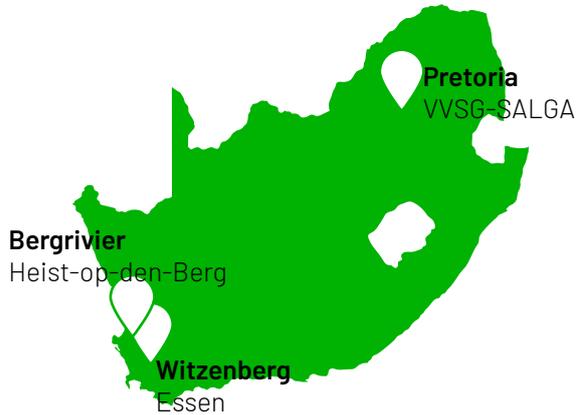
Last local elections in November



Elections are held every

**5 years**





**2022 - 2023**



**150.000 Euro**



**Good local governance**



**Sector** waste management



**2 town twinnings and SALGA**



**Target group**

- Bergrivier and Witzenberg:  
150 involved politicians and technical staff, 15 small local entrepreneurs, 400 low-income households
- SALGA:  
50 technical staff members of 25 metros and secondary cities, and 100 waste ambassadors and waste pickers from 25 metros and secondary cities



The programme contributes to good local governance through capacity building of politicians, technical staff and civil society. In South Africa this is implemented through town twinnings and through cooperation with SALGA.

Witzenberg and Bergrivier focus on internal capacity building through the development of a communication strategy on waste and the organisation of information sessions for technical staff and politicians on waste management. Both local governments furthermore carry out awareness raising campaigns and support a selected group of households in lower-income areas to separate waste at source. These initiatives aim to contribute to less

littering, more recycling and less waste going to landfill. Lastly, local actors in the waste economy are trained, with specific attention to small entrepreneurs, waste pickers and women.

SALGA finetunes its waste management app in cooperation with the pilot municipalities of Witzenberg, Bergrivier and Nquthu. It also rolls out the app to at least 25 additional municipalities, focusing on metros and secondary cities.

The app allows local governments to indicate to its citizens where the waste infrastructure is located in the municipality and where they can bring which type of waste. Citizens can moreover use the app to alert the local government on any nuisance such as littering. This way, the local government can keep track of the number of complaints filed and resolved.



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