

BLM RANKS NUMBER 1 IN GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE INDEX - SOUTH AFRICA 2024

When taking office in 2021, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga indicated that, the ultimate goal of the Council is to achieve better audit outcomes and have a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to communities. That was not far-fetched. Last week, the Good Governance Africa (GGA) through its Government Performance Index (GPI) - 2024 ranking, has ranked the Blouberg Local Municipality Number 1 for the municipality's outstanding performance in Category B4 - Mostly Rural Local Municipalities.

GGA exists in Africa with the aim to improve governance performance across the African continent.

For 2024, all South African municipalities were evaluated according to four categories namely; Administration and Governance, Leadership and Governance, Planning and Monitoring as well as Service Delivery. Service delivery was weighted most due to the importance that the constitution and associated legislative frameworks stress on the role which local government has in terms of distributing core services to households.

Mayor Thamaga has welcomed the ranking status and credited the management for working tirelessly to ensure that Blouberg Local Municipality excel when coming to governance. Mayor Thamaga further indicated that, the municipality will continue to strive for good financial governance whilst delivering sustainable services to communities.

" We rely on the expertise and advices of management to make things work in our municipality, maintain good governance whilst delivering sustainable services to our communities. We thank the GGA for recognizing our efforts. There is no looking back, forward is where we are going until we get it right. Thanks to the administration team of Blouberg Local Municipality led by Ntate Refilwe Ramothwala. Let us continue delivering services and make an impact in our communities".

The GGA ranking data was sourced from Auditor General Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) reports 2021/2022, National Treasury Municipal Money Database, Financial Census of Municipalities (Quarter 3, 2023), Census 2022 and Community Survey 2016 among other references.

Table 8: Overview of the 2024 GPI Rank for Category B4 Mostly Rural Local Municipalities

| GPI 2024 RANKING | MUNICIPALITY | CODE | PROVINCE | LM GPI RANK IN PROVINCE | LM GPI RANK IN NATION | POPULATION (2022 CENSUS) |
|------------------|--|--------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 of 61 | Blouberg Local Municipality | LIM351 | Limpopo | 1 of 22 | 21 of 205 | 192 109 |
| 2 of 61 | Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality | EC443 | Eastern Cape | 1 of 31 | 22 of 205 | 350 000 |
| 3 of 61 | Elundini Local Municipality | EC141 | Eastern Cape | 2 of 31 | 23 of 205 | 141 762 |
| 4 of 61 | Okhahlamba Local Municipality | KZN235 | KwaZulu-Natal | 4 of 43 | 24 of 205 | 143 132 |
| 5 of 61 | Mnquma Local Municipality | EC122 | Eastern Cape | 3 of 31 | 26 of 205 | 232 993 |
| 6 of 61 | Mandeni Local Municipality | KZN291 | KwaZulu-Natal | 6 of 43 | 28 of 205 | 180 939 |
| 7 of 61 | Makhado Local Municipality | LIM344 | Limpopo | 2 of 22 | 32 of 205 | 502 452 |
| 8 of 61 | Umlalazi Local Municipality | KZN284 | KwaZulu-Natal | 8 of 43 | 34 of 205 | 241 416 |
| 9 of 61 | Richmond Local Municipality | KZN227 | KwaZulu-Natal | 9 of 43 | 35 of 205 | 62 754 |
| 10 of 61 | Molemole Local Municipality | LIM353 | Limpopo | 3 of 22 | 36 of 205 | 127 130 |
| 11 of 61 | uMzimkhulu Local Municipality | KZN435 | KwaZulu-Natal | 10 of 43 | 37 of 205 | 220 620 |
| 12 of 61 | Greater Giyani Local Municipality | LIM331 | Limpopo | 4 of 22 | 41 of 205 | 316 841 |
| 13 of 61 | Thulamela Local Municipality | LIM343 | Limpopo | 5 of 22 | 43 of 205 | 575 299 |
| 14 of 61 | Umzimvubu Local Municipality | EC442 | Eastern Cape | 4 of 31 | 44 of 205 | 214 477 |
| 15 of 61 | Senqu Local Municipality | EC142 | Eastern Cape | 5 of 31 | 45 of 205 | 147 073 |
| 16 of 61 | Umzambe Local Municipality | KZN213 | KwaZulu-Natal | 12 of 43 | 46 of 205 | 139 045 |
| 17 of 61 | Ulundi Local Municipality | KZN266 | KwaZulu-Natal | 14 of 43 | 49 of 205 | 221 977 |
| 18 of 61 | Msinga Local Municipality | KZN244 | KwaZulu-Natal | 15 of 43 | 50 of 205 | 206 001 |
| 19 of 61 | Mbhashe Local Municipality | EC121 | Eastern Cape | 7 of 31 | 51 of 205 | 240 020 |
| 20 of 61 | Ndwedwe Local Municipality | KZN293 | KwaZulu-Natal | 17 of 43 | 53 of 205 | 165 826 |
| 21 of 61 | Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality | KZN434 | KwaZulu-Natal | 18 of 43 | 54 of 205 | 133 032 |
| 22 of 61 | uMhlabyalingana Local Municipality | KZN271 | KwaZulu-Natal | 20 of 43 | 56 of 205 | 191 660 |
| 23 of 61 | Ntbankulu Local Municipality | EC444 | Eastern Cape | 8 of 31 | 59 of 205 | 146 423 |
| 24 of 61 | uMshwathi Local Municipality | KZN221 | KwaZulu-Natal | 22 of 43 | 62 of 205 | 118 478 |
| 25 of 61 | Collins Chabane Local Municipality | LIM345 | Limpopo | 6 of 22 | 64 of 205 | 443 798 |
| 26 of 61 | Nongoma Local Municipality | KZN265 | KwaZulu-Natal | 26 of 43 | 67 of 205 | 225 278 |
| 27 of 61 | Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality | LIM476 | Limpopo | 7 of 22 | 71 of 205 | 575 960 |
| 28 of 61 | Greater Letaba Local Municipality | LIM332 | Limpopo | 8 of 22 | 72 of 205 | 261 038 |
| 29 of 61 | Maruleng Local Municipality | LIM335 | Limpopo | 9 of 22 | 73 of 205 | 128 137 |
| 30 of 61 | Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality | LIM472 | Limpopo | 10 of 22 | 74 of 205 | 288 049 |
| 31 of 61 | Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality | LIM333 | Limpopo | 11 of 22 | 75 of 205 | 478 254 |
| 32 of 61 | Nkandla Local Municipality | KZN286 | KwaZulu-Natal | 28 of 43 | 78 of 205 | 108 896 |
| 33 of 61 | Emalahleni Local Municipality | EC136 | Eastern Cape | 12 of 31 | 80 of 205 | 128 873 |
| 34 of 61 | Nyandeni Local Municipality | EC155 | Eastern Cape | 13 of 31 | 82 of 205 | 304 856 |
| 35 of 61 | Maphumulo Local Municipality | KZN294 | KwaZulu-Natal | 29 of 43 | 83 of 205 | 110 983 |
| 36 of 61 | Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality | LIM471 | Limpopo | 12 of 22 | 85 of 205 | 132 468 |
| 37 of 61 | Dr A B Xuma Local Municipality | EC137 | Eastern Cape | 14 of 31 | 86 of 205 | 132 799 |
| 38 of 61 | Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality | LIM355 | Limpopo | 13 of 22 | 92 of 205 | 284 404 |
| 39 of 61 | Ingquza Hill Local Municipality | EC153 | Eastern Cape | 17 of 31 | 93 of 205 | 354 573 |
| 40 of 61 | uPhongolo Local Municipality | KZN262 | KwaZulu-Natal | 33 of 43 | 95 of 205 | 151 541 |
| 41 of 61 | Makhudutamaga Local Municipality | LIM473 | Limpopo | 14 of 22 | 97 of 205 | 340 328 |
| 42 of 61 | Nquthu Local Municipality | KZN242 | KwaZulu-Natal | 34 of 43 | 99 of 205 | 201 133 |
| 43 of 61 | Thembisile Hani Local Municipality | MP315 | Mpumalanga | 3 of 17 | 105 of 205 | 431 248 |
| 44 of 61 | Impendle Local Municipality | KZN224 | KwaZulu-Natal | 35 of 43 | 108 of 205 | 36 648 |
| 45 of 61 | Nkomazi Local Municipality | MP324 | Mpumalanga | 6 of 17 | 112 of 205 | 591 928 |
| 46 of 61 | Greater Taung Local Municipality | NW394 | North West | 2 of 18 | 113 of 205 | 202 009 |
| 47 of 61 | Jozini Local Municipality | KZN272 | KwaZulu-Natal | 36 of 43 | 116 of 205 | 199 153 |
| 48 of 61 | Mfolozi Local Municipality | KZN281 | KwaZulu-Natal | 37 of 43 | 118 of 205 | 159 668 |
| 49 of 61 | Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality | MP301 | Mpumalanga | 10 of 17 | 127 of 205 | 247 664 |
| 50 of 61 | Mhlontlo Local Municipality | EC156 | Eastern Cape | 22 of 31 | 136 of 205 | 186 391 |
| 51 of 61 | Ngqushwa Local Municipality | EC126 | Eastern Cape | 25 of 31 | 149 of 205 | 68 300 |
| 52 of 61 | Port St. Johns Local Municipality | EC154 | Eastern Cape | 26 of 31 | 150 of 205 | 179 325 |