

ASSESSING OPTIONS TO PROVIDE RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY – NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL

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BACKGROUND

- This **PER** examines the Northern Cape Department of Health's **Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT)** policy and the effective rollout thereof.
- **RRT** is a Tertiary Health care services prescribed to Tertiary and higher classified hospitals in the Country
- The Province's geographical spread causes some challenges which require some level of innovation when dealing with such programmes.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

- The policy landscape for the provisioning of RRT stems from the Constitution which pronounces access to adequate health care provisioning.
- The National Department of Health affirms it through the Health Act, which determines health institutions service classifications which are responsive to the **National Core Standards (NCS)**.
- **The National Renal Society (NRS)** are contributors to the national policy framework and collaborate with the National Department of Health to ensure all aspects are adhered to.

PERFORMANCE

The RRT unit expenditure over the period 2015/16 to 2018/19 was **R64.5 MILLION**

THE THREE MAIN COST DRIVERS FOR THE PROGRAMME ARE ACTUAL DIRECT COST FOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICE:



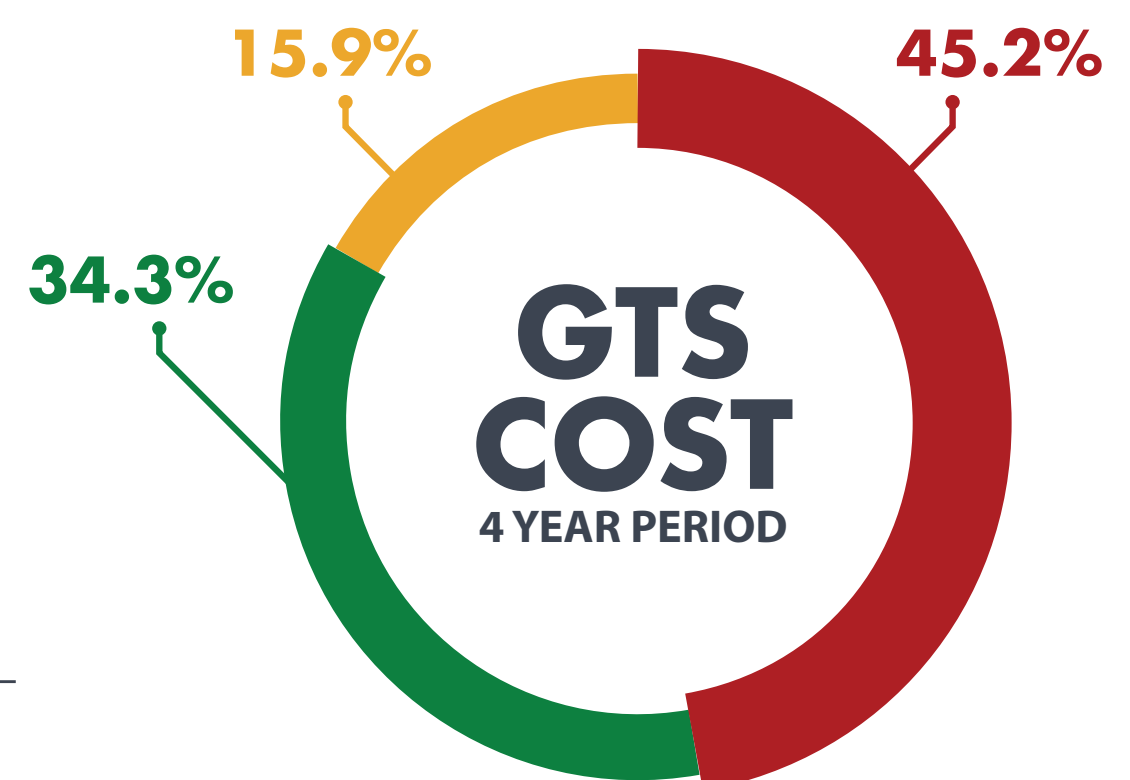
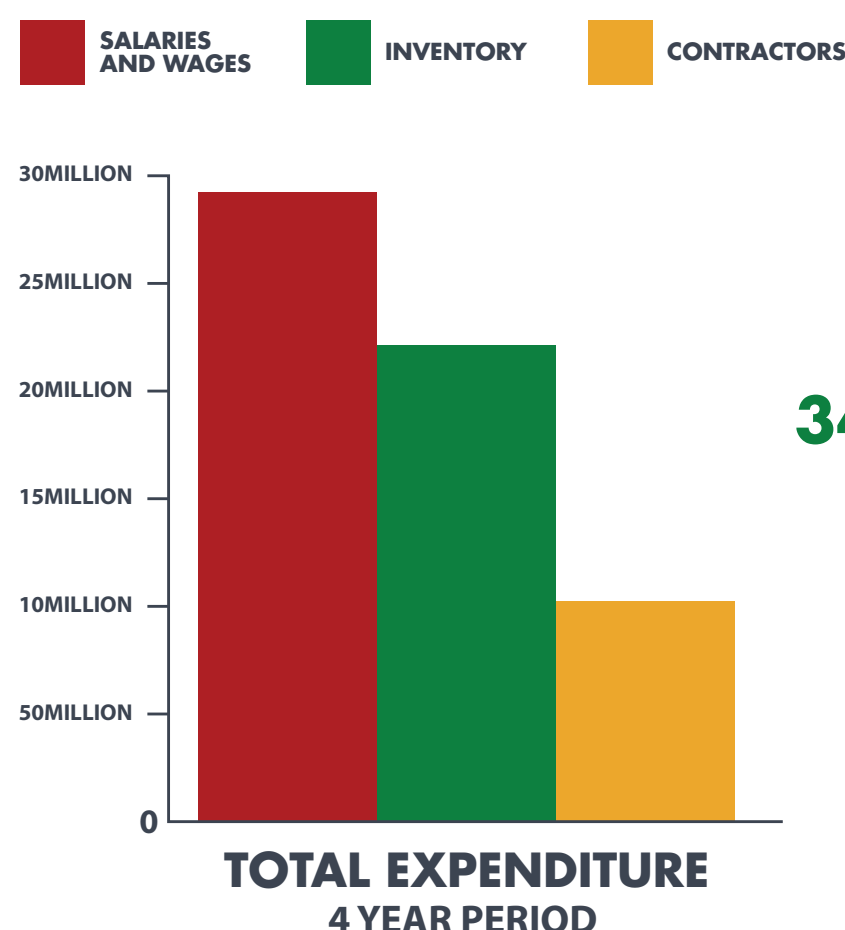
HUMAN RESOURCES



MEDICAL INVENTORY



EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS THAT ASSIST WITH THE ALREADY BURDENED RMTS UNIT



CONSIDERING **R120,000** PER PATIENT PER ANNUM FROM 2015 NRS ESTIMATES, THE SERVICE WILL ONLY CATER FOR SOME AND NOT THE UNMET NEED OF **252 PEOPLE** IN TERMS OF 2018

378 RRT POPULATION ESTIMATES 2018 NRC PATIENTS

119 RMTSHRRT PATIENTS

R140,000 ESTIMATED COST PER PATIENT PER YEAR (2018)

R36,260,000 UNFUNDED RRT SERVICE FOR UNMET NEED

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department should relook at the **PPP** procurement option and confine the contractual obligations as follows:

- Consider longer a concession period to make the project affordable.
- Initially cover the **Francis Baard** district at the **Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital** as a new facility and utilize the existing / new facilities at **Upington** and **De Aar**
- Look at innovative building solutions that would be made available by the special purpose vehicle for the other two districts.