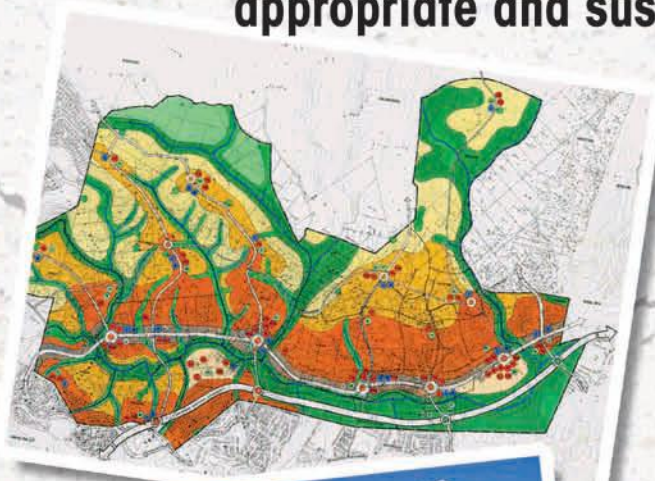


# PPT

Project Preparation Trust

'Working to change the lives of the poor through appropriate and sustainable development'



## Core Function

Project Preparation Trust of KwaZulu Natal is an independent public interest organization with more than 20 years experience in the preparation of a range of developmental projects for disadvantaged communities and in mobilizing capital funding and other resources for them. PPT has a particular focus on the poorest of the poor and those in special need such as people residing in highly marginalized rural communities or urban informal settlements, vulnerable children, or those affected by HIV/AIDS. In many instances the projects with which PPT is involved are innovative pilots, which test new and improved development solutions and approaches. PPT was registered with the Master of High Court in 1993, the year before the election of South Africa's first democratic government. PPT is a registered not-for-profit organization.



## Programme Focus

PPT is involved in a range of mutually supporting developmental programmes and wherever possible pursues a holistic and integrated approach:

- **Low income housing** – at scale and including settlement planning and related infrastructure.
- **Infrastructure** - basic infrastructure (e.g. water supply, sanitation, road access) as well as bulk infrastructure (e.g. water & sewer mains, sewer & water treatment upgrades).
- **Informal settlement upgrading** – full upgrading (full services, housing & title) or interim basic services (e.g. rudimentary water supply, sanitation, access roads, solid waste disposal).
- **Special needs housing and HIV/AIDS relief** – such as community care homes for orphans and vulnerable children and accommodation for the chronically ill or those with disabilities.
- **Economic development, sustainable livelihoods and**

**poverty alleviation** - including training and support for micro-entrepreneurs, participative local economic action planning, food gardens, and fruit tree planting.

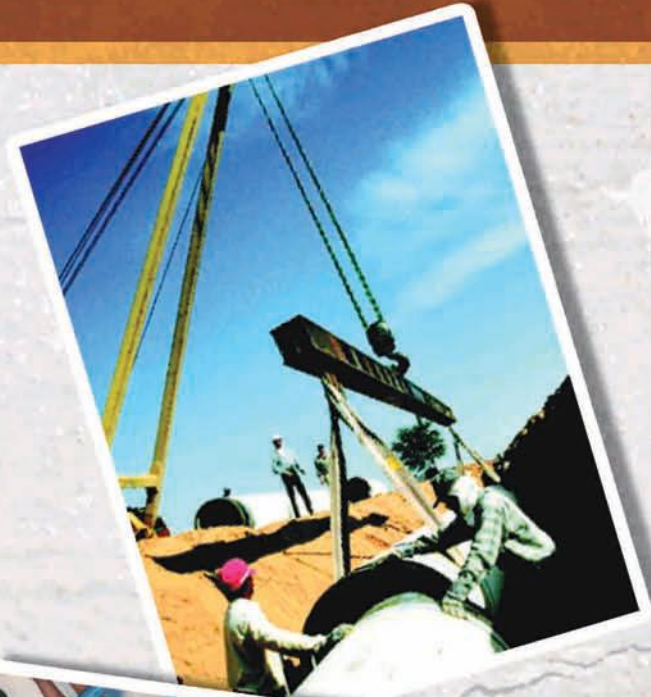
- **Integrated development planning** at the local level.
- **Land reform** - land acquisition and planning for human settlement, land restitution and agrarian reform projects.
- **Sustainable energies** – appropriate energy products for poor households such as small photovoltaic systems, solar water heaters, gel fuel, small wind turbines and solar cookers.
- **Skills transfer and capacity building** - including the transfer of project preparation skills to government and the capacitation of grassroots organizations.
- **Policy and strategy work** – typically provided to various spheres of government to create more conducive conditions for development and informed by PPT's extensive project-level experience.

## Services

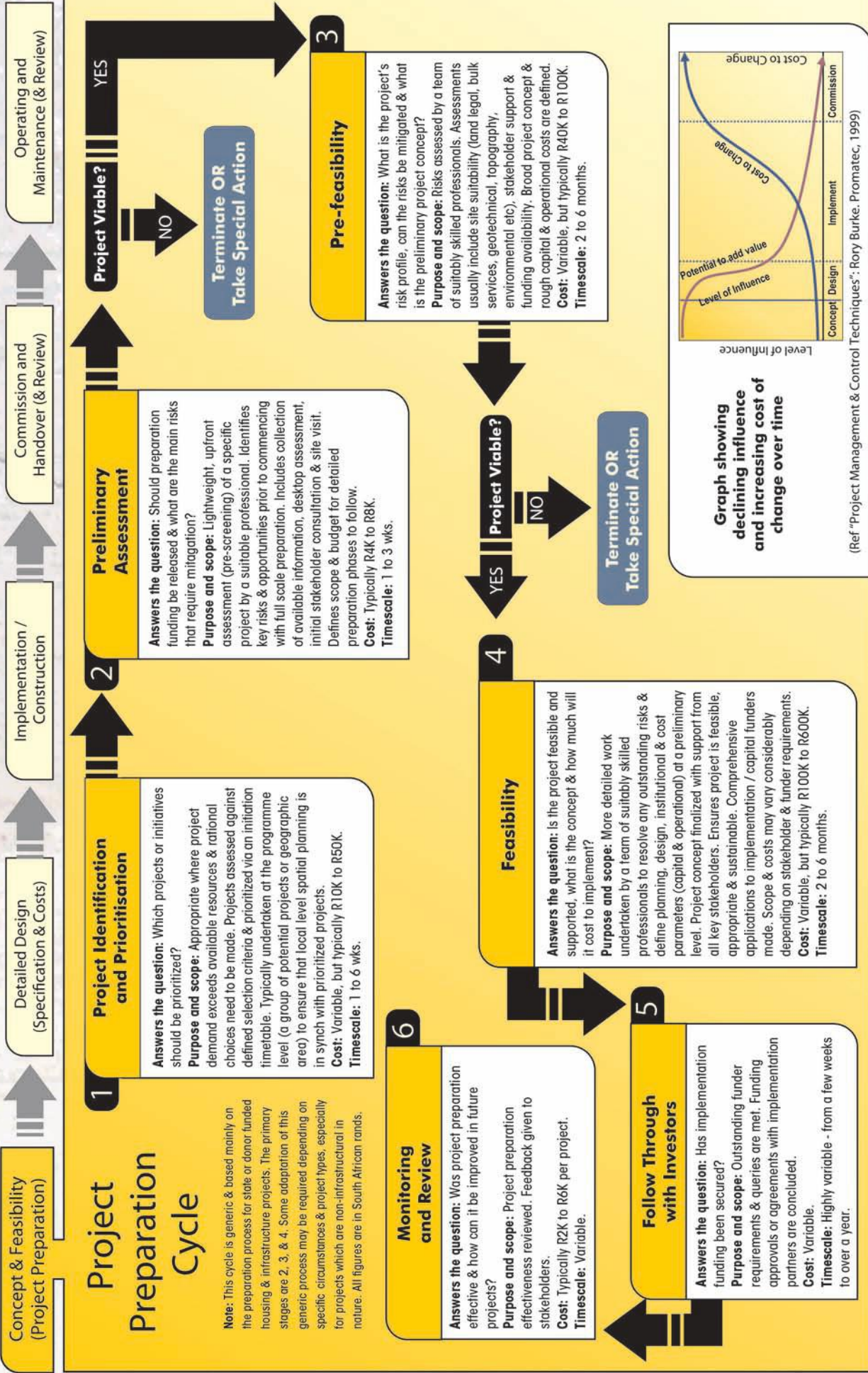
PPT operates primarily as a management core which assists its community, government and donor clients in managing project preparation in an effective, systematic and participative manner. This typically includes managing project funding, assessing and pre-screening candidate projects, briefing and managing professional project teams (whether private sector or NGO based), ensuring broad stakeholder participation and troubleshooting to resolve challenges. In capital intensive projects this typically also includes managing pre-feasibility and feasibility studies and submitting and following through on applications for implementation funding. In executing these services, PPT ensures the support and participation of all key stakeholders including the beneficiary community, local municipality, key government departments, and project funders. PPT also provides selective training, capacity building and policy services.

## What is Project Preparation?

Project preparation consists of the entire social, technical and financial work required to ensure that a proposed project is feasible and appropriate and that it can be successfully implemented. The process ensures the identification and elimination of key risks at the earliest possible time and maximises development opportunities by ensuring that projects are well conceptualised. Typical preparation activities include: the identification of funding sources, needs assessments, community and stakeholder consultations, the development of project concepts, assessments of site suitability (e.g. topography, geotechnical and environmental conditions, bulk services), land availability negotiations and agreements, participative planning, preliminary design, estimates for capital and operational costs and applications to funders or implementation partners. Most of this work takes place during the pre-feasibility and feasibility phases. Please also refer to the project preparation cycle diagram which illustrates more fully PPT's systematic approach to project preparation.



# Project Cycle



## Managing Donor Funding

PPT has successfully managed a wide range of development funds and has a clean audit history in this regard. Funding sources managed include: United States Agency for International Development, European Union, Flanders Government, Nedbank Foundation, National Development Agency, Gijima KZN, Business Trust, Shared Growth Challenge Fund, U.K. Charity Aids Foundation, City of Leeds and private donors such as The DG Murray Trust, Angela Mai and National Lotteries Board.

## Impact and Achievements

**Capital leveraged:** The projects PPT has prepared have resulted in R1.82 billion in capital funding being leveraged for over 218,000 disadvantaged households in 170 pro-poor development projects. The projects include housing and infrastructure, special needs housing and HIV/AIDS relief, pro-poor local economic development, sustainable energies and capacity building and skills transfer.

**Projects under preparation:** PPT is currently preparing 57 projects benefiting over 77,000 households with a projected capital value of R276 million

**Gearing:** The effectiveness of PPT's focus on project preparation is evident in the high gearing it achieves on both its operating overheads and the preparation funds utilized when measured against the capital leveraged. There is also additional and un-quantified gearing which relates to such benefits as improvements in people's quality of life, livelihoods, income generation and operating funds flowing into projects.

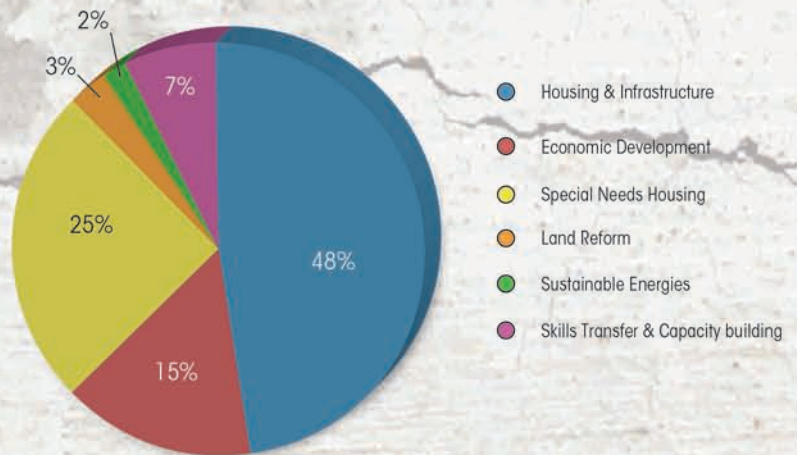
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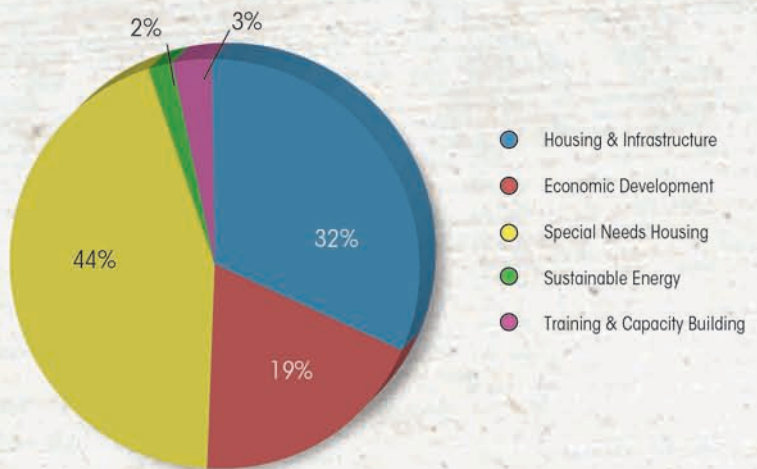
## Funding Leveraged by PPT prepared projects 1995 - 2015

R1.82B for 170 projects & over 218,000 hh.  
 (breakdown by number of projects in different sectors)



## Projects under preparation by PPT:

57 projects with a total capital value of R276M  
 (breakdown by number of projects in different sectors)



## Gearing 1995 - 2015

On PPT's operating costs 1:48  
 On preparation funding expended 1:52

