

JOHANNESBURG HOMELESS NETWORK


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I have personally worked with Homelessness people for 25 years.



The reality is that the Giant of Homelessness continues to grow.



I believe we as Joburger's have the collective resources to slay the Giant of Homeless,

But it will require a change of heart from all stakeholders.



JOHANNESBURG HOMELESS FORUM NEEDS US TO PARTNER

Joburg is the economic capital of:

Joburg's growth coupled with social services:
(Hand in hand)

Partnership can deliver social services:

WHY OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY

(1) the **MOST UNEQUAL COUNTRY** on the planet

World Bank, Gini Coefficient

(2) the **5th LEAST INCLUSIVE ECONOMY (69 OF 74)**

World Economic Forum Inclusive Development Index, 2018

- (1) Use urbanisation as the growth engine
- (2) Enable private sector investment
- (3) Increased quantity and quality of government services
- (4) Cross sector delivery of social services

- (1) Home to at least 4 million people
- (2) Estimated **8,000 to 20,000 homeless community**
- (3) Only 10 known facilities supporting our community +- 1000 beds





8,000 TO 20,000 JOBURGERS ARE HOMELESS

(ESTIMATE BASED ON 0,2% TO 0,5% OF 4MN PEOPLE AS PER GLOBAL AVERAGES)

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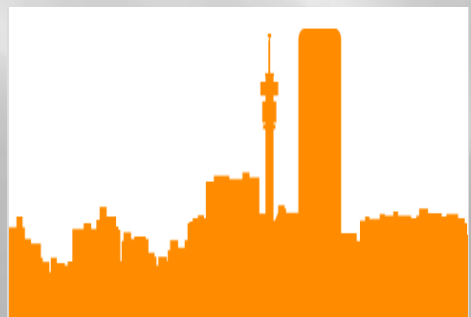




Joburg has a great housing strategy



BUT



We have found it hard as a social partner **to use the strategy** to support the homeless Joburgers we serve.

GLOBAL CITIES PRIORITISING THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY

Directly supporting homeless communities is a **growing priority of global cities' affordable housing** strategies.

Cape Town : The City of Cape Town is changing approach by:

1. Reallocating law enforcement budget for Inner City to increasing various forms of shelters and services (SEPT 2017)
2. Winter readiness programme by partnering with NGO's adds extra shelter capacity. (MAY 2018)

London: Mayor Sadiq Khan wants to:

- (1) Tackle the causes of homelessness
- (2) Help the approx. 8000 homeless Londoners into places to live

(Draft London Housing Strategy, 2017)



OUR GOALS

Partnering to grow services to homeless Joburgers can be achieved by:

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| 1. Increasingly understanding of who our homeless community is | INCREASE AWARENESS |
| 2. Increasing tools and capacity by developing how to guides | CREATE HOMELESS HUBS |
| 3. Increasing the locations from which services can be received | INCREASE LOCATIONS |
| 4. Easing the administrative barriers to receiving services | EASE ADMIN PROCESSES |
| 5. Mobilising resources to increase services | COLLABORATE TO IMPACT |

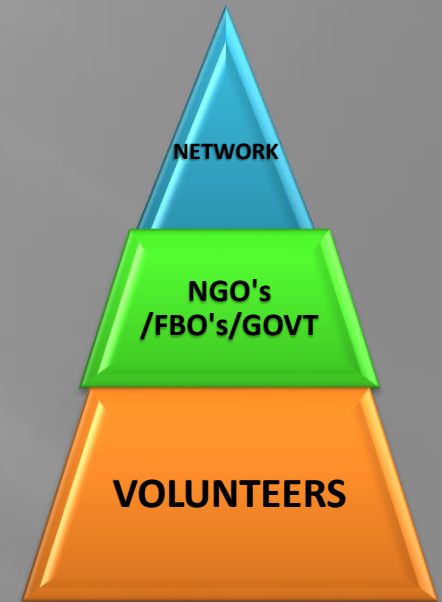


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WHAT WE DO

*The Johannesburg Homeless Network is a voluntary **PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATION** mobilising resources to increase the quality and quantity of services to homeless Joburgers.*

- Work with the homeless community to raise understanding which creates action
- Connect citizen volunteers, NGO's, Faith Organisations, researchers & Gov Dept.
- Raise funding to support NGO's and develop new facilities
- Initiate new projects on a neighbourhood / precinct basis



OUR APPROACH (Neighbourhood by Neighbourhood)

Our initial focus has sought to grow our homeless community on a neighbourhood basis by .

1. Initiate

a) Find outreach programmes run by faith based organisation

b) Invite residents to volunteer to increase capacity of programmes

2. Capacitate

Contract NGO's who can provide health and social work

3. Acceptance

Ward councillor and local residents association publicly endorse project **eg FFTT in Linden & North-Cliff**



OUR APPROACH (Neighbourhood by Neighbourhood)

Continued

- 4. Permanent** Secure COJ property for provision of an overnight shelter and service facility
eg Norwood
- 5. Funding** Driving a funding campaign to fund upgrades and running costs



WHAT WE NEED FROM THE CoJ & JICP

1. Partnership

- MOU with COJ, JICP and JHN to commit to partnering to increase services
- Quarterly progress meeting

2. Policy review

- Review of COJ current Homeless Policy. SD has approached WITS.
- Easing of administrative process to contract NGO's to deliver services
- Lowering entry requirements to overnight shelters and social work services



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WHAT WE NEED FROM THE COJ & JICP

Continued

3. New facilities

- Use COJ office buildings to include over night shelters and service centres
- Challenging our Private Property Owners to lease their unused buildings to NGO's to manage facilities.

4. Funding

- Capital funding will be required to build strategically placed shelters around the City.
- An increased COJ budget commitment to Social Development.



IN CONCLUSION

- *PROBLEM*
- *PARTNERSHIP*
- *PLAN*



THANK YOU!



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