

PREVENTING AND ENDING STREET HOMELESSNESS, ONE PERSON AND ONE NEIGHBOURHOOD AT A TIME



FOSTERING SYNERGY THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

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FUSING
DIRECT INTERVENTIONS (BUILDING PROTOTYPES),
LITIGATION & LEGAL ADVICE,
AND
EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. REDUCING THE NO OF OLDER HOMELESS PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH CHRONIC MENTAL ILLNESS LIVING ON THE STREETS (PREVENTION, INTERVENTIONS & PROTOTYPES)
2. PROVIDING ON-GOING HOLISTIC SUPPORT IN RE-INTEGRATING HOMELESS PERSONS INTO COMMUNITIES (INTERVENTIONS & PROTOTYPES)
3. ADVANCING THE LAND AND HOUSING RIGHTS OF URBAN DWELLERS IN PRECARIOUS HOUSING, GENERALLY, BUT ALSO IN SPECIFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS / BUILDINGS (PREVENTION)
4. STRENGTHENED ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE TO END HOMELESSNESS (ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY, ADVOCACY & POLICY WORK)
5. SUPPORTING THE ABOVE THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION (RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION)

***CENTERING VOICES –
KNOWLEDGE; EXPERIENCE;
INSIGHTS; PRIORITIES; CRITIQUE –
COMING FROM THE COMMUNITIES
BEING SERVED***

1 SHAPING HOMELESS POLICY & PRACTICES IN OUR CITY: 2015-2019

TSHWANE HOMELESS SUMMIT (2015): 50% OF 300 PARTICIPANTS TO BE (FORMER) HOMELESS PERSONS; WORLD CAFÉ STYLE, INTERACTIVE POLICY SUMMIT

WORLD HOMELESS DAY (ANNUALLY ON 10 OCTOBER): INTERACTIVE CONVERSATIONS INVOLVING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, PRACTITIONERS, CITY OFFICIALS & RESEARCHERS

TSHWANE HOMELESS COUNT (2022): IMPORTANCE IN MAPPING SITES, IN ACCESS TO SITES AND IN FIELD WORK TO HAVE THE VOICES OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AT THE TABLE

LEGAL INTERVENTIONS: PREVENTING EVICTIONS; LAWYERS BRIEFED BY COMMUNITIES; CREATING PRECEDENT CASES

2 TSHWANE URBAN ACTIVIST SCHOOL

BUILDING ON THE AGENCY PRACTICED BY COMMUNITY-BASED LAND & HOUSING ACTIVISTS

- ACROSS COMMUNITIES LOCAL PEOPLE TAKE ACTION ABOUT THEIR HOUSING AND LAND ISSUES: OFTEN LOTS OF PASSION WITH LIMITED CAPACITY
- HOSTING SMALL COHORTS OF 30-35 PEOPLE OVER 5-MONTH PERIOD – DEALING WITH TOPICS SUCH AS UNDERSTANDING LAND AND HOUSING RIGHTS; COMMUNITY ORGANISING; BUILDING CAMPAIGNS; LITIGATION & LEGAL WORK; STRATEGIC PLANNING
- COMMUNITY LEADERS ANALYSE THEIR OWN CONTEXTS & ARE SUPPORTED AS THEY DEVELOP ADVOCACY STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THEIR LAND AND HOUSING ISSUES
 - E.G. INFORMAL SETTLEMENT UPGRADING; PREVENTING EVICTION; SECURING LONG-TERM TENURE
- BUILDING COALITIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES
 - PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT
 - CURRENTLY BUILDING A COLLECTIVE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

③ THE NATURE OF COMMUNITIES BEING CREATED (SHELTERED HOUSING; TRANSITIONAL HOUSING; HOUSING FIRST MODELS)

- INVITING PEOPLE INTO COMMUNITIES WITH THEIR **OWN AGENCY, STRENGTHS & POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**
- HAVING TO **BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT ALLOWING VOICES OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE HEARD!**
- ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO **SERVE AS VOLUNTEERS**: IN THAT WAY THEY PARTICIPATE IN SHAPING AND INFLUENCING DECISIONS AND APPROACHES TO OUR WORK
- ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO **PARTICIPATE IN ALL ORGANISATIONAL EVENTS** (SPECIAL DAYS; FESTIVALS; ETC)
- **CREATING SPACES WHERE VOICES CAN BE HEARD**, E.G. **THINK TANKS** ABOUT ISSUES AFFECTING PEOPLE; **REFLECTIVE SPACES** IN WHICH STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONSTRUCT SOLUTIONS TOGETHER; **EVALUATIVE FEEDBACK MEETINGS** WHERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN OPENLY REFLECT ON QUALITY OF CARE & IMPACT OF PROGRAMMES
- INVOLVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN **ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING WORK** OF ORGANISATION
- INVOLVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN **TRAINING SPACES** WHERE THEIR VOICES AND NEW SKILLS CAN FUSE
- IN **RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAMMES** WE HAVE WEEKLY HOUSE MEETINGS, RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING PROCESSES & OPEN DOOR POLICY TO BREAK DOWN POWER BARRIERS

THE INN – HOUSING FIRST WITH OLDER PERSONS FACING HOMELESSNESS

HIGH LEVELS OF OWNERSHIP & PARTICIPATION BY THE RESIDENTS

SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS IN RUNNING THE
PROGRAMME, SUPPORTING EACH OTHER & KEEPING COSTS DOWN



4 TSHWANE HOMELESSNESS FORUM

GRASS-ROOT NETWORK OF ORGANISATIONS DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, INVOLVING PRACTITIONERS AS WELL AS PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

HAD SOME UPS AND DOWNS, BUT BOUNCING BACK NOW — WORKING TO COORDINATE SERVICES; KEEP GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE; AND KEEP RESEARCHERS ON THEIR TOES!

HISTORICALLY BEEN THE PLATFORM THAT ENABLED CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & ORGANISING TO ENSURE A LOCAL MUNICIPAL POLICY ON HOMELESSNESS; AND TO ENSURE A CONSTRUCTIVE RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY DURING COVID-19 HARD LOCKDOWN IN THE CITY

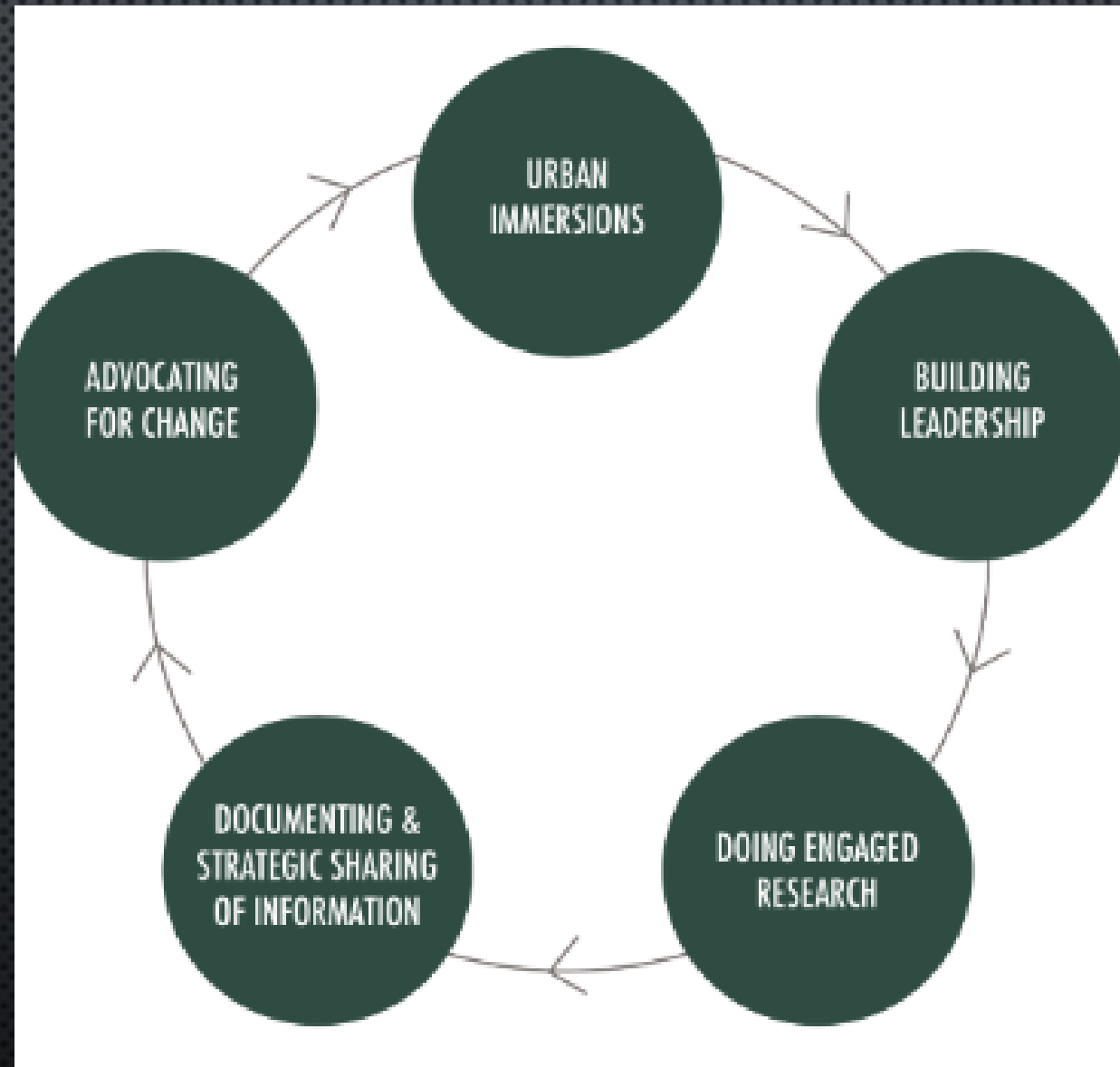
COVID-19 RESPONSE

CREATED 27 TEMPORARY COVID-19 SHELTERS IN 10 DAYS, SERVING 2000 PEOPLE, COMPLEMENTED BY PSYCHO-SOCIAL, HEALTH & FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICES

BROAD-BASED COLLABORATION BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY, THE FORUM AND ITS MEMBERS, FAITH-BASED GROUPS, UNIVERSITY PARTNERS, LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

THE VOICES OF THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES – BOTH NOW AS PRACTITIONERS SERVING IN THIS SPACE, AND AS RESIDENTS IN THESE FACILITIES – HELPED SHAPE THE RESPONSE

SOME LASTING IMPACT – 700-800 NEW BED SPACES AS A RESULT; NEW INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE; A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE CONVENING 30-35 PRACTITIONERS QUARTERLY TO SHARE LEARNING



CONVERSATION