

KHULISA SOCIAL SOLUTIONS KLIPTOWN – TRANSECT WALK EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Introduction

This report is a succinct presentation of the Rapid Community Needs Assessment of Kliptown location based on the preliminary Transect Walk conducted in February 2018 by Khulisa Social Solutions. This exercise was done to gain an impression of socio-cultural, environmental, behavioral as well as socio-economic factors that shape the lives of the people of Kliptown.

2. Purpose and Uses

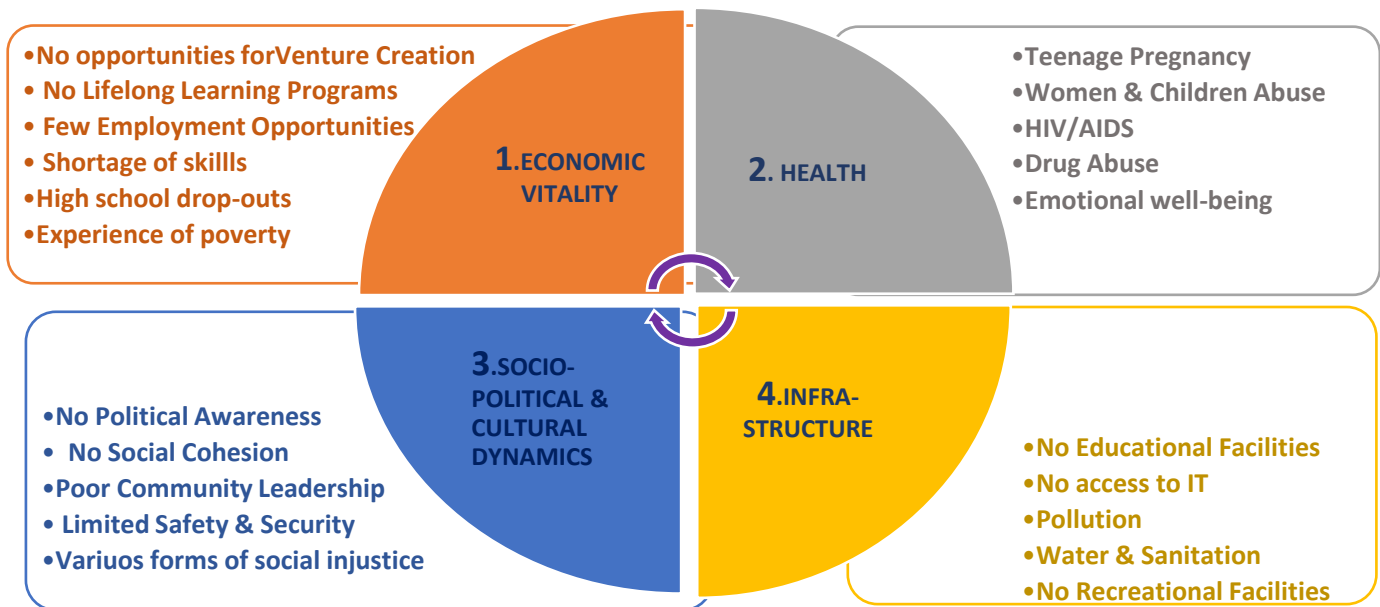
This report summary provides guidance towards two primary purposes which are:

- (i) Informing response priorities and plans
- (ii) A tool to further support the appeal for action

3. Results

The results give a snapshot of the broader issues and puts a spotlight on priority areas as identified by community members. It is submitted that that these challenges are complex and inter-linked in nature but are nonetheless presented in a simplistic manner to accurately capture the issues from the perspectives of community members. **Figure 1** below shows the following areas; Economic vitality, Health, Socio-political and cultural issues and Broader Community development as key priority areas that emerged from the results analysis.

Figure 1: Priority Areas



Priority Area 1: Economic Vitality

The history of Kliptown shows that the population has been increasing over the years. However, the results show low levels of active participation in the mainstream economy. The sense of economic exclusion and despondency among respondents is highlighted in individual quotes such as '**Jobs are for people who are not living in Kliptown**' and '**Government does not care about Kliptown**'. When asked to list possible job opportunities, it was interesting to see that the respondents only listed entry level jobs like clerical support, craft and related trade, services and sales related work etc. Shortage of skills, lack of employment opportunities characterize the economic status of Kliptown Community.

Priority Area 2: Health

Emotional Wellbeing, Teenage Pregnancy, Women & Children Abuse, HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse were noticeable and ranked high in the list given by respondents with regards to health and well-being. Issues on access to quality health care services and mental health services were not included in the rapid assessment.

Priority Area 3: Socio-political and cultural dynamics

There is an intuitive sense that a multi-dimensional approach must be adopted in understanding the issue of social exclusion in Kliptown. This includes an in-depth understanding of basic needs indicators, and also institutional, cultural and political factors both at the public and private levels, that constrain the opportunities for individual and community advancement. In this community, lack of political awareness is reflected in the issue of citizenship and absence of activism for the attainment of basic rights.

Priority Area 4: Infrastructure

Basic community infrastructure improvement is the key that will trigger livelihood improvements, including economic development and poverty reduction. The results of the Transect Walk show that in Kliptown, poor infrastructure is characterized by lack of physical facilities (basic facilities e.g. Proper housing and schools) and service to households e.g. water and sanitation including refuse removal. Further, there is a lack of Recreation facilities for all age groups.

Recommendations

1. Overall there is a need to do a thorough baseline assessment in Kliptown. This will provide a critical reference point for assessing changes and impact of the interventions Khulisa Social Solutions and Thuma Foundation seek to bring in Kliptown. A detailed baseline assessment will not only be used as a tool for planning, but as a starting point for developing monitoring and evaluation framework.
2. **Encourage Lifelong Learning** so as to enhance social inclusion, active citizenship, personal development, as well as competitiveness and employability. All of these are merits that are in congruence with the South African Constitutional values.
3. Facilitate the establishment – or expansion of existing groups that **promote political awareness and involvement** of the communities at grassroots level.
4. **Facilitate access to Skills Programmes that are already in place within Sector Training Authorities (SETAs)** - Based on research and industry needs assessment to facilitate effective skilling programs for unemployed or underemployed people, with a focus on school drop-outs and young people in general.

5. **Facilitate access to New Venture Creation training opportunities** that are already available through the SETAs for potential and existing entrepreneurs to take advantage of opportunities to start and grow sustainable businesses that form part of the mainstream economy.
6. **Child Health (Child abuse & Emotional well-being):** Promotion of children and young people's health and emotional wellbeing is key in addressing numerous social ills including drug abuse and child abuse. A combination of approaches that include (i) early identification of children that might be at risk and who are showing signs of difficulty and (ii) selected interventions for children and youths who are identified as being at risk of developing emotional or behavioral disorders.
7. **Gender Based Violence:** Establish GBV support services including behavior change through personal development and training in life skills. Programs that are specific to the victim and the offender respectively to change undesirable gender norms while supporting and empowering the victims.
8. **Substance Abuse:** Effective interventions that are designed to help individuals deal with '*Self*' including examining self-concepts, beliefs, and destructive patterns of behavior.
9. **Facilitate the establishment - or expansion of Teenage pregnancy & HIV/AIDS programs** in the community through local community workers.
10. Facilitate the development of **basic infrastructure and Recreation facilities** including multi-purpose IT centers where the community access information and engage in recreation activities.

Community and stakeholder engagement is going to be essential throughout the planning, designing and implementation process. Therefore, a communication strategy is needed to inform and engage the community and key role-players.

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