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Violence prevention through urban upgrading (VPUU)

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Initiator:
AHT Group, Sun Development PTY

Location:
South Africa

Category:
urban-development, economy, social

Users:
AHT Group, Sun Development PTY, Approximately 200000 people in four neighborhoods of between 25000 and 50000 residents each. ARG Design, Charlotte Chamberlain & Nicola Irving Architects, Jonker & Barnes Architects, Macroplan townplanners, Masimanyane Community Participation, Partners for Impact, Naylor & Van Schalkwyk, Talani Quantity Surveyors, Tarna Klitzner Landscape Architects

Maintained by:
City Council, City, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Co-operation and Development, and the German Development Bank (KfW), Regional and National Funds, civil societies.

Duration:
2006 - ongoing

Description:

This project proposes a holistic approach through specific design tools, to develop safety principles in Cape Town. Its program is based on three "pillars": situational crime prevention, social crime prevention and institutional crime prevention. In collaboration with residents and local associations, the project helped the development of a traders facility and live-work units and a system for monitoring and maintain existing taps and toilets in the area.

Goals:

It is aimed at reducing violent crime and improving social conditions in Cape Town communities across the Cape Flats, as well as to upgrade neighbourhoods, improve social standards and introduce sustainable community projects to empower local residents.

Beneficial Outcomes:

Two new community buildings, a park and a sports complex were opened in Harare, Khayelitsha on Saturday 23 May 2009. According to the authorities, it has helped transforming the township of Khayelitsha into a vibrant, safe, and attractive place but most importantly into a community that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

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