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MCSJ Report

January-March 2023:

Introduction.

This report will detail what we have done to advance our campaign for the building of the new Gugulethu District Hospital. It will also detail what MCSJ has done to help advance the work of the neighborhood watch.

1. January 2023:

- On 13th January, we were invited to a community engagement meeting with the Department of Health and other stakeholders. The meeting was to address the community of Gugulethu about the progress, with regard to the building of the new hospital in Gugulethu.
- On 18th January we had our meeting as MCSJ, where we discussed the way forward for MCSJ, the revival of chapters. We also discussed the organizational staff structure or organogram. We also discussed a way forward with regard to partnerships with other organizations and developed Memorandums of Understanding with those organizations (MOU)

2. February 2023:

- On the 9th of February we attended a protest march that we helped organize together with Unite Behind. The protest was an outcry about the impact load shedding has on our people and how it affects the marginalized people of South Africa.
- 16th February Report back from the Department of Health meeting to MCSJ. The report back was very disturbing because the timeline to build a new hospital is 2036. Now Gugulethu community is preparing for a big protest to voice out our frustrations.
- 17th and the 24th of February we had meetings with the Gugulethu Initiation Forum to finalize the details of our MOU. Where we agreed that they will help us build on the work of the MCSJ men's forum.
- On the 23rd of February we called a stakeholders meeting to give a report on the meeting we had with the Department of Health. In this meeting, it was resolved that all the stakeholders go back to their relevant structures and areas. They discussed the report and came back with a way forward, on how we can put pressure on the relevant departments to speed up the process of building the new hospital. There was a consensus that the period was completely unreasonable, unjust and a violation of our human rights and the constitution. The meeting was comprised of different organizations and many different street committees.



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Stakeholders meeting photo:



3. March 2023:

- 1st of March Chapter 1 had its first meeting, discussing the programs for the chapter and its leadership structure.
- 10th of March we had our first session/discussion of the men's forum, where we discussed the difference between being a man and a father. The topic was well presented and the audience enjoyed and contributed immensely.
- On the 16th of March the Crossroads chapter also started meeting.
- 17th of March we had our second session/discussion, where our topic was about men's sexual health.
- 22nd of March the Crossroads chapter held its first workshop, for young girls. The workshop was run by an organization called Mosaic. The workshop was about Gender Based Violence; it had a mixture of young girls and young boys.

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- 23rd of March we had a stakeholder's report back meeting regarding building the new Gugulethu Hospital. The feedback we received from some of the people was very positive. They suggested that we continue holding pickets at the Gugulethu day hospital and other key points around Gugulethu.

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