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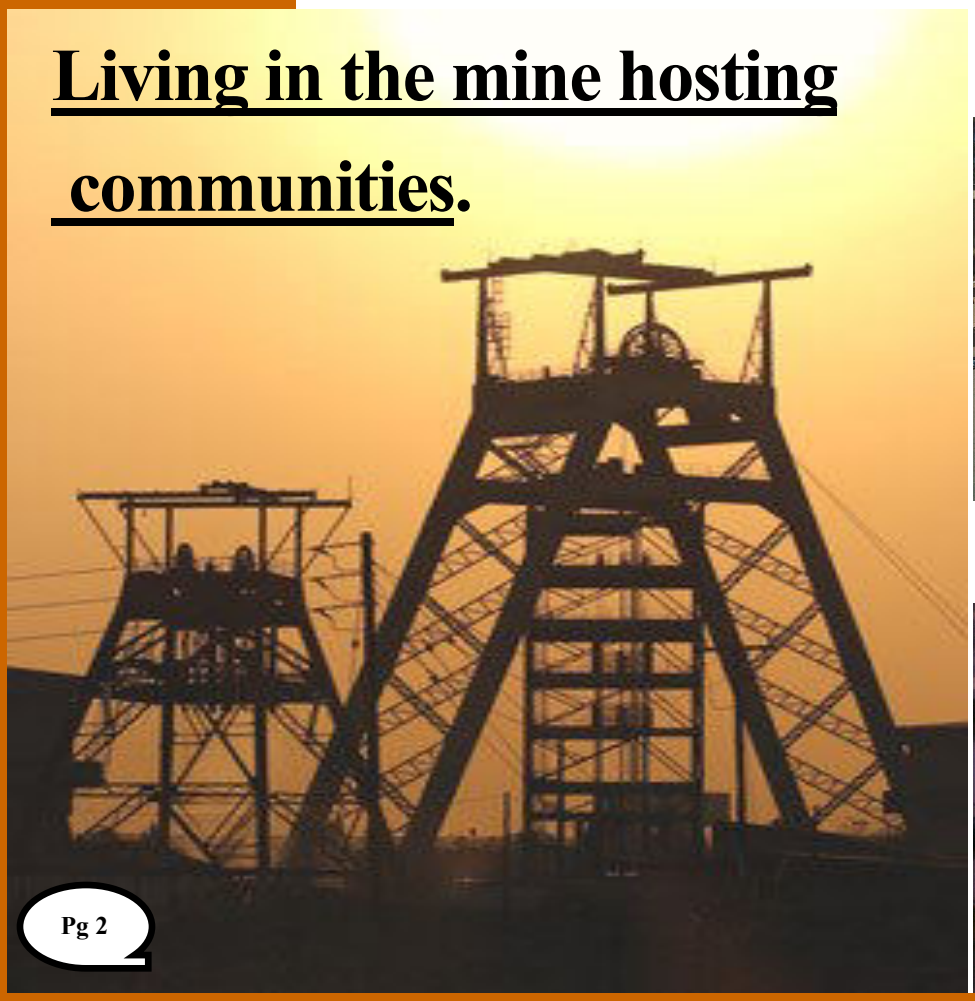

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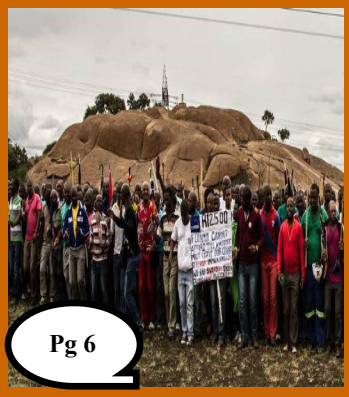

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Living in the mine hosting communities *By Mojalefa Rabolinyane*

Living in the mining community someone would think it is the best thing ever. Well not when you are living in the Free State Province in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality in small towns like Allanridge and Odendaalsrus. These two towns have over five decades of mining yet they are one of the poorest in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality.

Dwelling mining communities benefit nothing from the mining houses who extracts their natural resources in the land. There is no Social responsibility or Social development towards the community given by the mining houses to develop their life styles and for economic improvement in the towns.

Due to high rate of unemployment individuals engage in illegal mining to feed their poor families and to survive starvation. Is it still safe to call this men and women illegal miners since they are mining in the dwelling communities or home lands, and don't use heavy machinery and chemicals that are harmful to the environment and the community.

If the issue of social development was thoroughly addressed, the high rate of unemployment and poverty would have been addressed and if there was full functionality of Skill development centres in the communities, this impact would be minimum.

In these towns there is poor infrastructure. The Education system is also suffering with no transparency e.g. No colleges, special schools for the handicapped. The health system is also suffering, with hospitals operating like Clinics which also rely on the Bongani Hospital in Welkom Thabong.

After 1994 communities from these towns and others not mentioned in this article were hoping for things to change and improve for the better since the apartheid era was over. But instead situation gets worse with the rich being richer and the poor being poorer. Is this the Freedom we hoped and fought for? Self enrichment of the high government officials and the ANC MPs?

What is the difference between the apartheid era and Freedom with the governance of the ANC? Or is it just the change of power from White supremacy to Black supremacy?

I think it is high time the community call for the Nationalization of the mines. These are our resources and we want to benefit from them, not the capitalists and the government officials and the high ranking ANC officials. Why can't the government take example from Zimbabwe? Yes in every war there is collateral, and in this fight for Nationalization by the community or the citizens visa via the Capitalist and The ANC government, there will be collateral. But we will be living a good legacy for generations to come of this country.

Let's give thanks to our brothers and sisters who laid down their lives against this beast the "capitalist". The Marikana massacre, you started this war against the beast then we will finish it.

Nationalization of mines…

March against unfair labour practices and youth development.

By Mothobi Tshabalala

On the 18th of July 2014, the community of Theunissen in Free State took their grievances to the streets when they applied for a legal march against municipality and mining houses. Their march was also on celebration of Mandela day as an indication that they are not happy with the status quo and high levels of unemployment facing communities.

The community demands included the following:

The municipality be at centre of job creation and youth development to beneficiate communities.

Fair labour practises without people being employed on their political party affiliation or requested to submit proof of membership.

Municipality should employ local people and only outsource only when community don't have competent people, as they indicate even general workers get employed from outside towns that are not part of municipality.

All posts be publicly advertised for people to see as in most cases they see people just working at municipality without adverts either on local newspaper or municipal websites.

The office of Youth Development Officer is directly involved in youth programmes and work hand in hand with youth.

Municipal Bursaries must be awarded to deserving learners and be an indication how many student were funded, how many completed and how much where they awarded

The municipality must invite community Forums to meetings they have with mining houses not just municipality have meeting without community awareness

The three mining houses operating under Theunissen namely Sibanye Gold, Harmony and Petra Diamonds must disclose their turnover.

They must disclose Social Labour Plan.

They must disclose document on Social Responsibility.

They must consult with community and treat them as stakeholders.

They must disclose the projects implemented on skills transfer, youth development and Investment in education.

Needs in the community and the country as whole *by Nkaki Refilwe*

Communities battle against poverty, especially in child-headed households. There has been a breakdown in family support system and more orphaned children due to deaths through HIV and AIDS, and any other related illnesses. Domestic violence and parents moving to cities to look for work and leaving children with elderly grandparents. Inadequate health care facilities have been the cause of a great number of deaths amongst babies and children.

Many do not receive recommended inoculations, hospitals are understaffed and often do not have sufficient medicine stocks resulting in the unnecessary deaths of patients.

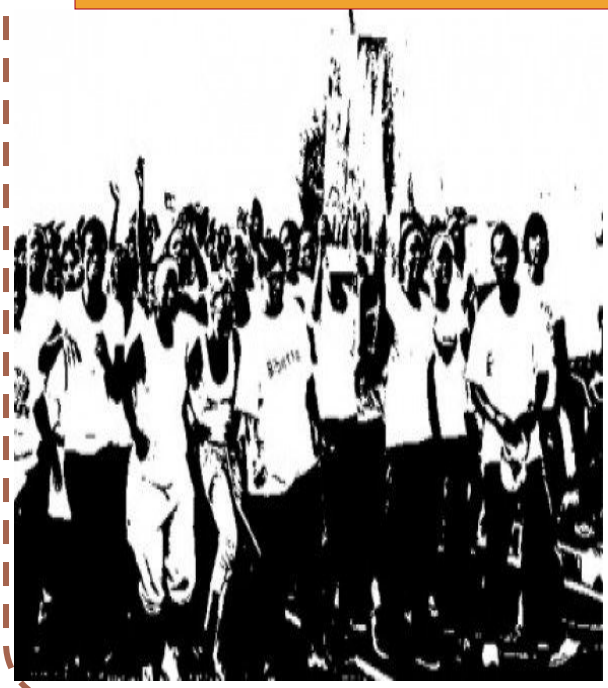
A lack of proper housing along with poor or no supplies of electricity, clean water and a good sanitation results in communities living in unhealthy conditions. Many people turn to crime as a means of providing basic necessities.

Many children still do not have access to quality education because there is a shortage of suitable school buildings and qualified teachers. Many children run away and live on the streets in towns and cities where they support themselves by begging and sometimes stealing. Many adults have not had access to education and find difficult to get jobs.

With no income they cannot provide for the economic needs of their families.

In order to solve the community and the country's economic needs these issues needs to be addressed, because some ideas for doing this include providing more training programmes to increase skills of the youth, vocational-based training to provide more technical skills and the creation of more jobs and opportunities for all people.

Stepping up the fight against Crime and Corruption *by Matlabe Motlokgelwa*



The provincial government in general believes that the farm attacks undermine job creation efforts because the economy of the Free State depends largely on the Agricultural sector.

Kamphela has condemned the spate of farm attacks and said recently that he believed that the provincial crime fighting strategies to work with the SAPS in dealing with serious crimes will go a long way in ensuring that his department would strengthen partnership between the provincial police, the national police and the community police forums in the fight against crime.

He also said that the joint initiative that has come from the close cooperation between the provincial government and SAPAs was part of the envisaged establishment of a fusion centre sometimes in 2014. This will be a multi-disciplinary rapid response centre

Intro -- A community based organisation Monitoring legacy of Gold and Uranium Mines impact in the central Free State, and assess Government response to service delivery issues in relation to large business investment in historically disadvantaged and deprived communities from benefiting on wealth extracted in their immediate environment. [***Supported by Bench Marks Foundation***]

They don't want to work *by Thabang Motsamai*

Youth in the Lejweleputswa region are not interested in labour; plainly stated, they do not want to work.

"Unemployment in the Lejweleputswa district has truck the core.

People all over the district have lost hope, the night has gone completely dark, and there seems to be no other means known or wanted except that of grants received from the government Mr. Sam of the DPT. Of labour in Welkom says that youth everywhere in the Lejweleputswa district, if not all over South Africa, don't want to work at all.

"Youth in the Lejweleputswa region are not interested in labour" says Mr. Sam "plainly stated, they do not want to work." to support his statement, Mr. Sam produced an overwhelming black and white evidence of the youth living in Lejweleputswa being called to jobs opportunities presented to the dpt. Of labour by different employers, with attendees of close to nothing.

The figures were astonishing and space for themselves: 40 people, age between 18 and 35 were wanted for brick laying job. The department called over 50 people and only 15 turned out. 15 females, age between 20 and 35 were wanted for learnerships in Early Childhood Development, 3 people turned out and then, the department. Had to ask the department of social development to rethink their request of age. And that's when the called received a positive response. And the figures go on and on.

"The first things that this youth stars ask us when we call" says Mr. Sam "is, how much. How much money in terms of salary." it seems that, which can be understandable, maybe, young people don't just want jobs, they have responsibilities, and there is nothing they can work for except for reasonable salaries to support their families and take care of their pressing responsibilities. However, i'job-i'job s'bale.

FOUNDING STATEMENT—The Corporate and Government Impact Censoring Organisation is geared towards providing capacity, leadership and advocacy on diabolic implication brought by business investment within homespun; with a view and intention of harmonizing mutual beneficiation amongst residents and institution who are keen to see sustainable development to preserve environment for present and future generations.

GEOGRAPHICAL OPERATION—Currently working with communities of Theunissen, Virginia, Welkom, Odendaalsrus and Allanridge central Free State Province.

PROGRAMMATIC AREAS BEING PURSUIT—Waste Management, Water Management, Budgeting and Infrastructure Management, Skills and Labour Challenges, Ecological Greening and Sustainable Management.

PRINCIPLES WE SUBSCRIBE TO— Sustainable use of natural resources, Respect for Human Rights and Democracy, Gender Equality Peace and Non-Violence, Inclusivity in decision making, Respect for Cultural Diversity, Solidarity and Transparency, Non-partisan, Non-sexist, Non-racist, Non-xenophobia Anti-Afrophobia

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