

# GROUP A

## Mamelodi, Upington









# Mamelodi - How did the project start ?

- Instructive dream from grand father to rehabilitate the mountains and surroundings
- Started in 2001 with Ephreim, wife and another staff member
- Was a dumping ground for the municipality

# What did we see?

- Clean well planned, protected environment
- Nursery, garden, place reserved for processing of plants, borehole, sanitary facilities, workers, bee eating birds
- Sign board with a consortium of sponsors

# Management of the place

- Founders
- Seven workers
- 80 jobs created

# What does it serve?

- Training and research
- Cultivation of materials for medicine
- Visitors and touristic sites
- Conservation sites

# Future plans

- Building of a processing plant
- Seed bank
- Job creation
- Training and education
- Health facility as a centre of excellence

# Collaboration

- Community
  - Municipality
  - Academic institutions
  - Govt. ministries
  - Civil Society organizations
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- A conclave of 10 practitioners



# Clinic

- Clean, organized, modern with traditional values
- Medicine – well categorized, processed and labelled (Value added)
- Family is well involved in both projects

# Lessons learned

- Never late to rescue the environment through rehabilitation
- Change of perception about traditional healers with good standards
- **Challenges**
  - Limited resource – material and human
  - Soil erosion, lack of water
  - Community involvement was not visible
  - Issues of documentation and research ethics – not visible



## UPINGTON – SAN COUNCIL



# San Council (Upington)

- TK documentation project and the Research Code of Ethics
- Protection of rights and promotion of San culture
- Honesty, fairness, justice, respect and process
- Started in 1996 (in three countries – South Africa, Namibia and Botswana), but consolidated in 2001 (with Hoodia experience) – 4 communities – Khomani, /Xam, !Xun, Khwe
- Many ABS agreements



- IKSDC, San Code of Ethics
- San Council works with multistakeholder platform – communities, San Institute, Khomani San Foundation Development Forum etc.
- Three tier structure - National hub, , Provincial, community
- Extensive documentation of traditional medicine, food practices and other TK (they like to call not IK)
- Consultations and agreements – 2014-2015
- Steering committees – 10 members – good women and individual community representation
- Several challenges including the IKS bill

- Research code of ethics – logo use, detailed guidelines for research, started in 1996 with WIMSA Media and Research Policy
- ABS example of Elev8 –Zembrin as a partnership agreement
- Conservation measures, strong cultivation practices, good engagement with the national govt policy processes
- Trust project on Global Code of Research Ethics – San Code of Research Ethics

# Language Revival Project

- N/uu language was rediscovered in 1996.
- More than 25 speakers were located.
- Today only 4 speakers remain.
- Katrina Esau, with the help of David van Wyk are working to teach children
- Today it is recognised in the constitution, but is not included in official languages.
- Book has been released about basics of N/uu
- Play is being developed to showcase Katrina Esau's life, will be at Artscape 19 Sept, Cape Town