

The Centre for Development Support (CDS) is a progressive research and development unit within the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of the Free State (UFS) with the broad aim of promoting sustainable human development in the broader South African society. In addition to this, the CDS also presents a two-year multi-disciplinary Master's Programme in Development Studies (MDS) with lecturers from sixteen departments at the UFS, using resource-based learning. This degree is designed for people who are currently working in a development-related context, or who intend to do so.

Vision

To be a leading research, training, and knowledge centre promoting sustainable human development

Mission

Promoting sustainable development through:

- Conducting applied and policy-orientated research to inform, steer, and facilitate development initiatives, development programmes, and academic excellence
- Building capacity through training and development programmes
- Being a knowledge centre focused on four niche areas, namely
 - poverty and social development,
 - human settlements/housing
 - local economic development/enterprise development,
 - and rendering a consultative service on socio-economic development issues and initiatives to clients in the private and public sector, as well as the NGOs and CBOs
- Being part of a broad network of national and international development expertise.
- The CDS strives to achieve this mission with passion, a spirit of entrepreneurship, and through partnerships
- socio-economic characteristics of arid areas

Books and edited books

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- Mseba. P., (2019). Social work education and professional wellbeing in South Africa: a capability approach
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Master's studies

- Bezuidenhout. L., (2019). From welfare to community development – the role of local congregations as agents of development in the Mangaung metropolitan area
- Chinyemba. B., (2019). Large -scale land acquisitions and their impacts on the livelihoods of displaced communities: a case study of the Lusaka south multi-facility economic zone community
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- Namabanda. E., (2019). Livelihood challenges in a rural growth point: the case of ondobe, Namibia
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Projects

- South African Cities Network – Profiling ICMs
- Swedish Research Council and Karolinska Institute - Self-help after male medical circumcision with voice messages
- National Institute of Health (USA) and the University of Houston - The acceptability and feasibility of an adaptation of the Mediation Intervention of Sensitising Caregivers (MISC) for Community-based Organisations in a sample of South African HIV/AIDS orphans
- Emalahleni mining town study
- Department of Social Development – Free State population profile
- National Research Foundation – Mining and society project
- Gates Foundation – Family Planning Needs of South African Adolescent Girls
- EU Horizon 2040 grant – common good first
- Impact of renewable energy – Baseline survey in Wesley/Ciskei
- CUT/UFS collaboration grant – deeds register data for Mangaung
- Survey of student housing needs
- An evaluation of the informal settlement upgrading programme in the Free State Province – conducted for the Free State Provincial Government
- Impact of renewable energy projects in the Northern Cape – Funded by Cranfield University
- Meraka village- living laboratory for no-to-low cost building and permaculture methods in Roodewal, Mangaung Metro Municipality
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- EU Horizon 2040 grant – common good first

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