

BEH752

Housing

Brief description

The accelerated growth of urban populations over recent years has resulted in an increased demand for housing and services in cities and towns. It has also resulted in the increased formation of squatter settlements in local housing communities. The reality is that government has failed to adequately provide in the housing needs of our people. The lack of urgency and the absence of appropriate housing guidelines in Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) often result in substantial housing backlogs as well as the manifestation of isolated and unsustainable communities. It is with this in mind that the need for housing chapters, as part of municipal IDPs, has manifested itself as a necessity for the creation of viable and sustainable human settlements.

Community partners

- Low-income families
- Partners of Peoples' Housing Process
- Ward councillor

Service sector partners

- Housing official at the Local Municipality
- Directorate Human Settlements, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
- Sub-director Spatial Planning, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

Service learning component

The development of the housing chapter of the IDP of a small town is a bottom-up process where the students interact with

the recipients of government subsidised houses for low-income families as well as partners of the Peoples' Housing Process. The housing chapter that is developed by the students details the following:

- The identified and designated "Housing Voice".
- Identified housing needs and backlogs.
- Setting of delivery goals.
- Identifying well-located land suitable for development.
- Verifying ownership of such identified land.
- Investigating and verifying alignment of identified land with the Spatial Development Framework (SDF).

Outcomes for students

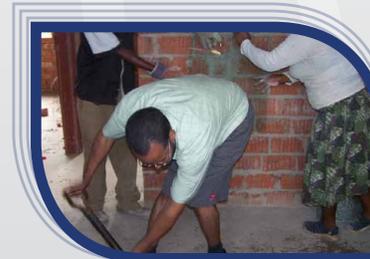
This service learning module allows students to gain first-hand experience on how to transform housing needs to spatial needs. This learning experience enables them to develop the required competencies to facilitate the needs and aspirations of the community to prepare a housing chapter.

Impact on community

The Housing Voice of the community is determined and heard. Housing proposals for those still on the waiting lists are based on the experiences of recipients of subsidised housing proposals.



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