

Proposal: *Partnership between Sinethemba Community Organisation and interested third party donors.*

Background:



Khayelitsha, a community of more than 2 million people, is facing the challenges of increasing poverty, overwhelming HIV/AIDS infection rates, and insufficient education. Khayelitsha is infamous around Cape Town for its violence, poverty, and as a place of desperation. Harare, Khayelitsha is perhaps the most infamous place within Khayelitsha, a place that even residents of Khayelitsha avoid. It is within this context that community transformation leaders are struggling to uplift their neighbourhoods. And while the community

members are willing to get involved, they lack the regular funding to ensure that their children's basic human needs are being met.



Sinethemba Community Organisation is a privately run community project that strives to feed the community of Harare, Khayelitsha while connecting and strengthening community families, and involving at-risk teenage youth in the active uplifting of their community. Sinethemba Soup Kitchen attracts community members, and is currently feeding on average one hundred fifty individuals three times weekly. Following soup kitchen feedings, Sinethemba has created support groups and

programs for HIV/AIDS-affected individuals, abused women, and at-risk youth. They have also partnered with the Khayelitsha police department to operate a neighborhood patrol whose goal is to ensure the safety of vulnerable people and fight drug and crime.

Aim:

Sinethemba aims to provide a safe place and resource center where community members can come to receive assistance in meeting basic physical needs while Sinethemba staff and volunteers minister to individual spiritual and emotional needs.

Future Goals:

With continued funding and support, the Sinethemba Community Organisation hopes to expand their current services to daily feedings that include weekends and to expand their current projects to include safe rooms that can hold women and children temporarily whose homes are unsafe, as well as to expand their counseling and economic empowerment training programs for abused women, HIV/AIDS-affected individuals, teens and young children.

Needs: To accomplish their goals, Sinethemba needs:

- \$750US monthly to pay for the cost of food for the Sinethemba Soup Kitchen
- \$600US monthly to pay staff and volunteer stipends who serve as lay ministers, kitchen staff, managing directors, and counselors

- \$5000 once-off donation to perform building maintenance and repairs on the Sinethemba House, which holds the soup kitchen, at-risk youth program, HIV/AIDS-affected and abused women support groups.
- \$700 once-off donation to purchase new kitchen equipment, including: a gas stove, cookware, cutlery, pots, tables and chairs for clients.