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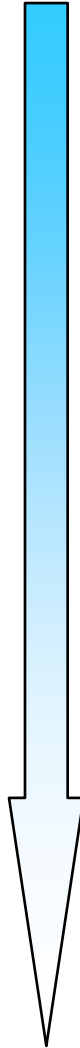
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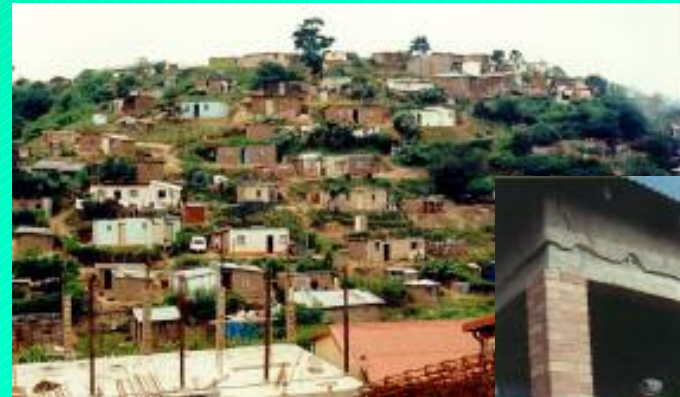
1. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARADIGM ORTHODOXIES & PREORDAINED POLICY FRAMEWORKS
2. DESKTOP SURVEY OF PRIOR RESEARCH
3. DATA COLLECTION FROM POLICY MAKING & OTHER INTERVENING TOP-DOWN SOURCES
4. QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1, 2, 3
5. FIELDWORK SURVEY
6. FINDINGS



1. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM – EXISTING PARADIGMS & POLICY FRAMEWORKS ACKNOWLEDGED
2. PRELIMINARY FIELDWORK VIA UNSTRUCTURED INTENSIVE PARTICIPANT-OBSERVATION TO OBTAIN REALITY CHECK ON EXISTING PARADIGMS
3. ANALYSIS OF FIELDWORK FINDINGS & THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING RESEARCH/POLICY/OTHER INTERVENING VARIABLES
4. EXTENDED FIELDWORK PLANNING, INCORPORATING QUESTIONNAIRE AND OTHER METHODOLOGICAL TOOLS TO QUANTIFY DATA
5. FIELDWORK SURVEY
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General Orientations

**1- Hands-on fieldwork
research as opposed to static
socioeconomic paradigms
oblivious to processes of
social change which impact
on all sections of South
African society.**



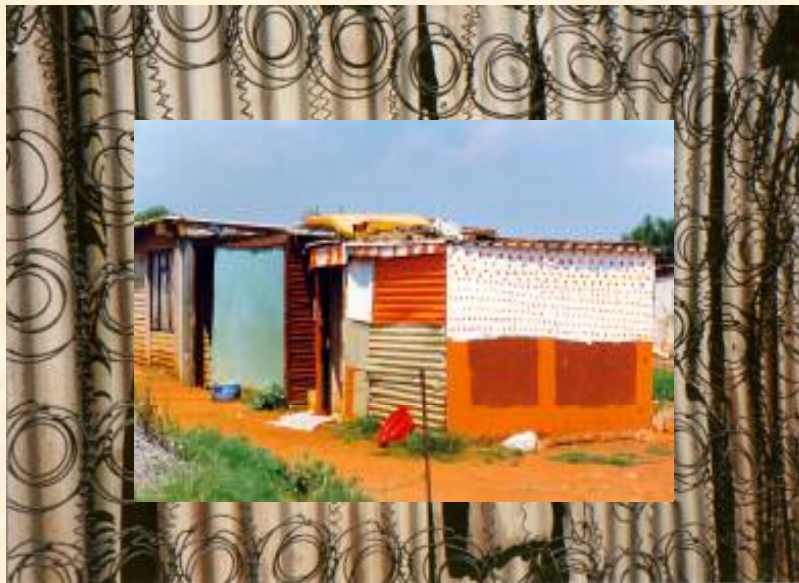
2- Providing relevant stakeholders with the findings of such research in order to promote paradigm shifts appropriate to evolving South Africa socioeconomic realities.

3- Critical evaluation of current development policies and programmes.

4- Designing, constructing and testing innovative models based on unexploited local economic development resources and real expectations and aspirations of grassroots communities.

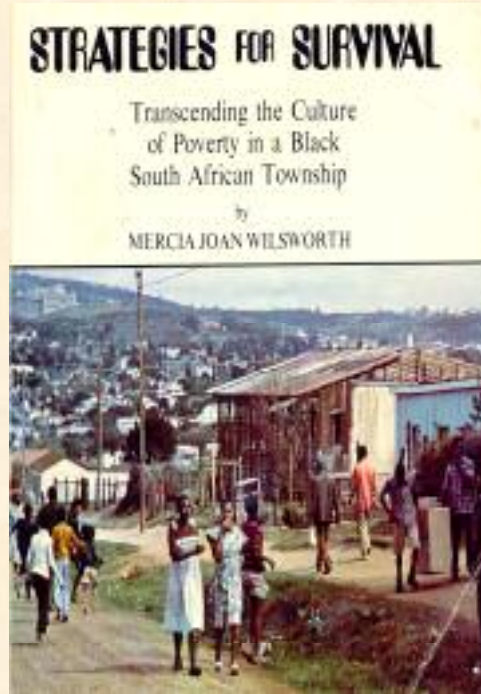


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Research Contracts 1998 - 2001

1. Land reform, livelihoods and quality of life district study conducted in the Eastern Region of the North-West province, 1998 - 1999 (LAPC/DANIDA)



2. Land Lives expand workshop on land reform and SMME development: fieldwork research conducted in 50 land reform projects nationwide and creation of a database, 1999 (Department of Land Affairs)



3. Internationallandreform experiences in implementationofprojects andtransferoffundsto beneficiaries,1999 (DepartmentofLand Affairs)

4. Evaluationofthreein situ upgrading projects(Resorption de l’Habitat Insalubre)inReunionIsland – Grande Fontaine, TerreSainteand Riviere des Galets, 1999(PublicWorksand HousingDepartmentofReunion, DDE)



5. **“Go Local Grow Local”, a capacity-building exhibition to promote local economic development to youth and matriculants, 2000 (CSIR)**



6. **“TheHempStory”, a workshop exhibition for piloting hemp and hemp product development projects in Eastern Cape displayed at the House of Assembly (Cape Town) to motivate changes in legislation, 2000 (CSIR)**

7. **Study of the potential for the development of marula products in the Bushbuckridge area and trial marula kernel project “Access and Control of Marula, Intake, Decortication and Selling”, 2000 (DANCED-DWAF Community Forestry Project)**



- 8. *Building diagnosis of old houses, oral history project, household survey in Kliptown, 2000 – 2001***
- 9. *Feasibility Study for a programme funded by the European Union to support local economic development activities in the Northern Province, 2001 (European Delegation, Pretoria)***
- 10. *Evaluation of skill training and microenterprise development programmes in rural areas of the Western and Eastern Cape, 2001 (CCFD and SIDI)***

Rural stereotypes...



... Rural Realities



Rural Housing Renaissance

... an unstoppable countrywide people-driven phenomenon



- The already extensive and constantly escalating self-started self-funded homebuilding and housing upgrades among a population generally thought of as helpless hopeless poorest of the poor have been highlighted by the Innovative Scientific Perspectives team since 1998.

It speaks of

- Post 1994 de facto tenure security
- Significant transfer of house construction technology
- Grassroots prioritizing of decent, attractive and appropriately sized homes
- Ability to self-source financial resources for residential upgrading
- Therefore refutation of widespread and worsening acute poverty
- Grassroots buy-in to mainstream housing norms
- Yet, financial and psychological commitment to continued rural residence
- Major implications for regional development and planning as well as local economic development
- People-power positioned way ahead of planners and policy-makers

Stockpiling of bricks and building materials and modern house construction are a feature even of 'deep rural' habitats ...



revealing the widespread involvement in functional urbanism with respect to livelihoods and lifestyles as well as aspirations.

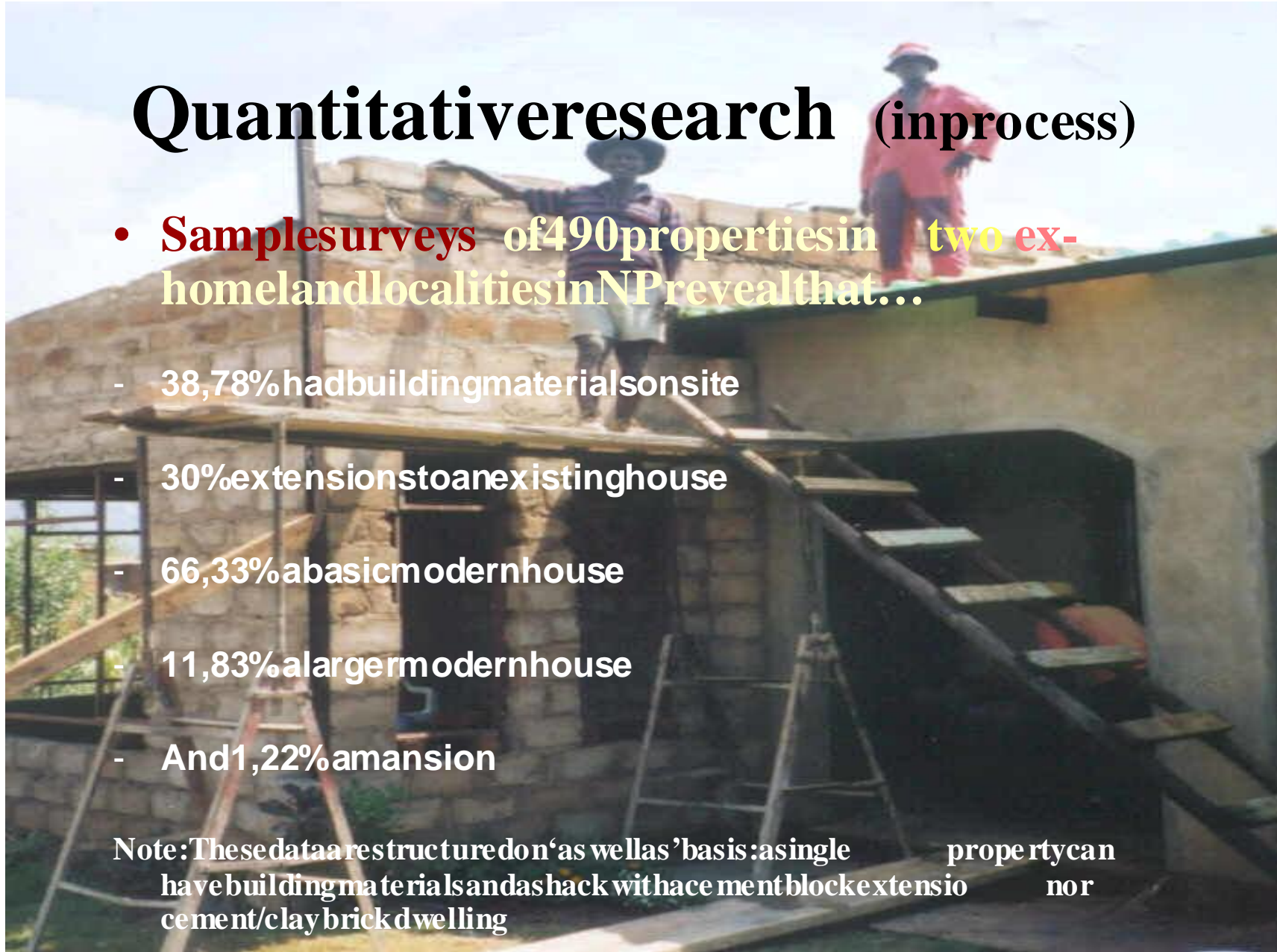


Quantitative research (in process)

- **Sample surveys** of 490 properties in two ex-homeland localities in NP reveal that...

- 38,78% had building materials on site
- 30% extension to an existing house
- 66,33% a basic modern house
- 11,83% a large modern house
- And 1,22% a mansion

Note: These data are restructured on a 'as well as' basis: a single property can have building materials and a shack with a cement block extension or a cement/clay brick dwelling

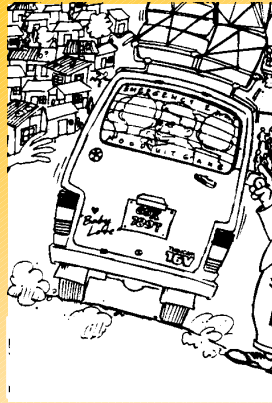




This is not a group thing. Neighbours do not come together to help build. Individual households drive the process entirely, and diversity is the hallmark. Architectural variety together with positioning large and small homes on site according to choice breaks the original Soweto as well as the RDP mould

... making a significant and positive contribution to residential quality of life and loudly proclaiming individualism.





Commuterism rather than Migrancy



Substantial bricks and mortar investments in such areas arise out of 'best value' house-building realities.

Sound economic 'value for money' choices to live in these localities rather than migrating to urban workplaces are also influenced by cheap fast taxi transport servicing even deep rural settlements, as well as better community quality of life available to families.

Implications

- Property and bricks -and-mortar investments are sounder than ownership of cattle
- Need to incorporate and harness the “poor’s hidden strengths and assets” (*)
- In conjunction with legally acceptable property ownership, could provide an important bridge to further upward mobility and economic empowerment

(*) Hernando de Soto: “The Mystery of Capital”

SIGNIFICANT 'RURAL' FIELDWORK FINDINGS...

OF URGENT NEED TO UNBUNDLE SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE, MISLEADING RECEIVED WISDOMS

- about the country's "obscure and dusty spots" (Kader Asmal)
and their inhabitants
- about South Africa's two nations, one urban and one non -
urban/rural

a myth which freezes more than half the population in a past
reality. New demarcations unbundling this paradigm are

LONG OVERDUE but will probably not go far
enough about poverty and deprived quality of life being
greatest in 'rural' areas



Urban regeneration and neighbourhood renewal: Kliptown

Many residents want a reborn Kliptown: a vibrant African town resurrected via self-started improvements. This community-driven impetus for regeneration is combining with the Johannesburg Unicity Kliptown redevelopment project. Kliptown may have a better future.



From Neglect to Respect



Kliptown, the village famous for its link with the Freedom Charter, is taking its destiny into its own hands. Self-started initiative to breathe new life into this neglected and run-down community commenced in 1998 when concerned residents started collecting betterment ideas, oral histories, personal experiences of the 1955 Congress as well as artefacts - household and family items - from community members. Combined with old and recent photographs of Kliptown's people and places, this collection produced the colourful, fascinating and growing exhibition: "Kliptown our town".

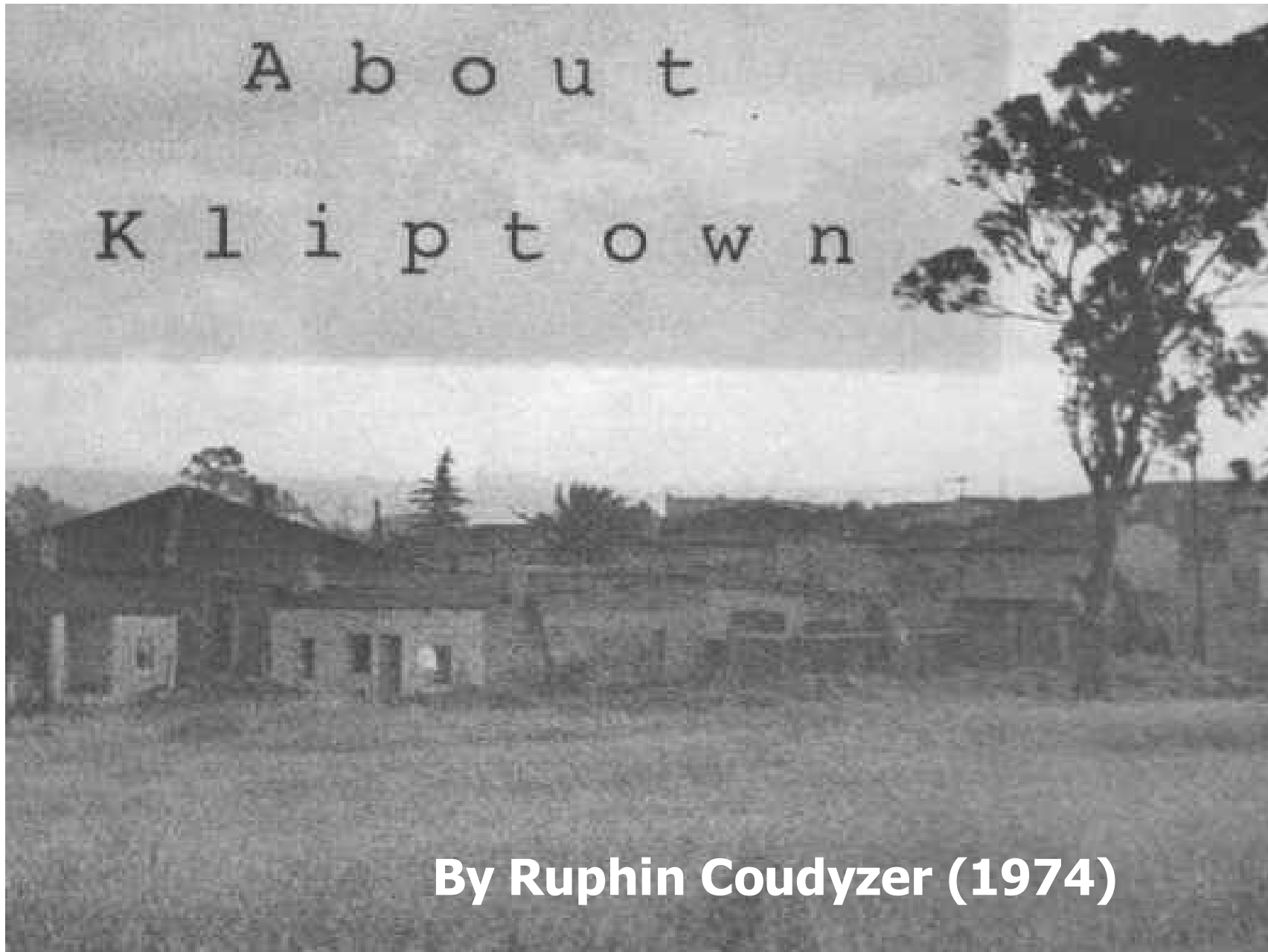


This exhibition was the first building block in community-driven initiatives to make Kliptown a better and happier place to live in through self-started improvements and development. CRIAA kickstarted funding for initial research and exhibition materials.



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By Ruphin Coudyzer (1974)









San Souci Cinema (1974)



Aniconfor Kliptown's regeneration





In June 2001 Kliptown Our Town Trust (KOTT) was established to drive development initiatives. These include adapting the exhibition for publication as a coffee-table book and documentary film, extending oral history research, conducting a household survey (completed), rehabilitating the Klipspruit river to become the picnic spot loved by old residents, reviving San Souci Cinema, a famous landmark which attracted many patrons from Soweto and even further afield ...

A People -driven Urban Renewal

The community wants to restore old Kiptown rather than entirely rebuild it. They do not want to lose Kiptown's unique character which has survived despite official neglect. KOTT is therefore designing an alternative layout planning proposals for the south of Kiptown to be combined with a technical evaluation of potentially upgradable old houses.



A new approach for urban renewal that would combine technical, social, economical and environmental aspects

Local Economic & SMME Development

...

**FACT is - orthodox policies
and economic development
/ empowerment strategies
are failing ...**

Policies and programmes structured around “poverty alleviation” offer a limited package of generic products – sewing, brickmaking, food gardens and poultry, etc.

(The same package available to the mentally challenged through Irene Homes Organisation!)

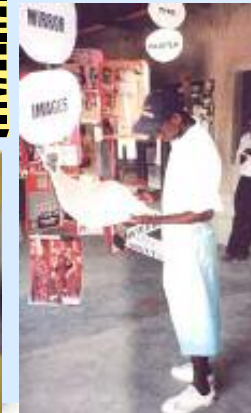
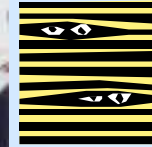


Their income-generating capacity is negligible and community buy-in is minimal



CRIAA SA-DC (South Africa) & Innovative Scientific Perspectives designs alternative development models such as

- Villagehospitalityproject
- AfricanElegance
- MirrorImages
- RandaReadMediaRoom
- Waterberg / Bakenberg eco-cultural-heritagetourism



Nothing stands still. Change offering windows of
opportunity for South Africa's transformation and
development is what

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is all about



Thank you ...

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