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# Resident's perception of urban integration: the case of Dukathole informal settlement

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## ABSTRACT

The main aim of the study was to explore the residents' perception of urban integration or integration of their settlement with the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (EMM) in terms of the economic, spatial, political, environmental and social aspects. In order to accomplish this aim, data were gathered from a sample of twelve Dukathole informal settlement residents in the EMM. A research questionnaire was used as the main instrument of data collection. Collected data were analyzed qualitatively using both coding and thematic formats. The findings of the study demonstrated that Dukathole informal settlement is spatially, economically, and socially integrated with the EMM. However it is not environmentally and politically integrated with the EMM. More importantly it is the physical location of the community that has ensured that Dukathole informal settlement is economically and socially integrated with the EMM city. These results led to the conclusion that the proposed government processes to relocate Dukathole informal settlement to distant areas will disintegrate or exclude this community from the EMM city.

It was also discovered that the majority of the respondents are unemployed and involved in the informal sector of the economy with less income. This automatically excludes them from the formal housing processes as they could not afford. Based on the forgoing finding it was concluded that formal rental accommodation does not and will not cater for the urban poor.

# ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| ACHR: | Asian Coalition for Housing Rights |
| BMW: | Best Motor of the World |
| BNG: | Breaking New Ground |
| CGE: | Commission on Gender and Equality |
| CoJ: | City of Johannesburg |
| CSI: | Corporate Social Investment |
| CSR: | Corporate Social Responsibility |
| DoH: | Department of Housing |
| DoL: | Department of Labour |
| EMM: | Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality |
| EMM IDP: | Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality Integrated Development Plan |
| GAD: | Gender and Development |
| GJMC: | Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council |
| GDS: | Growth and Development Strategy |
| HIV/AIDS: | human immunodeficiency virus & Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome |
| HSA: | Housing in Southern Africa |
| IIED: | International Institute for Environment and Development |
| IRIN: | Integrated Regional Information Networks |
| LED: | Local Economic Development |
| MSA: | Municipal Systems Act |
| NGO: | Non-governmental organization |
| NHCSS: | National Housing Capital Subsidy Scheme |
| NIMBYism: | Not in my backyard syndrome |
| NPM: | New Public Management |
| PHP: | People's Housing Process |
| RDP: | Reconstruction and Development Programme |
| RLDP: | Rapid Land Development Programme |
| SANCO: | South African National Civics Organization |
| SIU: | Special Investigating Unit |

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| UN: | United Nations |

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