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Vision and goals

Vision

The CSDA is dedicated to basic, applied and strategic research in social development and developmental social welfare. The CSDA strives to be a leading research and social development site in Africa.

The CSDA's research agenda connects with the needs of local communities/ organisations and the larger society in a changing regional and global context. It aims to contribute to improvements in service delivery, policy debate and in the expansion of knowledge through cutting edge disciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

The CSDA's activities and products are consistent with the vision and mission of the University of Johannesburg and with higher education's broader mission.

Goals

The goals of the Centre are to:

1. Produce quality, innovative and relevant research engaged with pressing social welfare and human development needs and concerns.
2. Integrate research, teaching and community outreach.
3. Optimize research opportunities in nationally and regionally identified thematic areas.
4. Build research capacity and leadership in social welfare and development.
5. Promote dialogue between different actors involved with furthering social development through hosting seminars, think tanks and 'action tanks'.
6. Conduct research in collaboration with a range of research partners including post graduate students.
7. Build strategic local, national, regional and international research partnerships and academic staff and student exchange programmes.

Advisory Board

The CSDA has an Advisory Board which oversees the activities of the CSDA, advises the CSDA on projects and research directions, and which makes key policy decisions. The Board meets annually but is consulted on an ad hoc basis throughout the year as required.

The Advisory Board Members are:

- Ms Carol Bews, Treasurer, Johannesburg Child Welfare Society
- Prof Thea De Wet, Chairperson, Department of Anthropology & Development Studies, University of Johannesburg
- Dr Zaid Kimmie, Senior Statistician, Logistics & Quantitative Methods CSIR, Built Environment
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Director's overview 2007

CSDA's partnership model

The Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) has devised a unique partnership model to promote research in social development. The research team carefully selects strategic, high impact areas of research in order to meaningfully contribute to social development knowledge, theory, practice and policy locally, regionally and internationally. The research is strongly partnership driven; using a system of collaboration that marries the Centre's research knowledge and expertise with the partners' local and field-based knowledge to ensure that research outcomes can be appropriately applied. Almost all the projects have been structured to involve both regional and international partners. In this way, knowledge and experience, human and financial resources and networks are shared between the partners.

In view of the standing and stature of some of the partners, new doors have been opened for further research, publication opportunities and public influence. This collaborative approach to research is proving to be a successful and innovative way in conducting research that promotes social engagement and connects with the needs of local communities, organisations and national priorities. This model may provide useful pointers for researchers and research centres in building research capacity, research networks and in boosting research output.

Key Achievements

- The Centre for Social Development in Africa received a major boost in 2007 when a full time Director was appointed for a three-year period providing dedicated capacity to grow the CSDA. The groundwork was also completed to establish the CSDA as an autonomous research entity located in the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Johannesburg. The CSDA will however retain strong ties with the Department of Social Work at the University through contributing to postgraduate supervision, research collaboration and staff and student exchange among others.
- The CSDA is beginning to establish a reputation for conducting excellent research with a social change agenda. The Centre's seven research projects aim to contribute to improvements in service delivery, policy debate as well as in the expansion of knowledge through cutting-edge disciplinary and interdisciplinary research.
- The project with the greatest impact in the past year was our collaborative study with the Center for Social Development at Washington University, St Louis, and VOSESA, a Johannesburg based NGO. The study findings were widely disseminated locally and internationally and have set a firm agenda for further research on civic engagement. A special issue was produced jointly by two accredited journals, a substantial research report was published on the worldwide web and four conference presentations were made including the organisation of an international workshop in Johannesburg funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
- The field work for our urban poverty, households and livelihoods study was completed in 2007 and in the coming year we will focus on

publishing the research and using our data base to develop new understandings about how poor people survive in rapidly changing urban environments. Further data analyses will focus on child support grants, vulnerable children and households, youth and women headed households. These analyses should provide valuable insights to develop differentiated strategies to address the needs of the bottom 25% of the most deprived wards in Johannesburg.

- The field work for the Transformation of the Welfare Sector study and the research report was completed. Presentations were made at conferences and to our partner organisation, NACOSS. Research of this kind has not been conducted to assess progress in social welfare services before this. The study is timely as government is looking to expanding welfare services as part of a set of national priorities in 2008. However, if such expansion of services leads to entrenching a remedial welfare model, government will not be able to meet the growing needs and demands for services.
- Other projects: The field work for social work education in SADC will be launched in 2008. A research report on Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment is in the final stages. In addition, a research proposal has been presented to funders to commence work on Gender and Social Security in the coming year. A funding proposal for a dialogue with key partners to design a research study to support innovation and developmental interventions in relation to children has been completed.

Looking ahead

In 2008 we hope to consolidate our current projects and refine our research focus areas. We will also work hard to grow current projects and to continue to build a profile for the CSDA as a centre for research excellence in social welfare and social development on the continent. Implementing our funding strategy to support and grow our work will be a further priority.

Thank you

A special thank you to Tessa Hochfeld, Chris Forrester, Lisa Selipsky and Pat Grote for your belief in the work that we do at CSDA. Thea de Wet provided valuable support and led the fieldwork for the Johannesburg Livelihoods Study this past year for which we are most grateful.

Thank you to our research partners for your support and to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Prof Rory Ryan, for his commitment to the CSDA and for smoothing the ripples in our path. Thank you also to Prof Thomas Auf der Heyde, Executive Director: Research and Innovation Division, and Ferdi van der Walt, Operational Strategic Support: Research and Innovation Division, for your guidance. Riette Eiselen from Statkon at the University of Johannesburg provided valuable statistical analytical support over the past year.

Director: Prof Leila Patel

CSDA staff

The CSDA consists of the following staff:

Director: Prof Leila Patel

Leila Patel is Professor of Social Development Studies and Director of the Centre for Social Development in Africa at the University of Johannesburg. She is also the editor of the journal *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*. Previously, she was Head of Department of Social Work at the University of Johannesburg; Vice-Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of the Witwatersrand; Director General, Department of Welfare and Population Development.



Prof Patel published a book titled "Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa" (OUP, 2005) and has published numerous journal articles, conference proceedings, papers, books, research reports and government documents, including the White Paper for Social Welfare, 1997. In 1992 she wrote a book titled "Restructuring of Social Welfare: the Options for South Africa" (Raven Press).

Researcher: Tessa Hochfeld

Tessa Hochfeld has an MSc (gender and development), from the London School of Economics (2000) and a BA (social work) from the University of the Witwatersrand (1995). Prior to joining the CSDA, she was a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), University of the Witwatersrand, and she also spent 5 years as an academic in Social Work, School of Human and Community Development, University of the Witwatersrand. She worked as a consultant researcher for the Gender Unit at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) and practiced as a social worker in the fields of gender-based violence and generic social services.



Ms Hochfeld's research responsibilities at the CSDA include co-ordinating and conducting research in the research focus areas of the transformation of welfare in South Africa, social work education in Southern Africa, and gender and social security. She is also the assistant editor of the journal *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*.

Researcher: René Carapinha (until May 2007)

René Carapinha has an MA (welfare management), from the University of Stellenbosch (2002) and a BA (social work) from the University of Stellenbosch. Her research responsibilities while at the CSDA were coordinating and working in the research focus areas of black economic

empowerment and volunteering and civic service. Ms. Carapinha left the CSDA in May 2007 to pursue full-time Doctoral studies at Boston College in the USA.

Researcher: Chris Forrester joined CSDA in a part time capacity from May 2007 and joined full time from January 2008.



Chris Forrester holds an MA (Social Science) (Cum Laude) (2003) from the Rand Afrikaans University, a Honours in Teaching (2005) from Texas, a Management Advancement Certificate (2002) from Wits Business School, and a TESOL/TEFLA qualification from Chichester College in Bangkok (2007). He was a part-time lecturer at the Department of Social Work (University of Johannesburg) from 2003 – 2006 and joined the CSDA on a part-time basis in 2007, where he was involved in research and management of the Johannesburg Livelihoods Study. His current research responsibilities include coordination and research in the research focus areas of urban poverty and livelihoods, civic engagement and volunteering and studies on children and youth. Mr Forrester is pursuing his D.Phil studies at the University of Johannesburg in 2008.

Junior researcher: Lisa Selipsky

Lisa Selipsky has a BA Honours in Social Science (Cum Laude) which she completed in 2006 at the University of Johannesburg. She is currently doing her Masters Degree in Social Work by Research at the University of Johannesburg in the field of substance abuse, programme evaluation, and scale development.

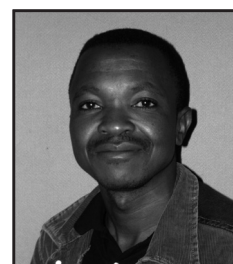


Student assistant: Confidence Maahe (until November 2007)

Confidence Maahe completed her BA Honours in Social Science in 2007 at the University of Johannesburg. She is currently working as a social worker for the Department of Social Development.

Student assistant: Albert Sentime (from February 2008)

Albert Sentime has a BA (Geography) which he completed in 2007 at the University of Johannesburg. He is presently doing his Honours degree in Geography at the University of Johannesburg.



Research projects

Research focus area 1: Urban Poverty and Livelihoods

Johannesburg livelihoods study

Overview

The end of apartheid presented the City of Johannesburg with an opportunity for reconstructing itself from a divided apartheid city to a more inclusive city. Not only did apartheid cause an unequal and inefficient system of municipal government, it also left a huge backlog in basic services and infrastructure provision in poor areas. Poverty and unemployment, urban violence, insecure housing tenure, a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, chronic diseases and food insecurity are some of the critical human development issues facing the residents of the city. The urban poor, residing in certain pockets of the city such as informal settlements and inner city areas, are particularly vulnerable and struggle to gain access to services and opportunities to improve their livelihoods.

Building on formative qualitative and quantitative work conducted in 2005 and 2006, a team comprised of researchers from several academic disciplines at Brown University (USA) and London South Bank University (UK), and led by Leila Patel (CSDA) and Thea de Wet (Anthropology and Development Studies) at the University of Johannesburg, collaborated with the City of Johannesburg to develop a household survey to collect data on poverty, human development and health indicators in the poorest areas of the City of Johannesburg.

The study

The purpose of the 2007/2008 Johannesburg Livelihoods Study is to understand the way people survive and make a living in poor urban areas. The study investigates urban poverty, human development and livelihoods in households across all regions of the City. Households are the primary unit that the City engages with in meeting needs, promoting access to resources and in the optimization of opportunities to realize social rights. This study will thus have a direct and positive effect on policies of local government in relation to rendering support and services for the City's poor.

To date, approximately 1200 households have been interviewed in the poorest areas of each of the seven administrative regions of the City. The focus of the combined quantitative and qualitative interviews was on the nature and scope of the actual livelihood activities that poor households engage in, their access to resources, basic services and consumption goods, their access to credit social relationships and networks of support, their access to basic and other welfare services including health, education and social welfare, and psychosocial well-being.

Field work is coming to a close, and the next phase for 2008 will be the completion of the data analysis and the production of a research report, journal articles and dissemination of the study findings.

Research focus area 2: Civic Engagement, Service and Volunteering

A cross-national study on civic service and volunteering in five Southern African countries

Study aim

This study aimed to investigate civic service and volunteering in Southern Africa, by conducting qualitative research in five countries of the region: Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Overview of the study findings

This collaborative study with researchers from the North and the South was completed in August 2007. The findings of the study challenged the widely held view that civic service and volunteering is performed mainly by middle-class women engaged in philanthropic giving. The majority of volunteers in the five countries were poor, were mainly women and youth that were engaged in their communities in providing psychosocial support, community education and prevention, mutual aid and development among others. The idea that service and volunteering is integral to promoting social and economic development, active citizenship, social solidarity and reciprocity between servers and beneficiaries was confirmed by the study.

Household level studies or labour force statistics were not available for all five countries and as a result an accurate assessment could not be made of the prevalence of volunteering. However, data was available for Malawi and South Africa which indicated that 69% of households in Malawi and 17% of the South African population (8 million) are involved in volunteer activities. Service and volunteering is an emerging phenomenon in Southern Africa and internationally and is an emerging field of enquiry. The contribution of service and volunteering to national social and economic development has not been estimated and it is vital that future research addresses this. Furthermore, the current study was a qualitative study and there is a need to test the findings on a larger cross national African study or on a global level in poor countries.

CSDA's research partners

The research was conducted in partnership with The Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St Louis and Volunteer Service Enquiry Southern Africa (VOSESA) a non-profit organization. The research was conducted in collaboration with colleagues from academic institutions at the Universities of Botswana, Johannesburg, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Impact of the study

The research findings were presented at conferences and workshops in 2007. In addition, the country research reports were placed on the VOSESA web site and by the end of August 2007, there were close to 3 000 downloads of the report. The value of the study lies in the fact that it

Survival strategies in the city of Johannesburg



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challenges long standing views about service and volunteering which is associated with welfare paternalism and passivity among service recipients. The idea that service is part of promoting development, civic engagement, empowerment, social and human capital development and social cohesion is increasingly receiving attention internationally. Further research is however needed to document best practice, inform policy, social development programmes and that will build the knowledge base of the field.



Participants at civic service and volunteering in SADC workshop held in Johannesburg, March 2007

Placing volunteering on the economic map of the world

Lending support to other research initiatives

Measuring the contribution of volunteering on economic development is the aim of a study being conducted by the Center for Civil Society Studies at Johns Hopkins University, the International Labour Organisation and United Nations Volunteers. The CSDA and VOSESA facilitated meetings between Statistics SA and a division of National Accounts at the South African Reserve Bank to see how South Africa may be involved in this global study to put volunteer work on the economic map of the world.

The study promises to overcome the lack of statistical measurement of volunteering by developing a recommended procedure for measuring volunteer work through official labour force surveys in countries throughout the world thereby fulfilling a mandate established in a 2003 United Nations Statistics Division *Handbook on Nonprofit Institutions in the System of National Accounts*. This procedure will be presented to an International Conference of Labour Statisticians in Geneva, Switzerland, in December 2008.

The CSDA supports this initiative and believes that research of this nature could make a significant contribution to reflecting volunteer work in the calculation of gross domestic product. It could also lead to recognising the value of volunteering in national development.

Research focus area 3: The Transformation of the Welfare Sector

The transformation of the welfare sector in South Africa

Focus of the study

The focus of this study is to assess the extent of the transformation of the welfare sector in South Africa in relation to the key social development directions encapsulated by the White Paper for Social Welfare, 1997. The main research question is to determine what the nature, scope, perceptions, achievements, barriers and challenges are in the transformation of the previous remedial social welfare approach towards a developmental welfare model. The project thus investigates the nature and scope of the implementation of the government's national developmental welfare strategy. It is envisaged that the findings and recommendations could contribute to strengthening social welfare and social development policies and programmes at a provincial and national level.

Phase one of this project was completed in 2007, and consisted of a random quantitative postal survey of 1 064 organisations affiliated to the National Council of Social Services (NACOSS) rendering social services across South Africa.

Phase two will consist of nation-wide focus groups and qualitative interviews with key stakeholders in order to interpret and explore the findings of phase one in more depth. This will begin in early 2008.

Findings

The findings of phase one of the study indicated that there is, overall, support for developmental welfare amongst NACOSS affiliates, that the idea of developmental social welfare is beginning to take root and organisations believe they are transforming.

Areas where progress has been made are in the increased access that poor and disadvantaged people have to services; in the profile of service users which has shifted to be more reflective of needs and demography; in the positive shifts in the race and gender profile of staff; and in agency boards that are more representative of the population they serve. Further, there is a more balanced use of social work methods, although case work is still the method that is used to the largest extent followed by community work.

However, service delivery continues to reflect historical patterns of service types and funding in that the main focus for service delivery is on residential care, statutory services and on children and older persons. There is a lesser focus on poverty reduction but a significant growth in services related to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Looking ahead

Overall, it can be concluded that welfare services are still mainly remedial, statutory, urban based and residential in nature. On the basis of this evidence,

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it was concluded that there is still much to be done to transform welfare services in South Africa. HIV/AIDS coupled with mass poverty is a public issue and requires a comprehensive response. Social problems on this scale cannot be addressed purely by means of statutory and remedial welfare measures. Funding and other policies need to incentivise NGOs to implement the paradigm shift, and we need to invest in capacity building across the government and NGO sector if the vision of developmental social welfare is to be realized.

The findings of this study have been written up as a research report, and have been presented to the NACOSS executive committee as well as to peers at a conference of the Association of South African Social Work Educational Institutions. Further dissemination is planned in 2008.

Research focus area 4: Social Work Education in Southern Africa

Modelling social work education in Southern and East Africa

This research aims to study the nature of social work education in the Southern and East Africa regions, with a specific focus on developmental social work. It also intends building regional networks and relationships between schools of social work in the region.

A research partnership was formed between the CSDA, Prof Rodreck Mupedziswa from the University of Botswana, and Christopher Chitereka from the National University of Lesotho who is also the regional representative for the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA). This project is thus a shared venture. The study has been granted funding from the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).

A questionnaire has been prepared which focuses on both curriculum related and extra-curricula activities in each school. The sampling frame consists of every school of social work in the region and the data collection will be conducted in early 2008. It is hoped that the data will help in formulating a developmental social work education framework which can be shared amongst regional schools, and in this way valuable new relationships between schools can be established. It is envisaged that an implementation project will be planned once this research is complete so that the framework can be used to contribute to teaching and learning regionally.

Research focus area 5: Black Economic Empowerment and Community Empowerment

How broad based is Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment?

Background

To counter the view that a few well connected individuals benefit from black economic empowerment, the government adopted the Broad Based

Black Economic Empowerment Act in 2003. The Act calls for the empowerment of excluded groups such as women, workers, youth, people with disabilities and people living in rural areas through the adoption of diverse but integrated socio-economic strategies. In this way 'real' empowerment was to be promoted.

The CSDA undertook a preliminary study to obtain an overall picture of the BEE deals concluded between 2004 and 2006 with reference to firstly who the beneficiaries are, secondly, what the nature of the deals are and lastly, the target groups being reached. BusinessMap Foundation provided the CSDA with its data base of deals brokered during the above period based on newspaper reports.

A purposive sample was selected to identify the deals that included previously disadvantaged individuals and excluded groups. A sample of 41 deals was selected from a first wave of deals concluded in 2004 and 2005 and a second sample of 51 was drawn from deals concluded in 2006 amounting to a total of 92 deals. The researchers wanted to see if there were significant differences between the two periods.

Findings: How broad based is BBBEE?

In total, approximately 1 574 BEE deals were concluded between 2004 and 2006. The disclosed value of the deals was approximately R284 billion. Information on the value of the deals was only available for 59% of the sample, which means that the actual value of the deals is much higher. Based on the data, the value of deals is estimated to be around R400 billion over the above period.

The deals were analyzed using the criteria in the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment legislation, which required that the benefits of this strategy should reach the most disadvantaged individuals, groups and communities.

- **Employees:** Of the deals concluded in 2004 to 2005, company employees (31%) benefited the most from BBBEE. It appears that lower level workers benefited fairly equally with management in the deals concluded in 2004 to 2005 with lower level workers benefiting slightly more in 2006. However, the available data does not tell us what the monetary value of management employee shares are relative to that of lower level workers.
- **Women:** Approximately 19% of the sampled deals in 2004-2005 and 45% in 2006 included women as empowerment partners in their deals. The majority of women were represented in the consortia through women owned companies over the three year period. Women owned companies tend to represent women who are likely to be well-educated; some of whom are professionals or have business experience whilst others are simply well connected with ruling and other elites.
- **Community trusts:** The creation of community trusts to allocate shares to disadvantage groups featured prominently over the three years. Some companies established these trusts to support education,

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health or investments in social and human development. Limited information was available on the nature of these trusts and who the target groups are and the value of the shares held in these trusts.

- **Other beneficiaries:** In this category disadvantaged groups such as youth and people with disabilities were identified as potential beneficiaries in terms of the legislation. In general, the proportion of the shares targeted at these groups was small relative to the allocation to employees and the strategic partners and individuals leading the BEE consortia. The actual value of the shares earmarked for disadvantaged groups and communities is not known.

Conclusions

While BEE has the potential to contribute to the deracialization of ownership of the South African economy, the analysis of the BEE deals concluded from 2004 to 2006 only marginally included those who are disempowered and excluded from full economic and social participation in the society. The two groups who gained the greatest access to the deals were employees and women. These groups are not homogenous and it is more than likely that managers and women owned companies benefited more than lower level workers and poor, rural women and women with disabilities including those in low paid employment. People with disabilities and youth also benefited to a lesser extent. In this respect the deals fell short of the intentions of the BBBEE legislation.

The study demonstrates the importance of monitoring the implementation of the legislation and placing pressure on deal makers and government to ensure that those who are most excluded and disadvantaged should benefit significantly from BEE. Ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the legislation is needed including an evaluation of South Africa's current model to achieve social and economic justice.

The CSDA wishes to thank BusinessMap Foundation for providing access to their data base for the BEE study. Thanks are also due to Lauren Graham who assisted with the data analysis and the drafting of the research report for the BEE study.

Research focus area 6: Gender and Social Security

A gendered impact analysis of the Child Support Grant in South Africa

By targeting both the poor and the caregivers of children, an unintended outcome of social security policy in South Africa has meant the social security system caters in large part to women. Studying this shift is crucial, as it can have significant social consequences. While a small number of South African scholars are interested in gender and social security, a study using a gender analysis to gauge the impact of social grants at the level of the household has never been done in this country. This new CSDA project aims to conduct a gendered analysis of the impact of the Child Support Grant on urban households in Johannesburg in relation to the

economic and livelihood impact of the grant, the human development impact of the grant in relation to health, education, food security and safety, the intra-household impact of the grant in relation to decision-making, women's empowerment, and intra-household relations, and the impact of the grant on psycho-social supports and networks.

This combined quantitative — qualitative study will begin in 2008. Various donors have been approached for funding.

Research focus area 7: Focus on children

The CSDA is planning a roundtable dialogue with leading partners in the welfare and development field to review progress made with the implementation of the government's developmental social welfare policy in relation to children in South Africa. Ideas for policies or an innovative intervention that could signal the shift from a remedial approach to a developmental one to promote the well-being of children and women will be explored. Based on the outcome of this conversation, a research strategy will be developed. This will be a new initiative for the CSDA.

Other projects and activities

The Social Work Practitioner- Researcher

Renewal of the journal

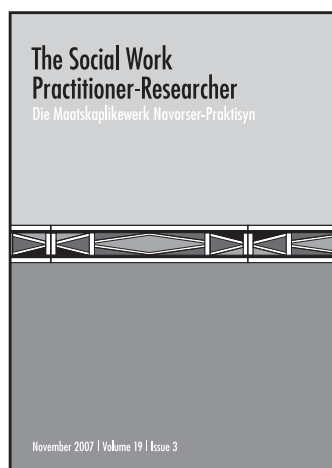
The Social Work Practitioner — Researcher is an accredited, refereed, interdisciplinary journal for social workers and social service professionals concerned with the advancement of the theory and practice of social work and social development in the African context and in a changing global world. The purpose of the journal is to promote research and innovation in the practice of helping individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities to promote development and human well-being in a society. The journal is committed to the creation of empowered, humane, just and democratic societies.

The journal is housed in the Department of Social Work, but the current editor (Leila Patel) and assistant editor (Tessa Hochfeld) are full time staff of the CSDA. The journal has achieved a significant amount in 2007. Seed funding was secured from the Development Bank of Southern Africa to employ a journal administrator on a part-time basis (Pat Grote) who has greatly assisted in the improved efficiency of the publication process. A path of renewal led to the introduction in 2007 of a new improved cover and text layout for the journal, and new and far more efficient administrative systems. Regular consultation with the Editorial Board on policy decisions and the use of Board Members for assistance on editorial decisions has helped with the improvement of the journal quality.

Outputs & future plans

In 2007, apart from the publication of the three regular issues of the journal, we also published one special issue jointly with Social Development Issues (University of Zimbabwe) on civic service in the Southern African Development Community titled "Research Partnerships Build the Service Field in Africa". In addition to a large volume of print copies distributed, this publication was placed on the VOSESA website and there were 741 downloads of the articles from the journal as at August 2007.

The plans for 2008 include the production of one special issue published jointly with Practice (the journal of the British Association of Social Workers) on social work practice in South Africa, due for release in April 2008. We are also in the late stages of planning for our July 2008 issue which will be a themed issue on reviewing developmental welfare in South Africa in the 10 years since the White Paper for Social Welfare was gazetted in 1997.



Commissioned Policy Development: South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

The issue as to whether local authorities are responsible for social welfare functions is a contested one. Consequently, there is no policy guiding local authorities in promoting social development despite the fact that the mandate of developmental local government is wide and the demand to promote economic, infrastructural and social development is high. To address this issue, the CSDA was commissioned by the SA Local Government Association (SALGA) to develop a social development policy that could be used by local authorities to advocate for social development at a local level. A document titled "A Social development policy framework: Principles, guidelines and recommendations for the delivery of social development services at local level" was developed with the full participation of local authority staff and councillors. Two workshops were conducted and a discussion document was developed. The CSDA will support SALGA in progressing this initiative as required in 2008. Thanks to Rayna Taback for her considerable input on the development of the social development policy for SALGA.

Pierre Joubert Fund

In 2006, a two year bursary of R40 000 per year was established in the name of Pierre Joubert. Pierre Joubert was a committed and dedicated medical doctor who took his professional conduct and community responsibilities very seriously. We are extremely fortunate that the donor has chosen to disburse this money solely through the CSDA. An independent committee selected Marcel Korth, at the time a CSDA researcher, as the first recipient of this fund. His MA research on resilience in young men, titled "Bouncing back and holding on: Young men's coping mechanisms and strategies in Soweto, South Africa", is almost complete and he will be presenting his findings at a seminar early in 2008. In February 2008 a new grant recipient will be selected for the 2008/2009 funding cycle.

ASASWEI Conference Organised

In September 2007 the CSDA and the Department of Social Work hosted the annual conference on behalf of the Association of South African Social Work Educational Institutions. The conference theme was "Ten Years On - Challenges and Innovation in Developmental Social Welfare" and we were very pleased to have Dr Swanson-Jacobs, the Deputy Minister of Social Development, Zachie Achmat, from the Treatment Action Campaign, and Aadeilah Maker, from Soul City, as our keynote speakers.

The conference attracted a total of 231 delegates, including social work practitioners, academics, researchers and students. Forty-nine papers were delivered focusing on a range of sub-themes related to social work and social development. The conference was favourably received by delegates and there was general agreement that the conference theme was well

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explored while realistically portraying current innovations and challenges in the social development and social welfare domain.

Another positive outcome of the conference was a joint meeting between social work students from the University of Johannesburg and the University of the Witwatersrand. A joint student committee was established and regular contact between the two groups in future will focus on social work education issues and the general promotion of the social work profession.

Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture

In 2006 and 2007 the CSDA and Department of Social Work worked closely with the University of Johannesburg to host an annual memorial lecture in the name of Helen Joseph on behalf of the Department of Arts and Culture. The 2007 lecture was given by Prof Francis Lund from the University of KwaZulu Natal, and was entitled: "Building Welfare For Development: Social Security Reform In South Africa". The event was opened by the musician Jennifer Fergusson.

Writing Group

In 2006 the CSDA initiated what became known as the writing group for colleagues in the CSDA and the Department of Social Work. This group was focused on supporting and assisting members with their academic writing activities on a monthly basis throughout 2007. Group members were diverse, with varying levels of seniority and writing expertise, and varying research and writing interests. The discussions were interesting, lively, developmental and supportive. One article discussed at the writing group in 2007 was subsequently accepted for publication in a scholarly journal. This group is ongoing and will continue into 2008.

International and Local Exchange/Collaboration Agreements

In 2007, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, the Vice-Chancellor of Erfurt University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and the Centre for Social Development in Africa signed a student and staff exchange agreement. The CSDA, in partnership with the Department of Social Work, facilitated the exchange of 14 German students to the University of Johannesburg for 2 weeks in September 2007, and 3 University of Johannesburg students to Erfurt University for 2 months in December 2007 and January 2008. This exchange programme will continue in 2008.

Collaboration agreement:

A Memorandum of Understanding signed between the University of Johannesburg and the Development Bank of Southern Africa was signed in November 2005.

Postgraduate Supervision

Five Doctoral students and two MA students were supervised in 2007. Research guidance was also provided to four students registered with Fort Laurier University (Canada); Oxford University (UK); Catholic University (USA); and University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

Website

The CSDA is proud to announce its entry into the world-wide web!

While still in its infancy, the website endeavours to put all users of technology in direct contact with the CSDA and its activities. All updates are envisaged to be finalized before April 2008 and the website will provide appropriate links to the following:

- CSDA General Information
- Activities of the Centre
- Research Publications
- Announcements of upcoming seminars and other events
- The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher Journal
- Contact details and biographies of staff members
- A contact and general communication page

Easy access to the website is in the design process, and the site will be updated on a monthly basis. The site may be accessed at www.uj.ac.za/csda



CSDA's research partners

CSDA projects are conducted collaboratively with a range of research partners who contribute knowledge, resources, data bases, expertise, networks and fieldwork support. Without the support of these organisations and institutions, the CSDA will not be able to realise its mission. The following research partners contributed to CSDA projects in various ways during 2007:

- Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa
- Brown University, Rhode Island USA
- BusinessMap Foundation
- Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St Louis, USA
- City of Johannesburg
- Development Bank of Southern Africa
- Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, University of Johannesburg
- Department of Social Work, University of Johannesburg
- Erfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- International Association of Schools of Social Work
- London South Bank University, UK
- National Council of Social Services (NACOSS)
- National University of Lesotho
- University of Botswana
- University of Malawi
- University of Zimbabwe
- VOSESA
- United Nations Volunteers

Funding and finances

The CSDA has received generous support from central and faculty research structures at the University of Johannesburg. The University has provided staff and infrastructure and such support will be ensured for the next three years as part of the University's investment in strengthening and promoting research. Support for specific projects is elicited from donors and this still constitutes a small component of CSDA's income. Some consultancy research was conducted in 2007 to generate income. However, the CSDA

will be mindful to select its research projects strategically as it does not wish to be driven by contract research only.

In 2008, considerable effort will be invested in raising funds for current and new initiatives and a funding strategy and plan has been developed. We wish to thank our donors for their support.

Publications and conference presentations

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Fairley, C. M. & Gallagher, B. M. (2007) Malawi Country Report. *Five Country Study on Service and Volunteering in Southern Africa*. Johannesburg: CSDA & VOSESA Report.

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Other presentations

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Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (2007) *Ten years on: an overview of the transformation of the welfare sector in South Africa, 1997 – 2007*. Presentation at NACOSS executive committee meeting, Johannesburg, 6 November 2007

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Patel, L. (2007) Introduction of speaker Prof F Lund on *Building welfare for development: social security reform in South Africa*. CSDA co-hosted the Helen Joseph Memorial lecture, 3 September 2007

Other activities

Acted in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director of Vosesa, Helene Perold on the Development of the National Youth Policy and in particular on the section on social cohesion. The policy was developed for the National Youth Commission in the Office of the President.

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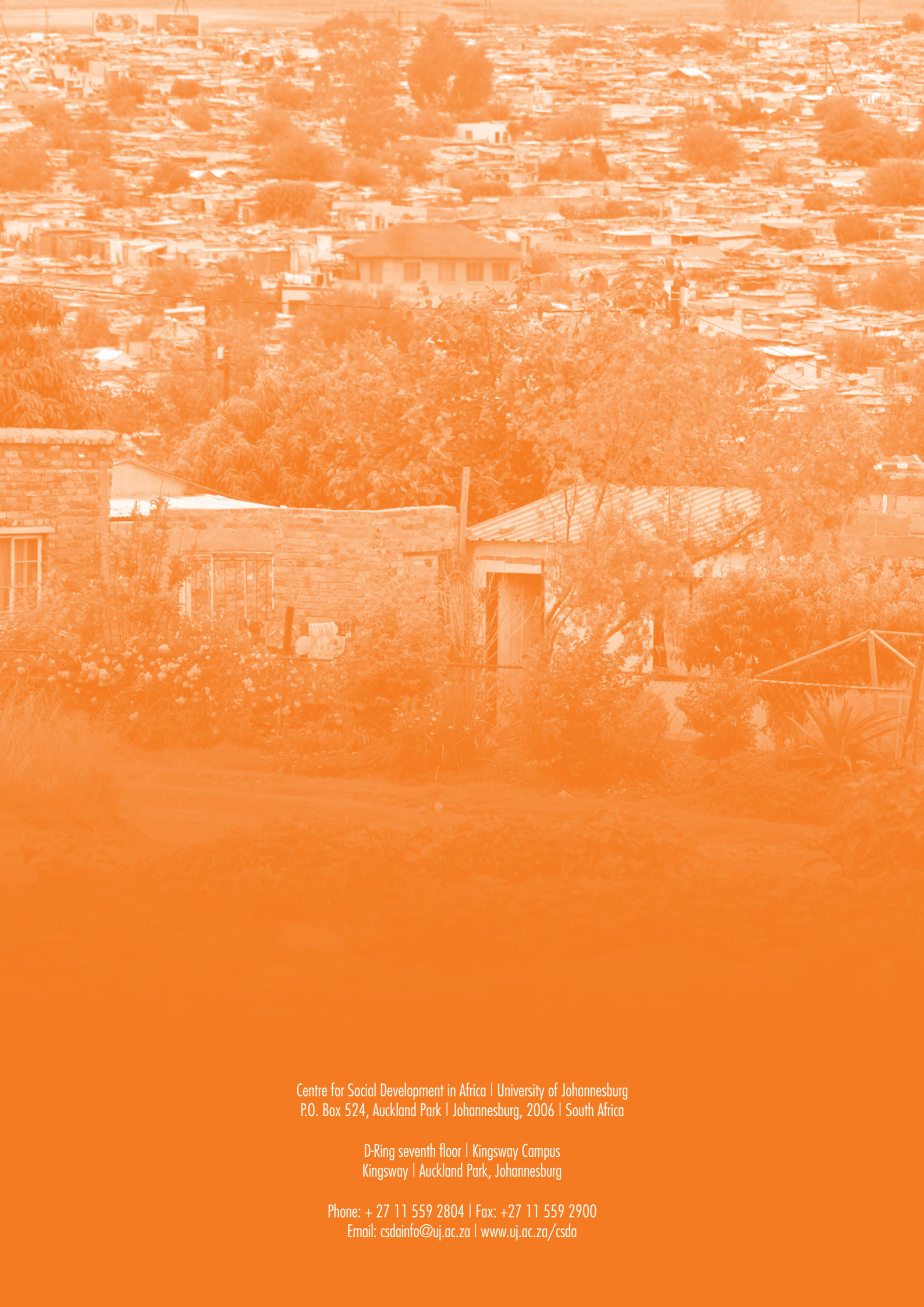
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