



CAPE TOWN

LANGA FOOD MARKETS

INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE THE CITY FOOD ENVIRONMENT



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KEY WORDS

Informal markets

Food safety

Social cohesion

Waste management

OBJECTIVES

- To address informal traders and other community actors needs and determine mechanisms of better support, through a considered engagement process with them.
- To improve the engagement process between the City and the informal traders, as well as between City departments that affect and influence informal traders. To enable a collaborative style of governance.
- To promote better waste separation and diversion and support urban place-making, by developing infrastructure options at a local scale.
- To increase food trade-related infrastructure resilience and thereby food systems resilience.
- To explore capacity development opportunities for improved outcomes for informal traders, such as food safety, waste management, and business development.
- To assess the replicability and scalability of the experiment.

EXPECTED TRANSFORMATION

- Developing waste reduction, removal and treatment systems and infrastructure can create circular economies, better food hygiene and environmental health outcomes for both traders and consumers.
- Building trade areas in a dignified way can improve social cohesion and improve local food culture.
- Improved engagement processes between traders and officials and between City departments could result in sustainable, self-perpetuating interventions that bring about transformational change.

STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

City of Cape Town Municipal departments, Langa Ward Council Office, Informal Meat Traders, Traders' Association, LangaStreet Committees & Safety Patrol, Langa Business Development Forum, Langa Tourism Forum, Langa Residents, Other meat trader suppliers.

JUSTIFICATION / CONTEXT

Langa is one of Cape Town's risk hotspots in terms of social vulnerability, the legacy of poor planning, and its adaptive capacity. It has a sizable informal food sector that promotes social and community development in the area and is a source of livelihood. However, the informal sector actors operate in conditions with poor and limited vending and food preparation infrastructure, amenities and services such as bathrooms, shelter, storage facilities, water and electricity, waste disposal and face crime and insecurity. Advertising of unhealthy food brands on the taxi infrastructures is common and vegetable products are not sold.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTION

The proposed interventions for each site are as follows:

Rhodes "Smiley" meat traders - infrastructure upgrades which include shaded structures, storage of goods (wood & other resources), improved waste management access to water and electricity; the pedestrianization of streets or extended walkways for safer access to pedestrians. Improvement of the overall aesthetic to be more appealing to tourists and local customers; this will include street furniture and public lights. Additionally, an enterprise opportunity for wood storage and provision will be explored.

Langa Public Transport Interchange- improvement of pavement conditions by introducing power spraying, improved waste management, addition of pedestrian benches/seating.

Albert Luthuli meat traders- infrastructure upgrades which have to be movable/temporary trader trolleys, improved waste management, better fuel alternatives (i.e. firewood vs charcoal).

Conceptual plans that integrate the interventions and additional infrastructure provided by the City's Urban Planning & Design, Road Infrastructure Management, Economic Growth and Urban Health will be drafted and submitted for approval by the city.

TARGETED SITES AND BENEFICIARIES

Informal meat traders (primarily women) in different market areas, organic waste processors, and the broader community of Langa.

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BELLVILLE FOOD EVENTS

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KEY WORDS

Informal food trade

Food hubs

Circular economy

Food diversity

Market governance

Temporary markets

OBJECTIVES

- To improve market governance and management that includes convening, measurement and monitoring.
- To stimulate neighbourhood-scale economic activities. To enable food events and weekend markets by providing supporting infrastructure.
- To build community identity, cohesion and agency – and safety by using market activations.

EXPECTED TRANSFORMATION

- Improve access to fresh produce and nutrition outcomes for consumers, by easing temporary markets' operation.
- Improve safety and inclusion and increase food diversity options by building community cohesion between African migrant and local communities and identity around food cultures.
- Improved food hygiene and environmental health by better market management and resource flows (circular economy outcomes).

STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Public: City of Cape Town Municipal Departments, Voortrekker Road Partnership, Voortrekker Road Improvement District, Better Bellville Together

Private: Greater Tygerberg Partnership, Traders Associations, Unpermitted Traders



JUSTIFICATION / CONTEXT

Bellville Central Business District (CBD) is the largest transport interchange in the city, with significant pedestrian movement and activity and high levels of informal trading activities, a significant proportion of which are from diverse communities of African migrants.

The informal food traders face numerous challenges, including inadequate infrastructure such as limited storage for dry goods and refrigeration of their products resulting in spoilage and organic waste; access to clean water, safety and security due to high levels of crime and xenophobia; Additionally, many informal traders are unpermitted adding to the difficulty in the governance and management of trading within the CBD (i.e. trading permits). The success of market activation has been frustrated by red tape and City requirements.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTION

Work with permitted and unpermitted traders within the Bellville CBD on small activations through a phased approach to test market management models; This includes supporting pain points in market management identified by the City and informal food traders; the first phase starts with organic waste management innovation to support better market management.

TARGETED SITES AND BENEFICIARIES

- Informal Food Traders within the Bellville CBD (permitted and unpermitted)
- Food traders, organic waste processors, broader community of Bellville.

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