

# South African Homeless People's Federation



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## Introduction:

*The SAHPF is a social movement of the poorest of the poor, leaving in the squatter areas, back yards, the streets of our towns and hostels. It was established in 1992 as a network of local based savers, comprised of mainly woman (85%), grounded on the principles of savings and loans as means to develop and empower the poor, especially woman.*

*The Federation has strong presence in all provinces and has had a lot of success in the fields of house building, income generation and empowering of its members with skills and confidence to negotiate with the governance around issues affecting their daily lives*

## Partnership with Government:

*Partnerships around house building, Income generations, enumerations, issues of HIV/AIDS have been built and are strong with local, provincial and national governments. This partnership has led to the first grant R10m approved by the then minister of housing, Joe Slovo in 1995 and was handed over by the succeeding minister, Mrs Sankie Mthembu Mahanyele to the federation, as a way of assisting it in its endeavours to house the poor. More support came from different levels in the government.*

*The Federation has been a lot influential in housing policy formulation at national government especially around the area of the people's process. It is still influential in the implementation strategies of those policies.*

*One of its leaders are participating and are members of government housing boards in the different provinces.*

## Membership:

*Its present national membership stands at more than 2266 (Western Cape) as it is still captured families, more than 10 000 houses have been built since its inception, and more 100 income generation projects have been established.*

*As a way of making sure that the principles of savings and loans is calculated in many generations to come.*

## Flow of Resources:

*Local Savings schemes look at their respective needs, draw a priority list and budgets, hand the list to the local networks until they get to the national networks as total needs and budget of the region.*

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Money gets disbursed directly to the level where it is needed at the region. Each network levels controls its own budgets, but gets accountable to the regional and the national networks.

#### Structure:

The structure of the federation have been developed in such a way that all levels of the organisations are involved in decisions that are affecting their lives directly.

- At local level each saving scheme elects 2 facilitators who will be responsible for the facilitation of the day to day activities of the saving schemes and make sure that all components are functioning properly.
- 5 saving schemes will then come together and form a local network. 1 person from each of 5 saving schemes will be elected as local network facilitator. their responsibilities are the same as that of the saving scheme facilitators.
- 5 Local networks come together and form a regional network. A person from each of the local networks gets elected as facilitators of the regional network facilitators.
- 5 Regional networks come together and elect a national facilitator. Where there are more than 5 regional networks and less than 10, another national facilitators will be elected. Where there are more than 10 regional networks as third national facilitator will be elected. Each region is expected to have a full compliment of 3 national facilitators who will represent the needs of the region at national level.

Federation is operating actively in all provinces namely:

- Western Cape
- KZN
- Mpumalanga
- Free State and Eastern Cape as from 2005.

Our company is registered as Section 21 company due to restructuring problems we had and that resulted in the decision that made two friction.

One company decided to side with Ushani through old system and our company decided to operate on its own.

#### Achievements:

- Since 2005 we managed to build our system of working and secured our Saving Scheme Money.
- We managed to accumulate more than R1.3m under Inqolobane Account and had R800 000 through interests as from 1998.
- The above money sustained from 2005 to date
- We pre-financed 10 site c members and 7 Kuyasa Members with an amount of R15 000 each.
- currently we are building in site c and we invite anyone to visit the housing process.

#### Ekuphumleni Housing Development Association:

- The above project consists of 208 member.
- It started in the year 2000, it has built with no infrastructure according to the advice given to them by the supporting organisation (Ushani Fund).
- With the lack of infrastructure, the Ekuphumleni uses one toilet for more than 100 family community,

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**For the attention of: Mr Ted Baumann**

**SUBJECT : UNNECESSARY DELAYS OF UTSHANI FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF OUR HOUSES AND TO ATTEND TO OUR DEMANDS.**

We as the South African People's Federation (SAHPF) are demanding our rights. As from 2005 we were trying to meet with you and you refused. Instead of that you caused a division in our organisation by secretly meeting with some of our members.

Instead of working with the organisation you worked with individuals. You might use the division in the organisation as a reason for communicating with certain individuals. Actually this memorandum is to bring under your attention that you were once treasuring for SAHPF and that without any consultations with the organisation you decided to work with URBAN Poor Federation, which was not part of your formulation.

You utilized SAHPF's resources to your own advantage.

The only thing that needs to be done by the **State** and **Donor** agencies is to investigate the support they gave through you, to support SAHPF, how it benefited them.

**The investigation will also be based on our demands, which are as follows:**

- **Changes and deposits of people who are already house owners all over the country.**
- **Incomplete houses all over the country.**

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- **Unnecessary delays of Vusi Ntsuntsha Development.**
- **Ownership of Vukuzenzele and Ekuphumleni Development.**
- **The collapsing of streets in Victoria Mxenge and township establishment approval due to you and Late People's Dialogue.**
- **Advices and cracked houses promised to fix.**
- **The issue of returning subsidies with consultation. e.g Rinah Shenxane's subsidy who is H.I.V positive.**

Gone are the days of division and rule in our country.  
Yours Sincerely,

*R. MASO*

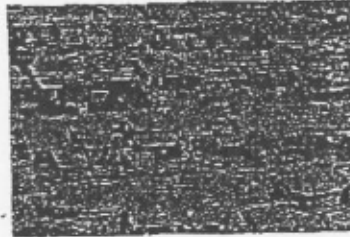
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## LETTER OF SUPPORT TO W/LAPE FEDERATION MARCH.

WE SUPPORT THE MARCH OF UMFELANDAWONYE NATIONAL FOR THE FOLLOWING DEMAND FROM OUR EX-SUPPORTERS ORGANISATION USHANI FUNG."

- (A) UN-FINISHED HOUSES
- (B) DEPOSITS / CHANGE
- (C) OUR SUBSIDIES
- (D) PAYMENT OF A REGINA REGIONAL HOUSING OFFICER & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER.
- (E) FEDERATION ASSETS
- (F) RELEASE OF OUR SUBSIDY DIRECTLY TO THE FEDERATION
- (G) INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT FOR OLD BEST AND ACCURATE RECORDS.
- (H) PAYMENT OF PREVIOUS TASK PERFORMED BY UMFELANDAWONYE MEMBERS."

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## RESPONSE FOR PRESS RELEASE BY TED BAUMANN TO ARGUS ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

**Attention:** Chris Whitfield, Argus

**Fax:** (021) 488 4793

**Date:** 2006 September 08

**For your information:** Ted Baumann

It is unfortunate that some liberals in this day an age continue styling themselves as helping poorest of the poor while enriching themselves in the process. It has been noted that the tone of the immediate release letter by uTshani Fund to Argus dated 05<sup>th</sup> September 2006 continue distorting facts and misrepresenting the South African Homeless Peoples Federation particularly the Cape Town group as if they the hopeless disillusioned individuals in the absence of other Provinces. The Neo Liberals are the enemy of mass mobilization which in essence is the nature of the formation of our organization in addressing the huge backlog of housing as a driving force and the fundamental aims is not money making or enriching the few elite as these individuals would constantly believe.

- The fact that the group that demonstrated is a small splinter group is an act of desperation to undo the existence of the SAHPF.

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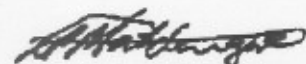
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- In the strategic planning meeting of the year 2000 Peoples Dialogue and its allies resolved that a need is required to re aligned or redesign the organization in order for the SAHPF can operate better and independently and this was an attempt to empower members in management and administration of the organization like this. In doing so it requires to register its self as a company in order to sign contracts in its own name and manage its own funds (As legal entity). During the implementation of the restructuring it is where some of the old leadership refused to comply with the decision to some capacities held because it was not what they thought it would be and started to make some allegations.
- The example made by uTshani Fund about the President showed lack of understanding and the way the individuals would undermine the members of SAHPF as being illiterate or uneducated they would even simple overthrow even the President by implication. They (uTshani Fund) do not honor decision made because they are a law unto themselves in the organization. They (uTshani Fund) would do any thing to keep the Federation unto them selves because it's no longer the same voluntary organization that would make or generate funds for them but for itself and they resort in blackmailing the same organization. The uTshani Fund shows that they are political malnourished, no wonder they are fed up (loss interest) because they suffer in vomiting and diarrhea of lies and distortion of facts.
- The issue about mismanagement and corruptions is an issue that the organization needed to deal with it decisively. The attempts were made by SAHPF and it's not secret because it attempted to sensitize the Cape Town office of National Prosecution Authority (Scorpions) so that they can deal with this but because of insufficient information they could not pursue it. It was uTshani Fund that could not cooperate when an Audited Financial Statement was requested by the Scorpions and they could not provide it as from 2003. The SAHPF is not afraid to publicly account for funds received by the organization both from the government and its funders. It was the same organization that made the auditing of unfinished houses he is referring to in his statement. The SAHPF will be glad that uTshani Fund is pursuing legal action in exposing all leadership that has misappropriated organization funds because that what we wanted it to be done since 2000 until now. (For example at Kuyasa Development it was uTshani Fund Account where we picked up that there were irregularities and misappropriation even this)
- The subsidies with held and subsequently returned to the Western Cape DHLG were as result of uTshani Fund bureaucratic systems but not because of the fact people did not want to use their subsidies.



- > The uTshani Fund leadership subscribes themselves in previous regimes ruling tactics by applying a divide and rule strategy to make their ends meet. They have disempowered SAHPF members by not allowing members to fully participate and hand over ownership their land to the beneficiaries of these development such as Vukuzenzele and Hazeldean (Ekuphumleni).
- > The audited financial statement is misconstrued of facts to those who know the organization but to those who do not know its books well kept. For the record the SAHPF was registered only last year as legal entity. It is not yet audited and the bank statement can prove more facts.

We also challenge uTshani Fund to be transparent and publicly account for the funds received for the homeless households and prove their integrity is intact.



ZP MATOLENGWE (Acting Director)

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**Formal request: Meeting between Utshani Fund and the South African Homeless Peoples Federation (SAHPF) on the 11 April 2006.**

**Request for minutes to be taken on meeting 11 April 2006:**

The SAHPF is indeed relieved that this meeting is being called to resolve the difference between Utshani Fund and ourselves. We are hoping that this meeting will result in positive result for all parties.

However in the interest of transparency, our advisers advised our organization that we request that this meeting be audio-taped and minutes taken. We know that you will agree, as a group of professionals, that it is important that the contents of this meeting could be verified by a third party.

We don't think that you would find this request extraordinary; as we know that it is important that we have formal proof of the contents of this meeting and its outcome. Failure to do this could hold legal resources for yourselves, and our informal grouping of peoples, which represents thousands of poor household across this country.

To assist you with this request we the SAHPF will make a 2 audio tapes at this meeting, one of which we will give to yourselves, and are requesting that your team records and minutes of the meeting. The Utshani fund will be required to circulate these minutes within 7 days if this meeting to all interested parties. We look forward to you confirming your positive response per Tel/fax: (021) 372 4206  
Attention SAHPF.

Kindly Regards.

  
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