

THE MIGRATION PROJECT KICKS OFF ITS SECOND YEAR

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The Migration Project, a three-year initiative implemented by the Democracy Development Program (DDP), began in November 2020. The Project, aimed at lessening xenophobic tendencies in the greater eThekweni area, is implemented in five sites – Umlazi, Isipingo, KwaMashu, KwaMakhutha and Sydenham.

Since inception, the Project has made strides in implementing programs aimed at achieving its main objective. In the past year, the Project team conducted various training programs for the project’s stakeholders, namely:

- Journalism Training Workshop for community, national and international journalists in collaboration with InterNews
- Virtual Journalism Training Workshop for KZN community media journalists
- CSO (Civil Society Organisations) Training Workshops to capacitate CSOs with the skills they need to intensify their networks and effectively carry out community projects, including those aimed at lessening xenophobic tendencies

The team also visited each implementation site to conduct introductory meetings, to acquaint the residents (hosts and African migrants) with the Project and followed up with community dialogues, which encouraged the residents to speak out about the social cohesion issues in their communities, especially those that exist between the hosts and African migrants.

We also convened various, bigger events, such as:

- The launch of The Migration Project at the beginning of 2021
- A virtual roundtable discussion in partnership with ACMS, which looked at Covid-19, Social Protection and Migrant Entrepreneurship in SA
- The launch of our Mapping Research Book titled “In the Eye of the Storm”, which comprised comprehensive research findings from our community survey and mapping study conducted at the beginning of the Project – the book can be found here: [DDP-Migrant-Mapping-Manual-web.pdf \(themigrationproject.org.za\)](https://www.themigrationproject.org.za/DPD-Migrant-Mapping-Manual-web.pdf)

We also started with the recruitment of local and African migrant entrepreneurs in our implementation sites for the entrepreneur training workshops that are scheduled for this year.

As The Migration Project, we have so far enjoyed consistent support from all journalists we’ve had the pleasure of working with in the past year, from community to national media houses.

In this second year of the Project, we have the following programs planned:

ENGAGEMENT	TIMELINE/ MONTH
Community Dialogues	February - December 2022
Business Training Workshops with entrepreneurs	February - December 2022



Networking Session with CSOs	May & November 2022
Follow up meetings with CSOs/CBOs	April - December 2022
Multi-stakeholder meetings	February - April 2022
Meetings with CBOs & Duty-bearers	June - December 2022
Migration Symposium	September 2022

We will also be producing advocacy materials, aimed at educating our stakeholders, audiences and the public about migration in Africa.

The Project appreciates and looks forward to your continued support in our fight against the scourge of xenophobia in the greater Durban area and South Africa at large. Details of each event will be communicated ahead of time.

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