Planning Disrupted
Break-Away Room 1

PLANNING PRACTICE IN TIMES OF FLUX

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“I don’t have food as we speak. I don’t have a job,” she said.

“I rely on odd jobs — the social grant for my one child only supports us to the middle of the month and I have to borrow money from shops.

“This area is not hygienic, the sewage drains spill over every day — they get fixed after three months, then they spill again and our children get rashes.”

Mervin Haarveldd said children used to get meals at school — a huge help in an area as poor as Lapland — but with schools closed food was fast running out in the community.

Thousands of people who stay in townships can’t self-isolate due to limited space and overcrowding.

“We feel as though the government has forgotten about us.”

Drucilla de Beer, 59, who lives in Kliprand in Port Elizabeth, said the communal toilets had stopped working two years ago. This was causing great hardship during the lockdown.

Despite fears of contracting the virus, being fined or arrested, the people of Lapland said they were willing to suffer the consequences if it meant being able to put food on the table.
Covid-19 requires “woke” leadership

The Covid 19 pandemic has redefined the meaning of Leadership and we have seen a new wave of leadership and communication that is being commanded by communities.

The term used for this leadership is being referred to as ‘WOKE’

WOKE: ‘Is being aware of the social and political environments regarding all demographics and socio-economic standings. Being alert to injustice in society, especially racism’ (Flux Trends)
The human story behind the planner

1. Chronicles of a Change Agent (SALGA)

2. Practitioner Profiles (SACN)
In this context of extreme polarity, what can I do differently in my own practice to affect change?