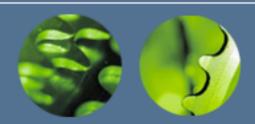


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ASGISA Program

- The ASGISA program objectives speak of halving poverty and unemployment by 2014.
- Government believes that this is not an unrealistic expectation given the steady improvement in the performance on job creation capacity of the economy.
- Despite this success unemployment remains high at over 26%. Government has then set certain targets to ensure that it meets the social objectives adequately; these are, below 15% unemployment and halving poverty by 2014.
- The target set to achieve this is 5% annual economic growth rate, up to 2014.
- The government is also realistic about binding constraints that could frustrate the targets it has set and believes that certain economic imbalances need to be effectively encountered before the ASGISA program objectives are adequately met.



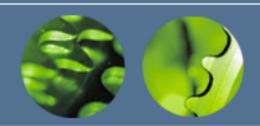








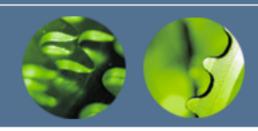




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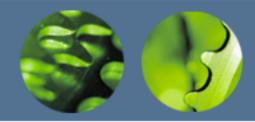






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- The typical IE approach
- Economic model for community development
- Building capacity for poverty reduction
- Measuring the impact of the model
- Lessons learned from implementations
- Conclusion





Poverty Reduction Interventions



"Almost to our country still f Many c

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10 000 000/40 000 000



an micro-finance apex fund









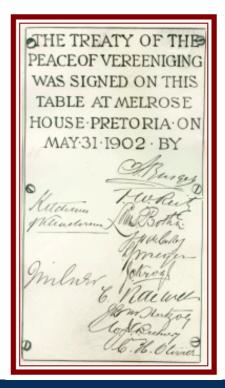
Historical Overview of SA Cooperatives







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Thinking ahead in financial services









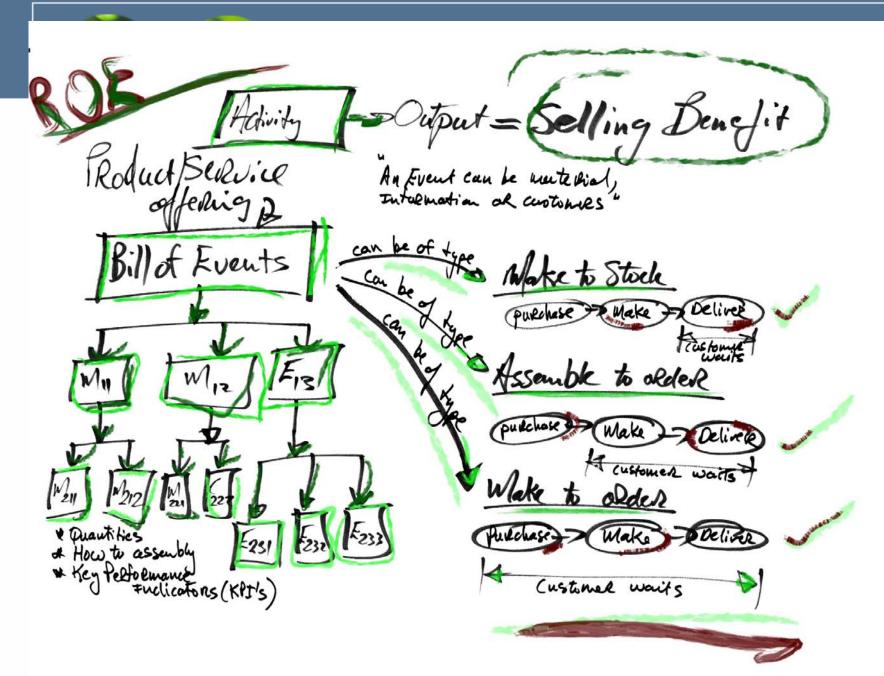


















Economic model for community development





"The experience of all peoples is that their freedom remains fragile and their rights empty shells unless they bring real improvements to the lives of ordinary people."

(President Nelson Mandela, Durban, 1 July 1998)



Achieving greater **self-reliance** for the individual Improve local enterprise **opportunities**Attaining self-generated **sustainable** growth **Maximise** community resources

Retain and re-circulate **resources** in the community















Economic development model

Trading Storehouses

Services, education, housing,

health, finance, agriculture,

security, recreation, transport, wholesale

Eco-Community

Eco-Community Flows
Community Needs

Business Development

Community Comm.

Colloboration

Community Driven, Co-Operative based, Interdependance, Freedom of choice



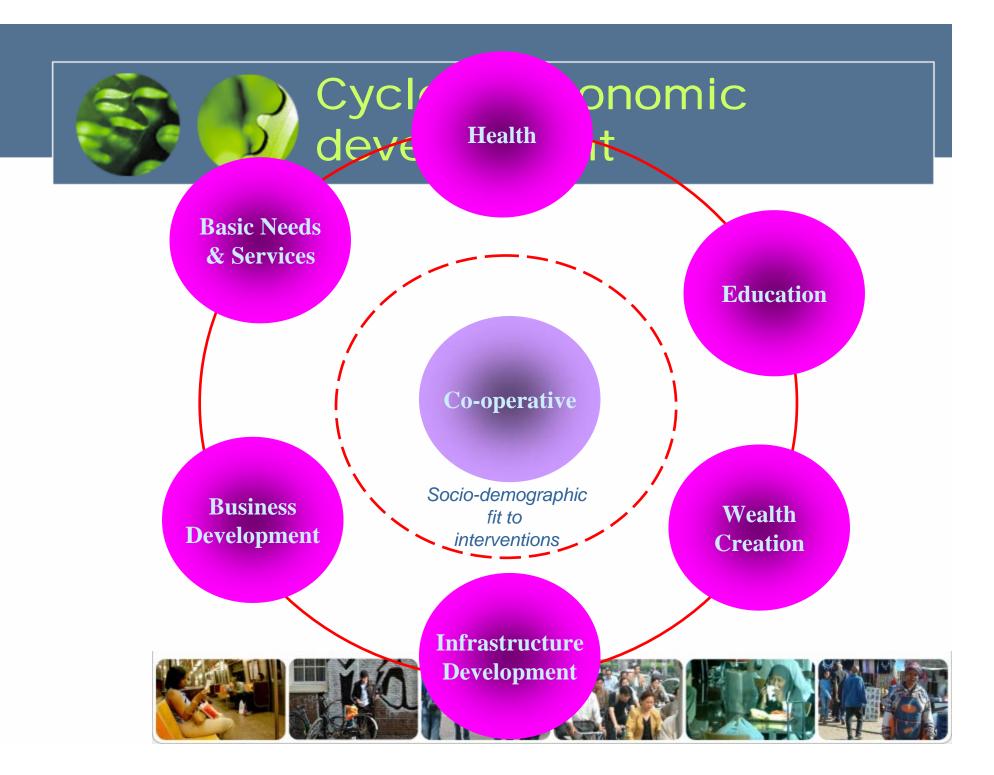


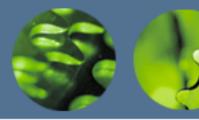












Building capacity for poverty reduction



Social Capital Governance

Markets



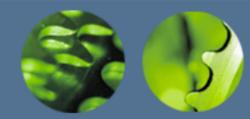












Building capacity for

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Community organisation and marketing

Community Ownership

Cooperating group formation

Savings mobilisation

Leader targeting and identification

Financial literacy and business development

Building capacity for credit to grow the business

Creation/identification of markets

Introduction to corporate governance
Register legal entity
Appointment of management and staff

Deployment of operational and regulatory systems
Governance training



SUSTAINABILITY



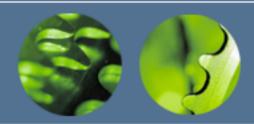




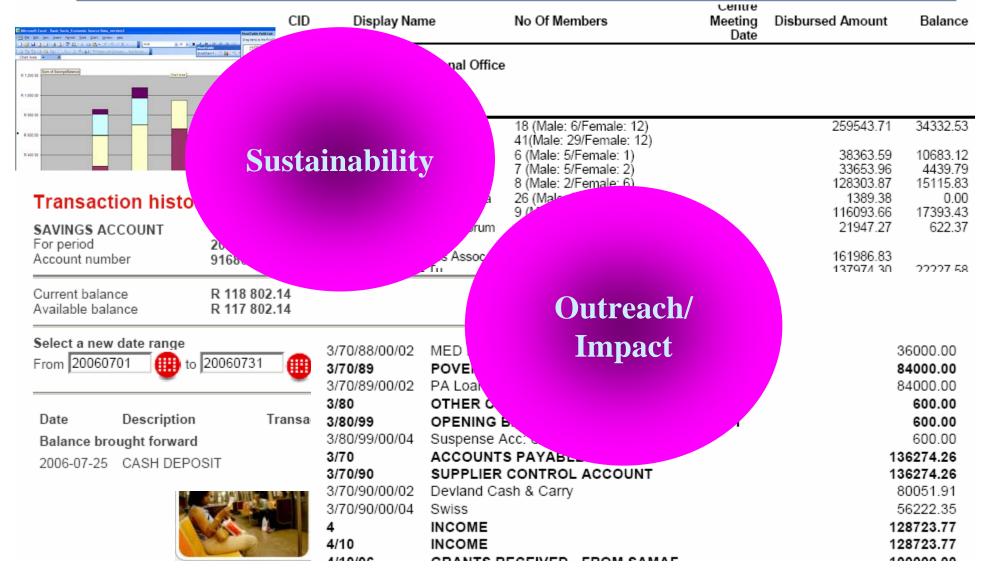


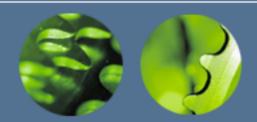






Measuring the Impact

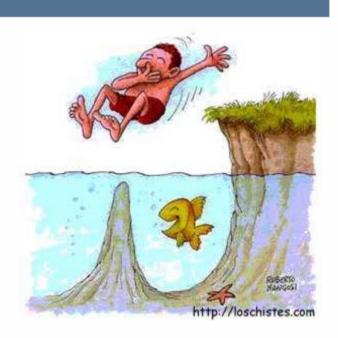


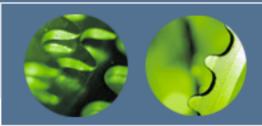


Lessons Learned

- Sustainability
- Levels of capacity
- Governance
- Limited linkages
- Good corporate citizens
- Socio-demographical differences
- FMCG source of business activity
- Training
- Growth of the cooperative marketing of benefits
- Behavioural attitude of membership is so critical





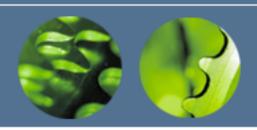


Conclusion



- Extreme poverty
- Increasing the social welfare burden
- Economic development model
- Key for wealth creation
- Cooperative structure forms the corner stone for economic development in these poor communities





Reality Check!

- Hand-over of the first pilot (R50 000.00)
- Hand-over of POC (R500 000.00)
- Hand-over of SAMAF Ops (R450 mil)



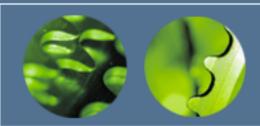












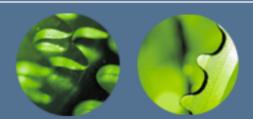
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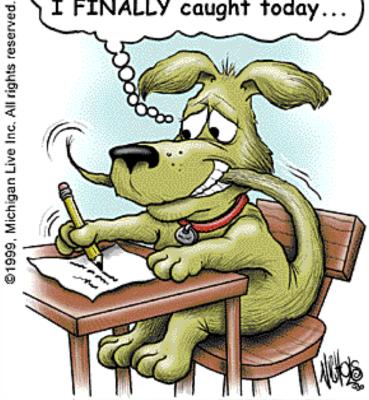
Lao Tzu's "Tao Te Ching" 600 B.C.





Questions?

Dear Diary-You'll never guess what I FINALLY caught today...



Thank You
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