

# BEST BETS

Examples of democratically selected socio-political and infrastructural strategies to enhance resilience in South African townships.



Min required firebreak

**WORK TOWARDS** broadening, maintaining corridors, roads, fire breaks and fire exits



**REFINE** integrated ER strategies and household responses to fire



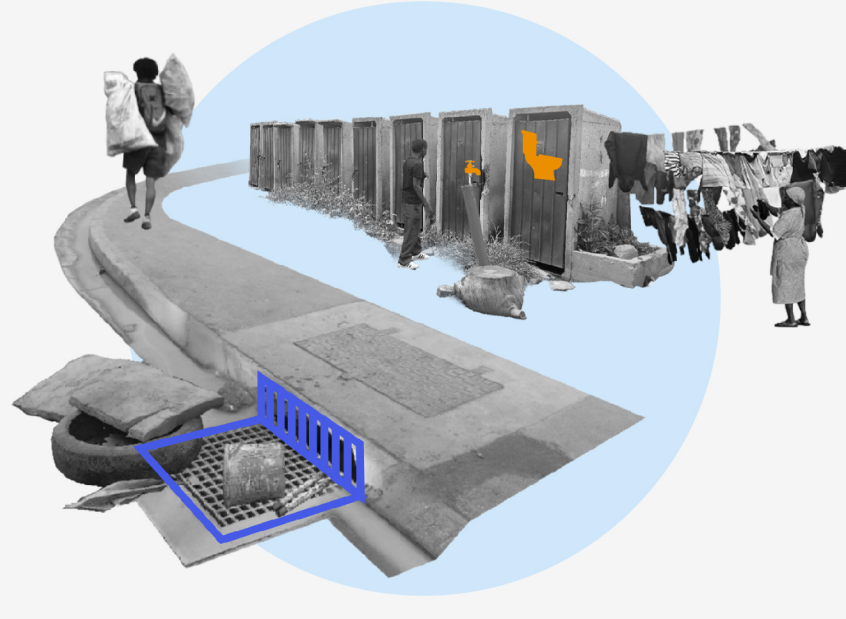
**ENHANCE** preparedness by providing access to low-cost fire responses e.g. sand, buckets and fire blankets



**ALLOCATE** open space and public institutions for emergency refuge\*



**PROMOTE** enhanced building standards and site selection for informal dwellings



**MAINTAIN** and **OPTIMIZE** public infrastructure such as drainage systems, roads, taps and toilets, by building water zones with washing facilities, toilets and bins

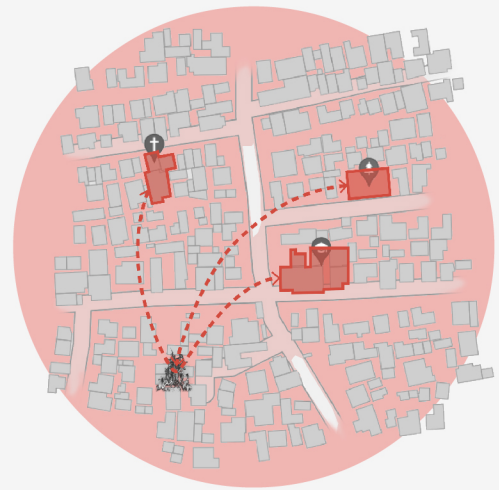


**ENHANCE** solid waste management practices



**DEVELOP** new tools, methods and innovative interventions of channeling water away from dwellings & ways to store water e.g. water storage, tanks, well points, water filters and other innovative household interventions

## INFRASTRUCTURAL



**SUPPORT** communities working together by enhancing mobilisation and organisations



**SECURE AND ENHANCE** access to welfare and documentation



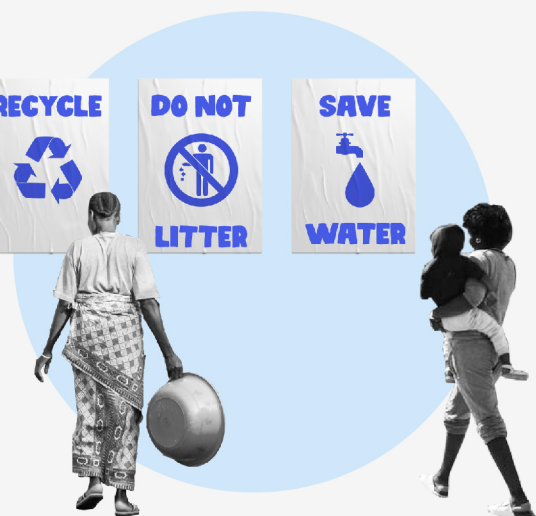
**DEVELOP & DISSEMINATE** social media response tools for public safety\*



**PROMOTE** knowledge and awareness through campaigns on mitigating environmental disasters\*



**EMBRACE** the unlearning of socially negative community behaviour, e.g. Solid waste and waste water practices



**EMBRACE** climate activism, climate champions, leadership and support community cohesion



**COMMUNICATE** relevant water news, e.g. water supply cut-offs and billing news



**IMPROVE** engagements, build sustainable partnerships, community agreement on water usage, sanctions transgressions and share information



**USE** public places & spaces to promote knowledge and awareness about water saving challenges and possibilities e.g. where to get help



**THINK** with informality, i.e. Strategize to work with rather than against informality. Acknowledging that the future looks very different than the past\*

## SOCIO-POLITICAL

\* Research derived