

# “We are one humanity”

A longer-term response to Xenophobia

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# INTRODUCTION




- ❑ South Africans of all hues have come out strongly against the attacks on foreigners and foreign nationals
- ❑ Now that the situation is stabilising, we need a sustainable intervention that will address the underlying mind-sets that motivated these attacks
- ❑ Addressing the root-causes are essential for long-term peace and stability

# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: WHY THIS CAMPAIGN



- Address the negative picture painted by the xenophobic attacks of the relationship between citizens and foreign nationals
- Effectively expose groups or individuals who hide their criminal acts behind xenophobic violence
- Confront the issue of self-hatred – these acts are dehumanising
- Address the current situation and imprint a lasting impression and legacy on social cohesion in this country and how we relate to foreigners and foreign nationals

# **WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: WHY THIS CAMPAIGN**



**It is a long – term sustainable response  
underpinned by a focus on behavioural change**

**Vision: A peaceful society where all communities  
and nations celebrate and cherish each other's  
heritage and diversity**

# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: OBJECTIVES



- Condemn, confront and combat xenophobia
- Promote acceptance of diversity, the embracing of diversity and peaceful co-existence
- Create a generation of citizens – particularly a younger generation – free of prejudice, and to enable them to challenge xenophobic tendencies in society and in-so-doing ensure stability
- Use the successful heritage of ‘protest art’ and the power of creativity to capture people’s imaginations and encourage the celebration of diversity rather than the fear thereof
- Develop empathy and compassion with our communities

# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: IMPLEMENTATION



The “**We are one humanity**” Campaign will take various forms that will roll out until October 2015, with an intention to impact beyond

**PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS**

**MASS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**

**WE ARE ONE HUMANITY CELEBRATION**

# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: IMPLEMENTATION

## Provincial stakeholder engagements

- To condemn the attacks on foreigners and foreign nationals
- To create a platform for constructive discussions and seek practical, bottom-up, participatory solutions to addressing intolerance and social instability within society
- To give government, stakeholders and civil society a platform to clarify their policy positions and engage with issues of foreign relations
- Dates: 2 May 2015 – Gauteng; 09 May 2015 – Mpumalanga; 16 May 2015 – Free State and 23 May 2015 - KwaZulu Natal

# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: IMPLEMENTATION

## Mass education campaign

- To interrogate and deal with the root causes and future prevention of xenophobia
- To stimulate behaviourable change to a positive identity
- Methodology:
  - 12 train-the trainer workshops targeting social workers and community workers
  - Encourage the replication of these workshops with learners during the June school holidays



# WE ARE ONE HUMANITY: IMPLEMENTATION

## 'We are one humanity' Celebration

- Africa Dialogue on Violence in Society – review the campaign and engage in discourse on the nature of violence and xenophobia in society
- Africa Celebration – a music festival and carnival to bring together various cultures and show-case the richness thereof and celebrate the unity in humanity
- Thumbs up! – show a commitment to a xenophobic free lifestyle and also an opportunity for foreigners and foreign nationals to demonstrate a commitment to legal settlement

# CONCLUSION



- The fight against xenophobia and all other forms of prejudice requires the participation of all
- We are most grateful for and humbled by the platform presented to us to share this message

# THANK YOU