

Dealing with Unemployment in South Africa: Research and Intervention

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Unemployment in South Africa: Developing an evidence based intervention in close collaboration with the local community

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1. Overall Objectives

A. Developmental objectives:

To *empower the unemployed* in South Africa:
alleviate the psychological burden of
unemployment & improve their
psychological functioning

To *empower the community organizations*
working with the unemployed

B. Academic objective:

To extend the *research capacity* in South Africa regarding research on the understanding of the unemployment experience from a psychological perspective

Project runs for 5 years, started in December 2013 – until end 2018

Full-time PhD Researchers



Unemployment Research

- No research without Advisory Board from Community, Government (local and national)



Three Studies

Qualitative



Melinda du Toit

Quantitative



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Intervention



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