

## KEY CHALLENGES

Over the next five months, the uMhlatuze team, AfriSoc and community members have the opportunity to partner and begin working together on two key challenges in the eMpangeni CBD.



### BUILDING SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

The first challenge on which to collaborate could be building relationships between stakeholders, to ensure that all who want to prioritise safety are involved in the next phases of integrating violence prevention in the CBD. In particular, both departments on the core team now have an opportunity to form an Area Coordinating Team and, along with AfriSoc, include informal traders and taxi associations in conversations about the ETCRP. Building a diverse stakeholder network will allow for community members to effectively engage in any participatory processes for development in the area. These relationships would set a foundation for meaningful engagements, which can be opportunities to strengthen local social capital and build cohesion.



### MOVING THE ETCRP FORWARD

The second challenge on which to collaborate could build upon the implementation of the ETCRP. Once uMhlatuze is ready for construction of at least one project within the Revitalisation Plan, the next step would be a participatory design process for the intervention with traders, commuters, transport stakeholders and other users of the space. Additionally, since the ETCRP only considers spatial interventions, the “top layer” or “social layer” can be developed at any time via a trading plan. A Trading Plan could be developed by an Area Coordinating Teams using a participatory methodology, guided by relationships with the above stakeholders and by the principles and vision in the Revitalisation Plan.

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