Live Learning Experience: Beyond the Immediate Response to the Outbreak
Public Service Delivery, a Pillar to Address the Pandemic

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What stage of the crisis are you in (preparation, emergency management, recovery, and build back better)?

South Africa is going into National “Lock Down” as of Midnight 26th March 2020. Corvid 19 Declared a National Disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act. Gives the President power to execute extraordinary measures and also access funds to assist in addressing the challenge.
Main challenges

Three main challenges you have recognized are a priority for local/regional governments to act on.

- Informal Settlements and access to water and sanitation
- Economic Impact on the citizens and declining revenue streams to the city
- Business Continuity and protection of the workforce From and Environmental Health Perspective
Local response

- All Public Access facilities are closed eg Libraries, Museums etc
- Key Management meetings using Technology
- Regular “War Room” meetings with key officials present
- Constant Communication
- Interim access to water and sanitation provision
Future vision

- Need to consider “Future Proofing: as part of Cities Strategic Planning Process
- Greater understanding and appreciation of the impact of science and its implication on how we plan and manage cities
- Begin critical conversations around a wider understanding of Building City Resilience
- Need to develop early warning systems with the appropriate action plans
- Development of business continuity models
- Review and amending the municipality disaster Preparedness and Response plans
- Post Disaster Reconstruction ie Review Norms and Standards for public spaces/facilities with a view to protecting public health
- Improving methodologies relating to Risk Assessments – key is access to reliable city specific data
THANK YOU!