

**Democratic Alliance City of Johannesburg Media Statement  
Democratic Alliance City of Johannesburg Ward 59, 61 Councillor Bongani  
Nkwanyana**

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**A desperate cry for services in Ward 61**

There is still no joy for residents in Ward 61 as they are still living in dilapidated buildings struggling to get even the basic services from the City of Johannesburg.

“In Jeppestown area alone the infrastructure is completely dilapidated and sewerage is running freely from some buildings,” says Democratic Alliance Cllr Bongani Nkwanyana.

Councillor Bongani Nkwanyana recently visited a number of residential buildings in his ward, including Jeppe Men's Hostel as well as Kwa Mai-Mai residential complex and Kwa Mai-Mai Informal Settlement.

He identified the following issues: lack of housing, polluted environment, blocked sewerage systems, contaminated water, and many others. “I have taken all these issues up with the relevant departments, and to this date no positive outcome has emerged from the Municipal Entities,” says Cllr Nkwanyana.

Jeppe Men's Hostel accommodates approximately 10-15 000 people and more than 50% of people living in this Hostel are young people who are not working. Councillor Nkwanyana says that many of these people came to Johannesburg seeking a better life; instead their lives have changed for the worst.

In addition he says that the Hostel Building structures are damp due to water leakages and blocked sewerage systems. Furthermore the shower rooms have not been in a useable condition for years.

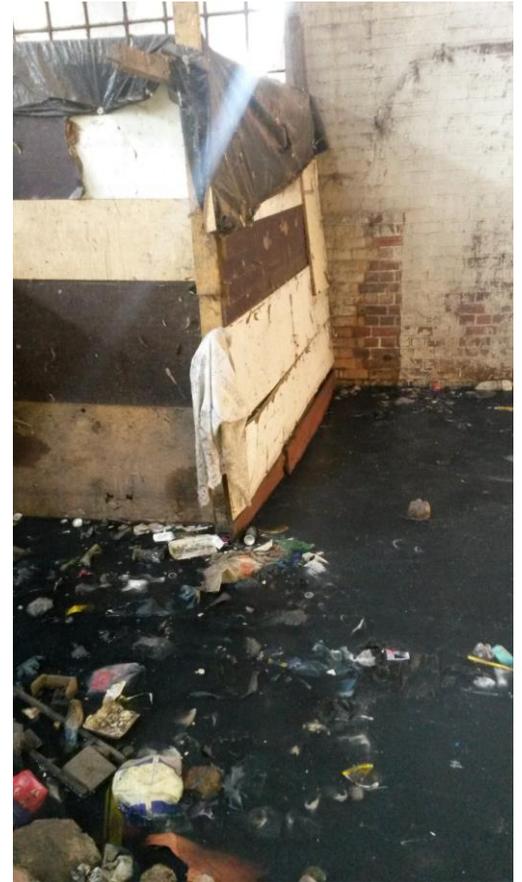
Although some of the above areas were widely covered in the media around July to awaken the ruling party to take action, nothing has changed since that time.

“It is unfortunate that after 21 years of the ANC Government holding power in The City of Johannesburg, people of Ward 61 are still living under such inhuman conditions,” says Cllr Nkwanyana.

He says, “If Municipal Entities such as Joburg Water do not fix the problems inside the Hostel it means that they are ignoring the problems by choice.”

The Democratic Alliance sees this as an infringement of human rights. The DA urges the City of Johannesburg to intervene and provide maintenance as it is supposed to, and to also secure the Jeppe Men's Hostel and other Municipal Buildings and Parks in Ward 61 before the situation gets out of hand.

**Caption: Pic 1 to Pic 3**



These are the conditions under which some people are forced to live under.

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