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Social Protests and Water Service Delivery in South Africa

EMERGING RESEARCH FINDINGS

PLAAS-WRC Water Currents Dialogue Seminar, Stone Cradle, Pretoria, 13 September 2013

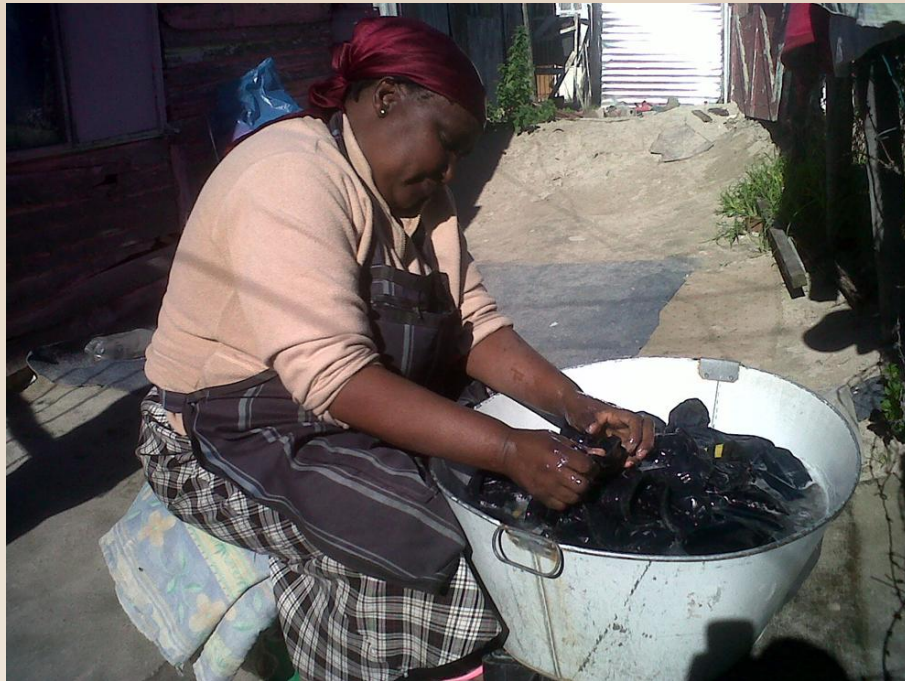
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A place of quality,
a place to grow, from hope
to action through knowledge

Research Objective

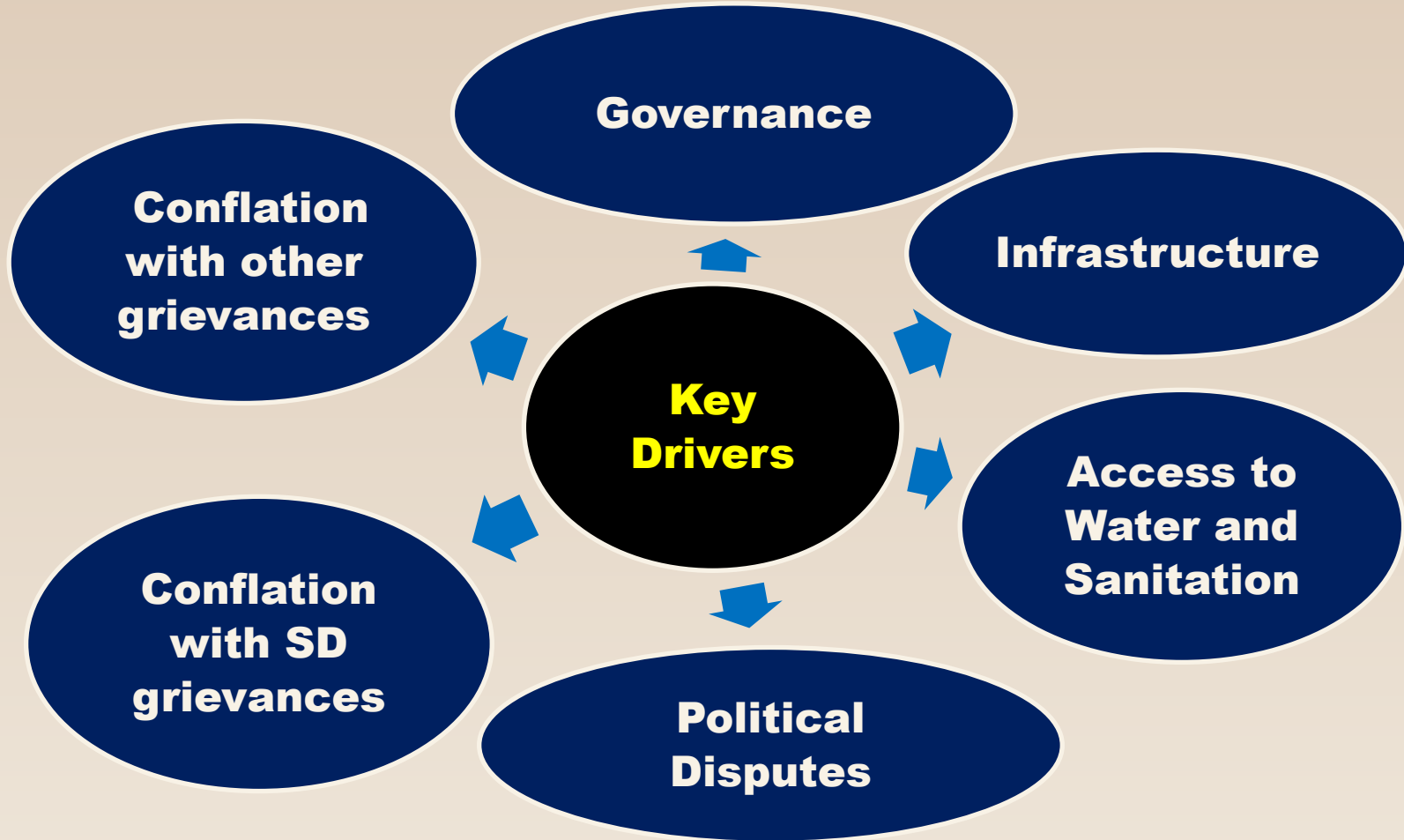
- To **identify** the key drivers of water-related social protests, roles of organization and mobilization and dynamics of perceived deprivation.



Focus of presentation

- Emerging Findings from Western Cape, Free State and Gauteng
- Three sites were chosen from each of the provinces
- Western Cape: Nkanini, De Doorns, Zwelethemba
- Free State: Sasolburg, Parys and Ficksburg
- Gauteng: Alexandra, Orange Farm and Sebokeng

General Key Drivers of Social Protests

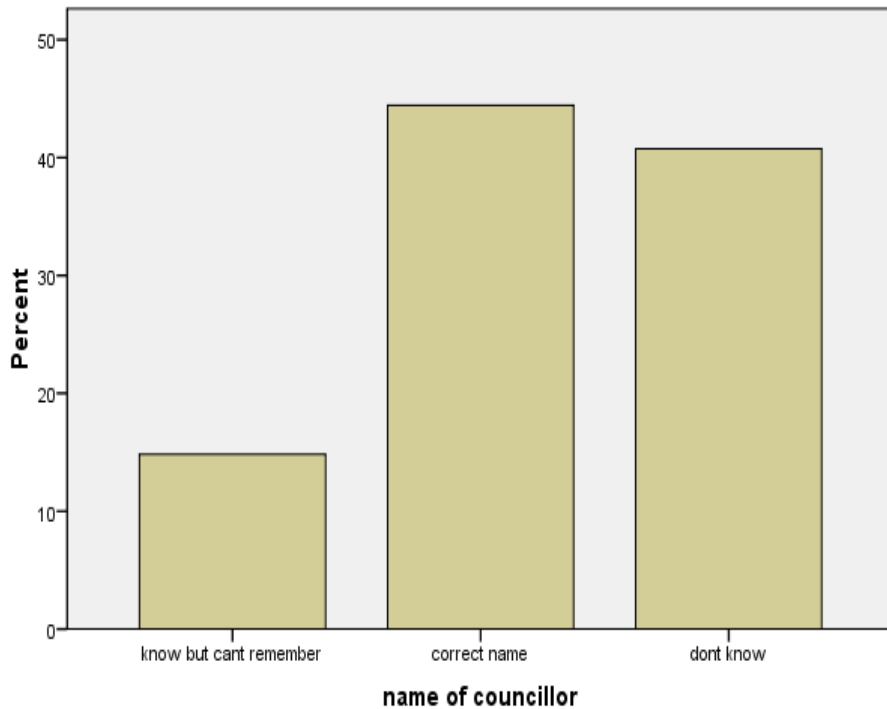


Social Protest Key Drivers

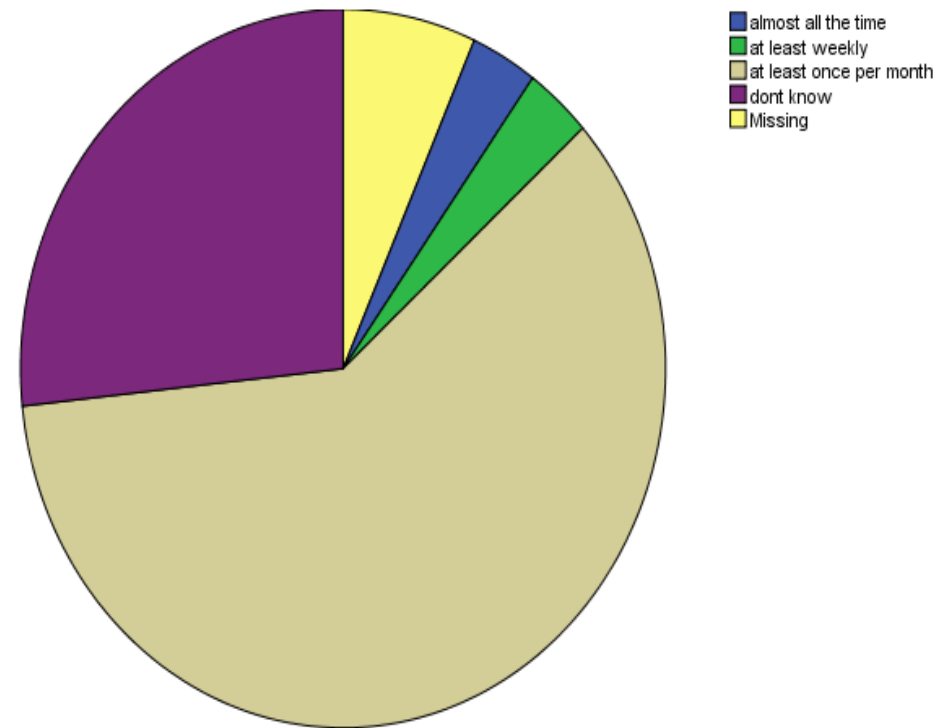
- **Governance**
 - Corruption
 - Nepotism
 - Mismanagement of municipal funds
 - Lack of public participation

Governance (Cont)

name of councillor



time spent by the councillor



Key Drivers (Cont)

- **Infrastructure**
 - Ageing
 - Leaking
 - Poor installation
 - Lack of infrastructure/Drainage
 - Theft
 - Illegal connections

Key Drivers (cont)

- **Water access**
 - Quality
 - Quantity
- **Political Issues**
 - Party loyalty v.s Community service delivery challenges
 - Selective service delivery
 - Threats from officials

Key Drivers (cont)

- **Water conflated with other service delivery grievances**
 - Housing Backlog
 - Electricity
 - Refuse Removal
 - Roads/Potholes
- **Water conflated with other grievances**
 - Poverty
 - Unemployment
 - Inequality
 - Urbanization
 - Labour issues
 - social services affordability



Conclusion



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Leaking Infrastructure



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Illegal Connections



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Impacts of housing backlog



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Impacts of Housing Backlog



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Sanitation



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Drainage issues



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