

# TOWNSHIPS



Introduction : In the nineties in South Africa, the townships appeared.

During the period of the apartheid, the populations were strictly separated according to their racial membership (Black, White, Half-bloods, Indians). The white cities (airy ...) were next to black cities (poor and very populated, called townships).



• These places ?

• Violence in the townships

• How is the life organized everyday ?



# Who lives in these places ?

Today, more than 7 million South Africans, on a population of 44,8 millions, live in townships. Since the end of the apartheid, thousands of people invaded urban areas and in the townships around thousands of slums were built which had neither water nor electricity.

The townships of South Africa groups include the inhabitants of colors, mainly blacks.

The quality of the housing environment is particularly poor, and certain houses are constituted of salvaged materials, plastic and cardboard ...

Soweto is a famous township which was created in the fifties . It is situated 15 kilometers from Johannesburg, the biggest town of South Africa. Today, there are two million inhabitants in this township populated by black people. It is one of the poorest regions of the country.

In 1951, in application of the new law of apartheid, Soweto was conceived to receive only black residents. To this end, whole districts, populated with Blacks, near to the cities, were classified as white.



The inhabitants  
of a township





# Violence in the townships

In townships near Johannesburg, Durban and The Cap, young men leave Zimbabwe, Malawi or Mozambique to save their life. Violence has already cost the life to many people and even more are hunted.

The South African police makes use of grenades and rubber bullets to scatter thousands of inhabitants of the townships asking for an improvement of their living conditions.

The demonstrations in townships have arisen regularly since the election in April of Jacob Zuma as the president, who promised to reduce poverty.

When tension  
rises ...



# How is life organized everyday ?

The black city of Intabazwé, between Johannesburg and Durban, is a typical township of South Africa with 65 000 inhabitants who live with only one euro a day.

The black cities continue to sink into poverty and criminality.

Townships are characterized by four words : " insecurity, unemployment, poverty and criminality. " Without forgetting AIDS which continues to go on killing people.



The inhabitants of townships ask measures from the authorities to improve health services, education or the supply of water and electricity.

In spite of the end of apartheid the coming to power of Mandela, and the promises of the president, Jacob Zuma, the situation in townships hasn't improved much.



# Conclusion

Today, while certain countries live in wealth others live in poverty. The townships are the proof of the injustices which still exist in the world.

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