

**NPO JOINT COLLABORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
(NJ-COSA)**

**Organizational Profile and Strategic
Overview**



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A Comprehensive Report on Mission, Vision, Impact, and Collaborative Frameworks

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Abstract

The NPO Joint Collaboration of South Africa (NJ-COSA) serves as a unified platform for non-profit organizations, cooperatives, and development partners to address South Africa's socio-economic challenges. By fostering collaboration, shared resources, and strategic partnerships, NJ-COSA strengthens community-based entities and promotes inclusive development. This document outlines the organization's mission, strategic objectives, and collaborative models designed to build resilient communities and empower marginalized groups across the nation.

Introduction

NPO Joint Collaboration of South Africa (NJ-COSA) is a legal registered Non-profit organisation in 2024, was registered under the Act No 71 of 1997: Non-Profit organisation Act 1997. Reg. No: 314-024NPO.

The Organizational offices are currently situated at Nyandeni Sub District OR Tambo District Eastern Cape. The organization has representatives in all the 9 provinces with 4 provinces that are actively functioning that is the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Kwazulu Natal and Gauteng provinces.

NPO Joint Collaboration of South Africa was established as a response to the increasing social and economic disparities within the country. The founders recognized a critical need for a more unified approach to tackling these pressing issues. The organisation was born out of a deep concern for the growing number of individuals and communities facing poverty, unemployment, inequality, and various health crises. There was a clear understanding that fragmented efforts by individual NPOs were not sufficient to address these complex problems effectively. The organizational main focus is to strengthening the capacity of civil society organisation.

Vision

To build a united network of private sector partners and community stakeholders working collaboratively to address South Africa's social challenges. We envision a society where every individual, regardless of background, has the opportunity to thrive and live with dignity and purpose.

Mission

To promote dignity and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities across South Africa. We work to remove barriers to opportunity and empower those in need to reach their full potential through the collective efforts of NPOs, NPCs, and cooperatives.

Chapter 1: Core Objectives and Strategic Focus

NJ-COSA operates with a clear set of objectives and focus areas to ensure maximum impact in the communities it serves.

Core Objectives

Objective	Description
Representation	Represent NPOs, NPCs, and Cooperatives at all levels of governance.
SDG Alignment	Align organizational activities with International Sustainable Development Goals.
Empowerment	Focus on the empowerment of women and youth in civil society.
Sustainability	Foster accountability, capacity, and long-term sustainability for members.

Key Focus Areas

The organization concentrates its efforts on several critical domains:

- **Advocacy & Representation:** Giving a voice to the voiceless in policy discussions.
- **Service Delivery:** Active involvement in direct community support.
- **Capacity Building:** Ensuring compliance and operational excellence.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Securing funding and tools for community projects.
- **Disaster Relief:** Providing humanitarian aid during crises.

Core Values

- Collaboration
 - Innovation
 - Community Empowerment
 - Accountability & Transparency
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Chapter 2: Collaborative Models for Impact

NJ-COSA employs three primary models to drive social change:

1. Community-Based Partnership Model

This model brings together local NPOs, faith-based groups, and community leaders to design programs that address specific local needs. By coordinating local knowledge, the approach avoids duplication and ensures cultural relevance.

❖ **Impact:** Stronger community ownership and improved service delivery.

2. Cross-Sector Collaboration Model

NJ-COSA builds bridges between civil society, the private sector, and government institutions. This synergy combines funding, expertise, and infrastructure to tackle complex social issues like unemployment and poverty.

❖ **Impact:** Scalable solutions and increased funding opportunities.

3. Capacity-Building & Shared Resources Network

Member organizations receive support through training, mentorship, and compliance assistance. Access to shared tools and facilities strengthens the operational capacity of even the smallest grassroots groups.

❖ **Impact:** Improved governance and stronger community outcomes.

Chapter 3: Community Empowerment and Engagement

A significant portion of NJ-COSA's work is dedicated to the empowerment of vulnerable groups.

Women, people living with disabilities & Youth Empowerment

- **Leadership Programs:** Developing the next generation of female leaders.
- **Mentorship:** Providing guidance and skills development for people living with disabilities and youth.
- **Entrepreneurship:** Fostering economic independence through business training.

Chapter 4: Services, Success Stories, and Achievements

The NPO Joint Collaboration of South Africa (NJ-COSA) provides a wide range of services designed to empower non-profit organizations, cooperatives, and communities across South Africa. Our services are categorized into several key areas of impact:

1. Advocacy and Representation

We represent the interests of NPOs, NPCs, and Cooperatives at all levels of governance. Our goal is to ensure that the voices of civil society are heard in policy discussions and that our members have a seat at the table when decisions affecting their communities are made.

2. Capacity Building and Compliance Support

NJ-COSA provides essential support to help member organizations maintain operational excellence and compliance with legal requirements.

- **Training and Mentorship:** Regular workshops on governance, financial management, and leadership.
- **Compliance Assistance:** Helping organizations navigate the NPO Act and other regulatory frameworks.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Training on fundraising strategies and grant writing to ensure long-term sustainability.

3. Community Empowerment Programs

Our programs are designed to uplift vulnerable groups and foster economic independence.

- **Women & Youth Empowerment:** Leadership programs, mentorship, and entrepreneurship training specifically tailored for women and the next generation of leaders.
- **Skills Development:** Providing practical skills training to enhance employability and foster local economic growth.

4. Collaborative Networks and Shared Resources

We leverage the power of collaboration to maximize impact.

- **Resource Sharing:** Access to shared tools, facilities, and a network of experts.
- **Cross-Sector Partnerships:** Facilitating collaborations between civil society, the private sector, and government institutions to tackle complex social issues like poverty and unemployment.

5. Disaster and Humanitarian Relief

NJ-COSA coordinates humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts to support communities during crises, ensuring that help reaches those who need it most quickly and efficiently.

Success Stories and Achievements

NJ-COSA's commitment to collaboration and community empowerment has yielded significant results across South Africa. Here are some of the services that have been rendered:

✧ **Pride and Joy Day Care Center**



The Challenge: A photographer withheld graduation photos for learners, causing significant distress to families and the school community. **NJ-COSA Action:** Our team intervened directly with the service provider to resolve the dispute and advocate for the rights of the learners. **Success:** All graduation pictures were secured and delivered to the families.

✧ **Intervention: Candiz Training Academy**



The Challenge: 13 Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioners were waiting indefinitely for their completion certificates, stalling their professional advancement. **NJ-COSA Action:** Our leadership wrote formal representations to the Academy, advocating for the immediate release of the practitioners' credentials. **Success:** All 13 practitioners received their certificates, empowering their careers.

✧ **Intervention: Nomadolo DCC**

The Challenge: Nomadolo DCC faced a critical operational threat due to the non-delivery of essential goods after payment had been made. **NJ-COSA Action:** Our legal and advocacy team drafted and served a formal Letter of Demand on behalf of the Principal to the defaulting supplier. **The Outcome:** Positive resolution achieved with the delivery of goods.

✧ **National Lottery Commission**



The Challenge: Many NPOs struggled with the Commission's new online portal system, facing technical barriers that threatened their funding eligibility. **NJ-COSA Action:** We formally requested an extension of the submission deadline to ensure no organization was left behind due to technical difficulties. **Success:** The extension was granted, allowing numerous organizations to successfully submit their proposals.

✧ **Capacity Building: SARS PBO Workshop**



The Initiative: Recognizing the need for tax compliance, NJ-COSA formally requested the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to provide specialized training for NPOs. **The Workshop:** SARS responded positively, conducting a comprehensive workshop on Public Benefit Organization (PBO) status and tax obligations. **The Impact:** Dozens of

NPOs gained critical knowledge on compliance, ensuring their long-term sustainability and legal standing.

✧ **OR Tambo Municipality Regional Reaches**



Regional Reach: Successfully conducted capacity building and service delivery initiatives across all 5 local municipalities of OR Tambo. **Active Representation:** Consistently attending meetings and workshops to advocate for the 3 sectors we represent: NPOs, NPCs, and Cooperatives. **Impact:** Forging strategic partnerships that drive sustainable development at the local level.

Chapter 5: Frequently Asked Questions

- a) **What is NJ-COSA?** NJ-COSA is a collaborative platform for NPOs, NPCs, and cooperatives in South Africa.
- b) **Who can join?** Any non-profit entity, NPC's, cooperatives and community group, or individual changemaker committed to social development.
- c) **Does NJ-COSA provide funding?** While NJ-COSA assists with resource mobilization and fundraising support, its primary role is coordination and capacity building.
- d) **Is it legally recognized?** Yes, NJ-COSA operates as a national umbrella body for civil society organizations.

How to Get Involved

NJ-COSA invites all stakeholders to join the movement:

- **Membership:** Gain access to collaborative opportunities and shared resources.
- **Donation:** Support community-driven programs directly.
- **Partnership:** Align your organization with projects that deliver real-world change.
- **Volunteering:** Offer skills and time to support national initiatives.

Conclusion

Behind every program and success story at NJ-COSA are real people working collectively to create lasting change. Sustainable development happens when skills, resources, and passion are combined to address the nation's most pressing challenges. Together, one community at a time, NJ-COSA is building a South Africa where every individual has the opportunity to thrive. We conquer through unit .

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