



THE PEOPLE AGENCY

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Building projects that create jobs.

Development. Partnership. Implementation. Impact.

THE PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT AGENCY · 274-492 NPO · SOUTH AFRICA

01 — OPENING

Development must move beyond intention. It must create tangible economic opportunity.

The People Agency exists to identify development opportunities and turn them into structured projects capable of attracting partners, mobilising resources, creating jobs and delivering measurable impact.

02 — ORGANISATION

Who We Are

The People Agency is an independent non-profit development organisation. Its public identity is that of a development institution that originates, structures and mobilises projects — not a campaign platform, and not a charity appeal.

The organisation works at the intersection of people, government, industry and technology. Its role is to identify important developmental challenges, convert them into practical project concepts, and convene the institutions required to take that work toward implementation.

The People Agency brings together development thinking, project structuring, technology, partnerships and implementation capability to address economic and social challenges through practical projects.



PEOPLE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY

Legal name: The People's Development Agency. Registered non-profit organisation in South Africa. 274-492 NPO. Founding date, staff complement and historical milestones are not published in this profile.

03 — MANDATE

Our Mandate

To develop projects that create sustainable jobs and economic opportunity.

The organisation originates, develops and mobilises work capable of expanding opportunity across Africa. The mandate is expressed through five development outcomes.

01

Job creation

Projects are judged by whether they can create the conditions through which people participate in work and enterprise — not by activity for its own sake.

02

Enterprise development

Small and growing businesses are treated as instruments of employment and market participation, not as a side programme.

03

Infrastructure development

Physical and enabling infrastructure is pursued where it can unlock local economic activity and make opportunity usable.

04

Digital transformation

Connectivity, digital services and AI capability are developed as public and economic infrastructure, not as technology for its own sake.

05

Community and economic participation

Development must be experienced where people live. Communities are participants in the work, not objects of it.

04 — METHOD

How We Create Impact

The organisation converts development opportunity into structured, partnerable and implementable work.

01

Identify

Find economic and social development opportunities that matter to people, public institutions and markets.

02

Develop

Convert those opportunities into practical project concepts designed to be relevant, feasible and worthy of partnership.

03

Structure

Define the operating, financial and implementation model before capital or delivery is asked to move.

04

Mobilise

Bring together government, capital, industry, technology and communities required to take the work forward.

05

Implement

Move approved work from strategy into execution with discipline, local relevance and accountability.

06

Measure

Evaluate jobs, participation, economic effect and institutional capability — and publish verified results only when they exist.

This sequence describes method. It does not claim that any named live project currently sits at a particular stage of delivery.

05 — ARCHITECTURE

From Projects to Communities

Project development is the start of a longer sequence that must reach infrastructure, employment and community life.

01**Projects**

Originate work that is relevant, feasible and worth the attention of serious partners.

02**Investment**

Mobilise public, private and development capital around that work.

03**Infrastructure**

Build the physical and digital systems that make opportunity usable.

04**Jobs**

Create the conditions through which people can participate in the economy.

05**Communities**

Ensure the benefit is experienced where people live and work.

Development is not a slogan. Jobs follow projects that can be financed, built and sustained.

The People Agency treats origination as institutional work: shaping projects that can attract partnership, absorb capital responsibly, and hold their purpose through implementation.

06 — AGENDA

Where We Focus

The public agenda is organised so partners can see how infrastructure, enterprise and digital systems sit together — without collapsing distinct programmes into a slogan.

01 / CATEGORY

Infrastructure & Place Development

Physical and enabling infrastructure capable of unlocking economic activity and employment where people live. Public programme: Community Development.

02 / CATEGORY

Enterprise Development

Platforms and programmes that expand SME participation, commercial capability and youth economic pathways. Public programmes: Youth Economic Participation; Entrepreneurship; Capacity Development.

03 / CATEGORY

Digital Public Infrastructure

Technology that improves how citizens, businesses and government interact — including connectivity, digital services and AI capability. Public programmes: Digital Inclusion; AI & Technology.

04 / THEME

Youth & Employment

Connecting young people with skills, enterprise, technology and pathways toward economic participation. The organisation does not promise placement. It works to make opportunity more reachable.

05 / THEME

Institutional Innovation

Practical capability — including digital literacy, leadership, data and operating models — so public, civic and enterprise institutions can deliver development more effectively.

07 — PIPELINE

From Idea to Impact

The People Agency progresses work through a defined development sequence. Stages describe institutional discipline, not a claim that unpublished projects have completed any given gate.

01**Concept**

Identify a developmental challenge and shape a practical response worth taking seriously.

02**Feasibility**

Test whether the work can be designed, financed and implemented with integrity.

03**Partner Mobilisation**

Convene government, capital, industry and communities required to move the work forward.

04**Funding**

Structure the capital and institutional commitments needed for responsible delivery.

05**Implementation**

Carry approved work into the world with discipline, accountability and local relevance.

06**Operational**

Sustain delivery so people, institutions and places can keep using what has been built.

08 — PORTFOLIO

Projects in Development

Named project records are published only when they are approved for the public record. Until then, the work below is the agenda through which The People Agency originates projects.

No investment values, job numbers, locations beyond South Africa, or delivery stages are assigned here. [INSERT VERIFIED PROJECT RECORDS WHEN APPROVED]

01

Youth Economic Participation

Connect young people with pathways toward employment, entrepreneurship, skills, technology and future economic participation.

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02

Digital Inclusion

Advance initiatives that expand access to community connectivity and digital opportunity in underserved communities, including free community Wi-Fi where it creates developmental value.

SOUTH AFRICA · PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA · PARTNERSHIP: INFRASTRUCTURE & FUNDING

03

AI & Technology

Strengthen access to artificial intelligence, digital capability and emerging technologies so technological change expands opportunity rather than inequality.

SOUTH AFRICA · PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA · PARTNERSHIP: TECHNICAL

04

Capacity Development

Build practical human and institutional capability across AI literacy, digital skills, leadership, entrepreneurship and the future of work.

SOUTH AFRICA · PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA · PARTNERSHIP: PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP

05

Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development

Strengthen entrepreneurs and small enterprises so they can participate in markets, adopt technology, grow and create employment.

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06

Community Development

Ensure development is experienced at community level, with communities as participants rather than passive recipients.

SOUTH AFRICA · PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA · PARTNERSHIP: IMPLEMENTATION

09 — TECHNOLOGY

Technology in Service of Development

Technology should expand opportunity, not inequality. The People Agency treats digital systems as development infrastructure: tools that improve how people, businesses and public institutions interact.

Public service delivery

Digital capability that helps institutions serve citizens with greater clarity and reach.

Economic access

Connectivity as a gateway to education, work, enterprise and digital services.

SME participation

Tools and skills that help enterprises enter markets, transact and become procurement-ready.

Institutional efficiency

Data literacy, digital productivity and operating models that make delivery more capable.



Current public initiatives in this field include digital inclusion — among them community connectivity — and AI capability. No software product catalogue, user counts or network coverage figures are published in this profile.

10 — ENTERPRISE

Building Stronger Enterprises

Small and growing businesses are central to employment and economic inclusion. The People Agency works to strengthen entrepreneurs and SMEs so they can participate in markets, adopt technology, become more sustainable, grow and create employment.

The public work in this area remains focused on developmental purpose: building businesses that create opportunity for people and communities. It is commercially serious without being a substitute for a bank, incubator claim-sheet, or unverified jobs tally.



Commercial capability

Strengthen the skills, systems and judgement enterprises need to operate with discipline.

Market access

Improve the pathways through which SMEs can participate in value chains and procurement.

Digital tools

Support technology adoption so enterprises are not excluded from a digitising economy.

Procurement readiness

Prepare enterprises to meet the standards required by public and corporate buyers.

Enterprise support

Pair capability-building with partnerships that can carry enterprises beyond isolated workshops.

Institutional partnerships

Work with corporates, DFIs, banks and public ESD programmes as co-developers, not as grant applicants alone.

11 — INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure That Unlocks Opportunity



Infrastructure is treated as an economic-development mechanism: the physical and digital systems that allow investment, skills, enterprise and public services to take hold in a place.

The organisation's public agenda includes community-level development and enabling connectivity — including initiatives aimed at expanding access to free community Wi-Fi where connectivity can create meaningful developmental value. Housing, student accommodation or named construction projects are not listed here unless separately approved for publication.

Investment

Infrastructure that makes a place more able to absorb capital and partnership.

Jobs & skills

Work and capability that follow once a place can participate in the economy.

Business development

Enterprises that can operate where connectivity, access and services exist.

Local economic activity

Benefit that is experienced in the neighbourhoods and towns where people live.

12 — COLLABORATION

Development Requires Partnership

Partnership with The People Agency is strategic. It is an invitation to work on developmental problems with seriousness — not a request for charity.

**GOVERNMENT &
MUNICIPALITIES****DFIS, BANKS &
INVESTORS****CORPORATES &
FOUNDATIONS****UNIVERSITIES &
COMMUNITIES****Project co-development**

Joint origination and structuring of high-impact projects from concept through mobilisation.

Funding & investment

Capital participation or development funding once a project is sufficiently structured to receive it.

Programme sponsorship

Support for targeted development initiatives within the organisation's published agenda.

Technical partnership

Specialist capability, technology and infrastructure provided by operators who can deliver.

Implementation partnership

Joint execution of projects and programmes with public, private or civic delivery partners.

Research & institutional collaboration

Evidence, data and development innovation with universities and research institutions.

No named government, DFI, bank or corporate relationships are listed in this profile. Partnership is described as a model, not as a roster of clients.

13 — INSTITUTIONAL VALUE

Why Partner With Us

The organisation's value is the way it works: origination with implementation in view, and partnership as the method of delivery.

01 Development-led project origination

Work begins with a developmental challenge and is converted into a project that can be taken seriously.

02 A clear focus on implementation

Concepts are shaped so they can move, with the right partners, from strategy into execution.

03 Technology, infrastructure and enterprise in one mandate

Digital systems, place-based development and SME participation are held together rather than treated as unrelated programmes.

04 Partnership-driven execution

Government, capital, industry, universities and communities are convened around work of consequence.

05 Commercial and social impact thinking

Projects are developed to be commercially viable and socially impactful — not one at the expense of the other.

06 African market understanding, with South African roots

The work is rooted in South Africa and informed by the wider African development context.

07 Models designed to be scalable

The organisation develops approaches capable of operating beyond a single site, without claiming they already do.

08 Employment and economic participation as the test

The mandate is jobs and opportunity. Unverified track-record statistics are not used to decorate that claim.

How We Define Impact

Impact is whether people are better able to participate in the economy, whether communities are more connected to opportunity, and whether institutions are better equipped to serve the public they exist for.

These are the metrics through which projects should ultimately be evaluated. No verified results are published in this edition. The organisation would rather be precise than impressive.

Jobs created Employment and livelihood outcomes attributable to implemented work. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Enterprises supported SMEs and entrepreneurs that have received structured support. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Capital mobilised Public, private and development resources committed to projects. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Infrastructure delivered Physical or digital infrastructure actually brought into use. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA
People reached Individuals who have used, joined or been served by implemented work. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Communities enabled Places where development is experienced as usable opportunity. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Institutional efficiency Public and partner capability improved through the work. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA	Youth economic participation Young people connected to skills, enterprise and work pathways. AWAITING VERIFIED DATA

15 — GEOGRAPHY

Built in Africa. Designed for African Scale.

The work is rooted in South Africa and informed by the wider African development context. Continental scale is an ambition for models that prove themselves — not a claim of current operations beyond the country in which the organisation is registered.

01

Current operations

South Africa. The organisation is a registered non-profit in South Africa. Public programmes are framed from this base.

02

Development opportunities

African markets in which the same project logic — origination, partnership, implementation — can be examined with local partners. No country roster is implied.

03

Future expansion

Scale across African markets as projects, partnerships and operating models justify it. Expansion is earned, not announced in advance.

GEOGRAPHIC FACT

South Africa.

An African institution with a future-facing mandate. The continent's most important opportunities will be shaped by how people, institutions and technology are brought together.

NOT A MAP OF ACTIVE COUNTRY
OPERATIONS

16 — PRINCIPLES

How We Work

Delivery is governed by a small set of standards. They are operating principles, not a substitute for a published governance code or board register.

Integrity

The organisation states only what it can stand behind. Unverified claims are withheld.

Accountability

Work is carried with discipline and a clear sense of who is responsible for moving it.

Evidence-led development

Results are published when they are verified. Precision is preferred to performance.

Partnership

No institution can address complex developmental challenges alone. Collaboration is method.

Sustainability

Projects are developed so they can last — operationally, financially and socially.

Commercial discipline

Work is shaped to be commercially viable as well as socially impactful.

Community impact

Communities are participants in development, not objects of it.

Responsible innovation

Technology is pursued as an instrument of inclusion, not inequality.

Measurable outcomes

What matters is what changes for people, communities and institutions.

17 — INVITATION

**Africa does not lack opportunity.
The challenge is converting
opportunity into structured,
investable and implementable
projects.**

That is where The People Agency intends to play its role.

Partner with us to build projects that create jobs, strengthen communities and unlock sustainable economic opportunity.

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18 — CONTACT

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originating projects that create jobs.

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