



[The Social Audit Network \(SAN\)](#)

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[The Social Audit Network](#) (SAN) has recently launched a Social Audit Video and new logo.

The video showcases different social audits conducted in various locations by member organisations of the network around South Africa. Afesis-corporation is one of the founders of the SAN. The video shares a glimpse into the Social Audits conducted by Equal Education (in Gauteng and Cape Town), Afesis-corporation (in the Eastern Cape), the Social Justice Coalition and Ndifuna Ukwazi (in Cape Town) and Planact (in Gauteng). The video will be available to view soon on the new SAN website. The Social Audit methodology is a process used and accessible to communities to raise awareness and to engage government in a different manner about the challenges faced in poor communities such as issues around the access to quality basic services like housing, water and sanitation. Please follow this [link](#) for more information on Social Audit case studies in South Africa.



[The Scenery Park Phase 3 Housing Story](#)

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The construction of 947 houses for the Scenery Park Phase 3 beneficiaries in East London finally started in June 2017. These households have been waiting for their approved houses for more than 20 years. Afesis-corporation partnered with the community in 2014 and built the capacity of the community to better engage with the Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements around their housing needs. Currently the beneficiaries are hands-on in the process of monitoring the construction of their houses. Afesis-corporation recently compiled [a short video clip](#) that captures the journey of the Scenery Park Phase 3 beneficiaries and gives an inside look at the community's struggles that began in 1994. Also see a previous video put together by Afesis-corporation called ['A](#)

[purposeful pursuit](#) which gives a bit more detail about this story.



#COMMUNITYFIRST: Scenery Park community put their community first

#COMMUNITYFIRST was the brainchild of the Scenery Park Phase 3 beneficiaries as a symbol of their demand to participate and be included in the development of their own houses. The beneficiaries who had been waiting for the delivery of the houses for which subsidies were approved 20 years ago are wanting to participate in a meaningful manner in monitoring the construction process so that their houses are not left with defects as many projects they had witnessed. To do this, the community is using social accountability tools such as the social audit for monitoring purposes. This is one of the first few models in which the community had requested to include a community-driven monitoring process during construction, which is normally a technical process. For more on the Scenery Park project visit www.afesis.org.za and look out for the hashtag on our [Twitter](#) (@Afesiscorplan) and [Facebook](#) (Afesis-corplan) pages.



Afesis in Action March 2017: Working with communities towards the realisation of dignified housing

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Scenery Park Phase 3 Housing Issue

View the video "Scenery Park: a purposeful pursuit"