

an ever-present and heart-breaking challenge.

I can say that homelessness is not unique to Cape Town, it is a worldwide thing. People live on the streets for a number of reasons including unemployment, domestic problems and substance abuse.

Cape Town is caught in the hard position of balancing the rights of street people with those of other communities.

What are the communities of Muizenberg doing to help them? It is so sad seeing even newborns in the street.

And I have witnessed people who are helping them, and posting it on social media to gain popularity with their Twitter, Instagram and Facebook followers. I am just wondering what is the local government doing about this growing problem?

We see so many things being implemented but the government is really not seeing the urgent need to come up solutions for this problem. Instead, what you see are just talks of Expanded Public Works programmes on TV, but on the ground we see no change and people who really need help don't receive it.

I recently heard of the Street People Policy which I doubt will help the homeless since they don't have any idea such a policy exists.

The law enforcement agencies will continue to harass these people. I believe this issue is everyone's responsibility, more so for the government.

The community is responsible by making donations in any kind and to work with street people, instead of fuelling the culture of aggressive begging and hand-outs we see at many of our intersections on a daily basis.

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Homelessness issue demands urgency

THERE has many discussions recently in the college, during lunch, about people who live on the streets. My schoolmates and I are discussing this with a purpose to find the best solution we can to