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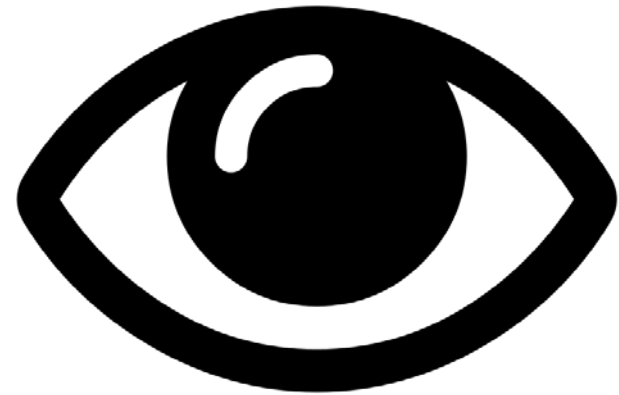
***Entrepreneurship:** The role that occupational therapists should play in addressing unemployment in South Africa.*





# OVERVIEW

- Statistics
- Work & What OTs say
- Way forward
- Remarks





# WORK

- What is work?
  - Diverse
  - Gives identity
  - Necessary for human survival
- Employed or Self employed or Both
- If you were to wake up unemployed?
  - You, Family, Economy & etc.



# UNEMPLOYMENT



- No source of income
- ↑ Unemployment in SA (> disabled community)
- 8/10 people living with a disability are unemployed
- Rely more on government
- Exacerbating factors e.g. discrimination etc.
- Corporate: Prefer able bodied
- Fact: Most needs





# SA AUTHORITIES



- Unemployment → ↑burden on government
- Threat to the economy
  - Spurt in prices
- State solutions
  - Disability grant
  - Encourages **self employment**
- Institutions in place e.g. SAIE





# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

- Occupational Therapy Philosophy
- OTs advocate for patients rights
- OTs facilitate RTW
- OTs Primary “Business” = ADLs
- Awareness and willingness to address unemployment
- More needs to be done OTs





# CASE STUDY

- Mr (Not his real name)
- Tinstwalo village :rural area in Mpumalanga
- **Age:** 41
- **HLOE:** Standard 8
- **Family:** Wife & 3 children
- **Diagnosis:** Trauma to R UL
- **Occupation:** Tractor driver
- **Current occupation:** self-employed





# CONCLUSION



- OTs to play a role **IDENTIFYING & FACILITATING self-employment and entrepreneurship**





## ...TO THINK ABOUT

- Occupational Therapist!
  - Where are YOUR patients likely to end up if unemployed?
  - Do you think you have a role to play combating unemployment?



**THANK YOU 😊**





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