The Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) and the South African Research Chair in Social Welfare and Development at the University of Johannesburg invite you to the seminar titled:

**How are social grant beneficiaries using grants to generate income?**

South Africa has an extensive social assistance programme reaching almost 40% of the population, with positive impacts on poverty levels and several human development outcomes. Despite the positive benefits of social protection in South Africa, these transfers are often insufficient to cover the basic needs of beneficiaries.

The seminar presents the findings of a qualitative study conducted in Soweto among a diverse urban group of grant beneficiaries. The study found that complex and nuanced livelihood strategies, i.e. income generation activities, were being used to 'increase' their grants. Despite participants' exercise of agency, the study also documented the challenges and constraints that limited their livelihood outcomes, such as access to credit, security, high levels of poverty in the community, and unemployment. These will also be unpacked during the seminar.

**Moderator:** Dr Sophie Plagerson, Researcher at the CSDA

**Speaker:** Chibuikem Nnaeme, DST/NRF SARCHi Social Welfare and Development PhD Candidate

**DATE:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019  
**TIME:** 13:30 for 14:00  
**VENUE:** Wole Soyinka Auditorium, University of Johannesburg Library, Bunting Road, Auckland Park  
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