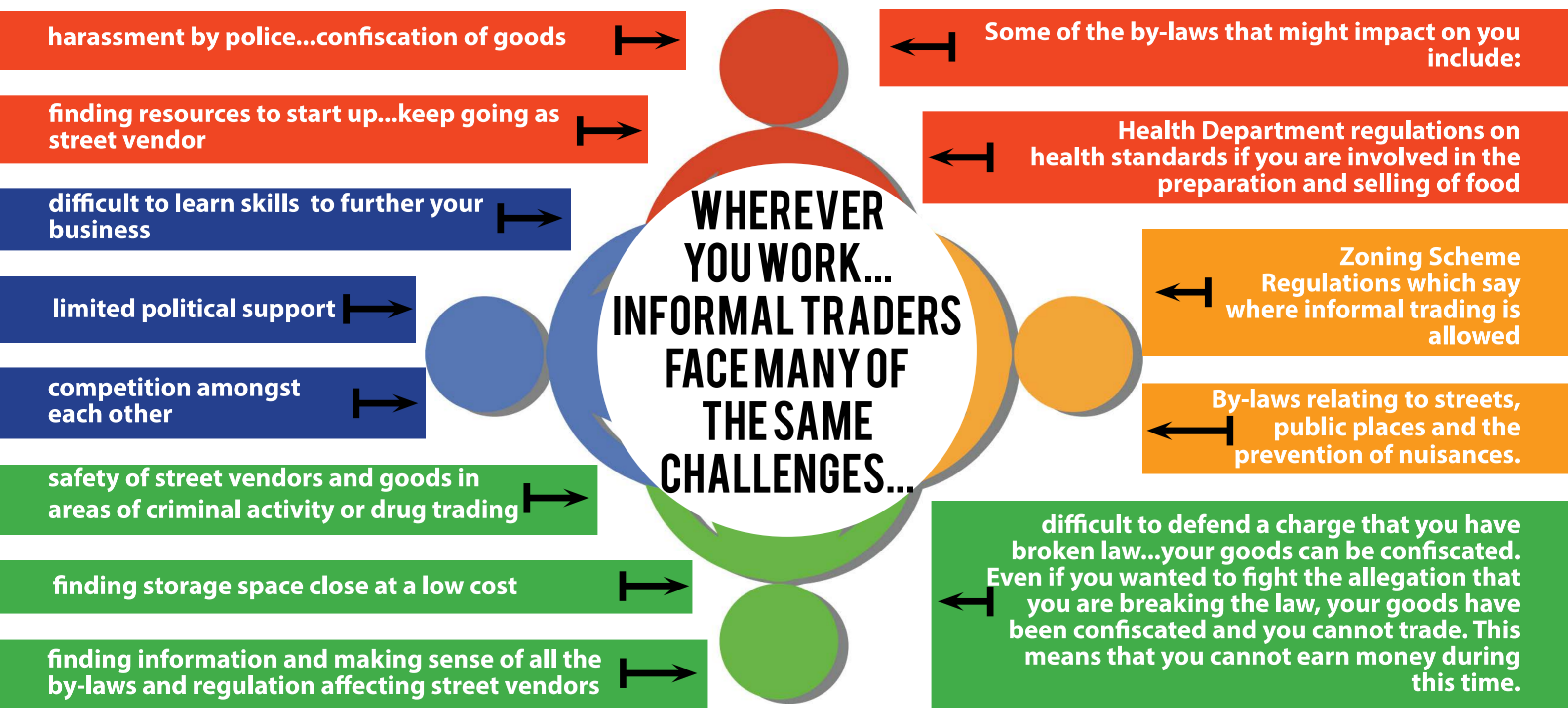


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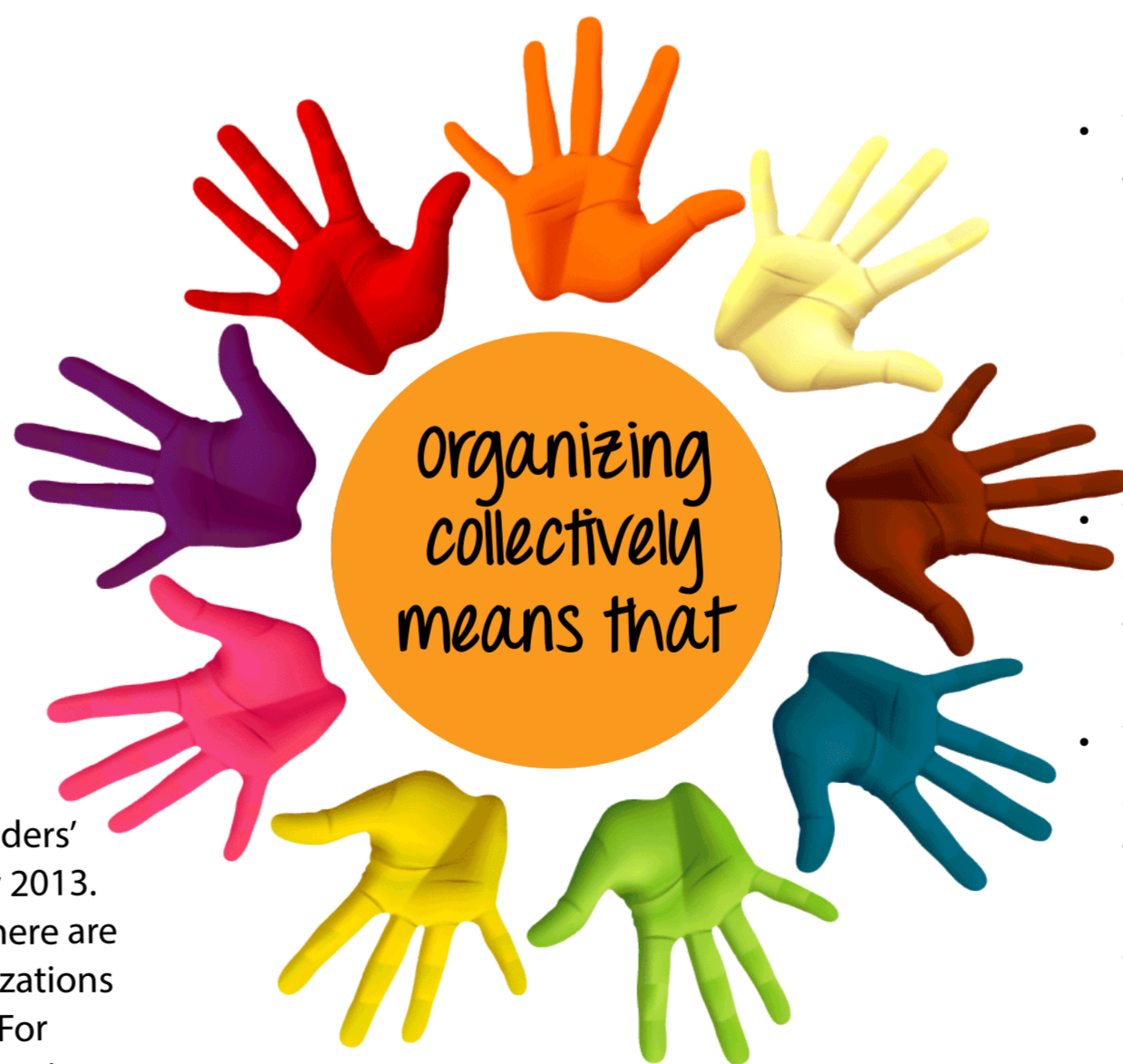
organising to overcome challenges

As informal traders, you trade in many different circumstances - you might trade regularly...and always in the same place.
 You might only trade for special events...you might trade for markets...
 or you might be a mobile trader...



Knowing your rights in the law and using the law to defend your rights is one way to help you overcome these challenges.

The other way to protect and strengthen your position and your right to trade is to organise collectively.



- You will go into municipal forums and other formal interactions with government officials from a position of strength, carrying a mandated position
- You will be able to collectively defend the rights that you do have in the law
- You will be able to mobilise and organise around the demand for policies, regulations and by-laws that will effectively strengthen the position of street vendors.

What organizations exist for street vendors?

The South African Informal Traders' Alliance was established in May 2013. This is a national structure. But there are also many street vendors' organizations that operate at a local level. For instance, in Johannesburg there is SANTRA, SAITF, One Voice Traders, GIDA, and Kliptown Hawkers. While in Cape Town there is the Cape Town Informal Traders Coalition.

Find out who the street vendors organization in your area is.

