

# SOUTH AFRICA

## DEVELOPMENT FUND

### FY 2010 Grants

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS: HIV/AIDS** **Community Media Trust, Muizenberg, South Africa**

\$ 20,000

Community Media Trust (CMT) grew out of the Treatment Action Campaign. CMT creates programming called *Siyayinqoba Beat It!* that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS. CMT produces 26 TV episodes yearly - primarily from the viewpoint of people living with AIDS. The programs have been credited with popularizing treatment despite the infamous HIV denialism of Thabo Mbeki's presidency. CMT is currently using its expertise to advocate for effective HIV prevention through universal testing and medical male circumcision.

#### **Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa**

\$ 25,322

The Tutu Foundation is a major force in both international HIV research and prevention outreach to South African communities. It recently collaborated with the citizens of Masiphumelele, a township outside of Cape Town, in establishing a youth center. The center will address high-risk behavior by providing recreation, education and health services to vulnerable youth ages 8-24 years.

#### **Treatment Action Campaign, Cape Town, South Africa**

\$ 455,000 *Community Health Advocates*

\$ 18,000 *Women's Rights Programme*

\$ 32,285 *general support*

Now in its 12th year, the Treatment Action Campaign is one of the most effective activist organizations worldwide. TAC's contribution to HIV treatment has saved thousands of lives across South Africa where more than 1 million people now receive treatment due to the efforts of this organization. After its victories against the government and pharmaceutical companies, TAC refocused its activism in its Community Health Advocates program to strengthen HIV prevention efforts



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and to monitor failings in local health services. TAC maintains its involvement with international activism, policy development, pressuring drug companies and researching scientific advances in HIV/AIDS.

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS:** **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** **groundWork, Durban, South Africa & groundWork USA, Boston, MA**

\$ 58,625

As an advocate for vulnerable communities and a corporate pollution watchdog, groundWork has become one of the leading environmental justice organizations in South Africa. groundWork tackles the issues of air quality, waste management and industrial pollution by empowering affected communities to organize awareness campaigns and mass protests. groundWork USA leads the global campaign against the destructive practices of South Africa-based steel giant ArcelorMittal and is instrumental in the campaign against the environmentally damaging coal-to-liquid technology.

#### **CIVIL SOCIETY & HUMAN RIGHTS** **Abahlali baseMjondolo, Durban, South Africa**

\$ 32,653

The number of shack communities in urban areas is constantly on the rise. Many have faced apartheid-style forced removals to outlying areas making it impossible for residents to access employment, schools and healthcare. Abahlali baseMjondolo, a coalition of 45 shack settlements, is the largest and fastest growing social movement in post-apartheid South Africa. After winning a landmark decision against forced removals in the Constitutional Court, Abahlali continues to challenge illegal practices against its members.

#### **Abahlali baseMjondolo Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa**

\$ 20,000

More people lack housing in the Cape Town area than any other part of South Africa. Fifteen informal settlements comprise this democratically-run movement which works in solidarity with the Poor People's Alliance to advocate for the rights of shack dwellers. Abahlali Western Cape organizes workshops to educate members about their constitutional rights and works to resolve community grievances with local authorities.

### **Art for Humanity, Durban, South Africa**

\$ 6,100

The power of art to induce social change has motivated Art for Humanity to create potent and lasting works of human rights-centered public art. This year, AFH created Real Stories Gallery, an online visual arts collaboration between artists and people affected by AIDS. The site will sell works to benefit the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation before becoming a permanent exhibition.

### **Artist Proof Studio, Johannesburg, South Africa**

\$ 12,355

Artist Proof is a world-class printmaking studio and resource for developing township artists. Along with teaching and printmaking, Artist Proof has long been involved with the connections between art and social justice. The Studio's Advocacy Unit immerses young artists with a human rights consciousness by focusing on public art campaigns that address gender violence, HIV/AIDS prevention and xenophobia.

### **Social Justice Coalition, Cape Town, South Africa**

\$ 50,000

The Social Justice Coalition was formed in June 2008 in response to xenophobic attacks against foreign nationals living in South Africa. It has since evolved into a broader activist organization focused on keeping the South African government accountable for its treatment of the country's most vulnerable. Working with other civil society organizations, SJC puts pressure on government to carry out its mandate in line with the Constitution and international standards of human rights.

### **Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee, Soweto, South Africa**

\$ 20,000

SECC was founded by Soweto-based veterans of South Africa's struggle to end apartheid. Its initial campaign against the high cost of electricity in poor communities



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has expanded to issues like adequate housing, unemployment and the privatization of water. SECC asserts that the latter jeopardizes the lives of poor people and is particularly hard on women who need water for household chores, caring for children and tending to the sick.

### **Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign, Cape Town, South Africa**

\$ 21,250

In Cape Town, more than 400,000 people are currently on the waiting list for housing. The WCAEC believes this backlog to be a product of the government's ongoing neglect of the rights of poor people to housing and other basic services. WCAEC maintains that current municipal practices based on class and political affiliation make it easier for government officials to implement policies that neglect the needs of the poorest citizens.



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