

SOUTH AFRICA

DEVELOPMENT FUND

The South Africa Development Fund (SADF) is a 501(c)3 organization established in 1985 by South African political exiles. SADF provides grants to community-based organizations committed to social justice and human rights through health, education, economic development, environmental justice and democracy-building. SADF seeks to use philanthropy to promote grassroots activism aimed at providing resources to communities disadvantaged by decades of apartheid policies. Since its inception, the organization has facilitated cooperation between Americans and South Africans to enhance social and economic justice in South Africa.

SADF Grants Program

SADF's grants support South Africa's civil society in a long history of advocating for equality and human rights at the grassroots. Our grants this year included the following organizations:

Abahlali baseMjondolo, Durban, South Africa

A struggle that started for land, housing and dignity in the Kennedy Road settlement in Durban in 2005 has now grown throughout the country to 46 branches across five provinces. Abahlali baseMjondolo (AbM), is a coalition of shack dwellers vigorously campaigning for rights to land, public services and freedom from illegal evictions. AbM works to educate communities on how to build popular power from below to take the struggle for justice forward. abahlali.org

Ahmed Kathrada Foundation Trust, Gauteng, South Africa

Founded in 2008, to carry out the work and legacy of anti-apartheid stalwart Ahmed Kathrada. The vital work of the foundation continues his generation's work of advancing the principles of the South African liberation struggle, and to deepen non-racialism in post-apartheid South Africa.

www.kathradafoundation.org

Artist Proof Studio (APS), Johannesburg, South Africa

Artist Proof Studio (APS) is a community-based printmaking center, founded on a sense of shared humanity whereby people of talent and passion can reach for excellence in art making to achieve self-sustainability. APS provides an environment to develop citizens with a common set of values, expressed in the notion of Ubuntu, that have talent and passion to achieve artistic excellence. APS focuses on printmaking and its allied outreach programs to build capacity of people to reach self-actualization and make a difference in society. artistproofstudio.co.za



Children race go-karts in Gugulethu township in Cape Town.
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Children of South Africa (CHOSA), Cape Town, South Africa

Children of South Africa (CHOSA) partners with community-based preschool initiatives and children's homes to strengthen community care and education options for children in some of Cape Town's poorest communities. Capacity building initiatives provide a range of trainings in early childhood development best practices to sound financial management encouraging partners to become more sustainable organizations. chosa.org



Commercial, Stevedoring, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union (CSAAWU) led over 200 people through Robertson, demanding better working conditions for farm workers.

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Equal Education, Cape Town, South Africa

Equal Education (EE) is a social movement led by students, educators and activists to address inequality in the education system. EE engages in evidence-based activism, ensuring students have textbooks, sanitation, safe schools and transportation. EE promotes the right to education, the belief that participation in the democratic system can bring change to education, society and equal opportunities. equaleducation.org.za

GroundUp, Cape Town, South Africa

Ground Up's inception in 2012, created a non-profit media organization focused on community journalism, reporting stories in line with the constitutional rights of housing, education, health, safety, a decent environment, justice, food and dignity. Dedicated to publishing news that matters across South Africa. groundup.org.za

groundWork, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

groundWork is South Africa's largest and most respected environmental justice watchdog and advocacy group. The organization connects environmental conditions to health, poverty and human rights and effectively links research and advocacy to policy goals. groundWork.org.za

Khayelitsha Music Academy, Khayelitsha, South Africa

Khayelitsha Music Academy (KMA) provides music education to children in an afterschool instrumental and singing program. KMA enables early music education for children who lack access to enriching opportunities by providing an introduction to musical and artistic expression and learning.

Ndifuna Ukwazi, Cape Town, South Africa

Ndifuna Ukwazi (NU) – 'Dare to Know' is an activist organization and law centre that promotes the realization of constitutional rights and social justice – through legal, research and organizing support to working class people, communities and social movements. NU works to advance urban land justice – that is the protection and promotion of access to affordable, well located housing in Cape Town; building inclusive and sustainable communities; and supporting tenant rights and security of tenure in both private and public housing. nu.org.za

Ntinga Ntaba kaNdoda, Keiskammahoek, South Africa

A community catalyst project to promote community self-determination in Keiskammahoek South, Eastern Cape. Ntingani Loocha is a holistic intervention that combines the development of rural youth as agents and leaders of socio-economic change, grassroots activism and civic engagement. The program works to mentor youth with the aim of achieving socio-economic change through local economic alternatives and the realization of constitutional rights and democracy building initiatives.

Puka Children's Literature Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa

Puka is a reading promotion and book development organization working to build solid networks of African language activists, practitioners and academics; recognized as a thought leader on strengthening the children's literature and reading ecosystem. It has two interrelated and mutually supportive programs – 'Puku Digital' and 'Community Engage', both devoted to serving the literary and reading ecosystem by creating dynamic and interactive links between creators, producers and consumers of children's literature. puku.co.za

Section27, Johannesburg, South Africa

Section27 is a public interest law center that seeks to achieve substantive equality and social justice in South Africa. Section27 uses law, advocacy, legal literacy, research and community mobilization to achieve access to healthcare services and basic education. Section27 aims to achieve structural change and accountability to ensure the dignity and equality of everyone. section27.org.za

Social Justice Coalition, Cape Town, South Africa

The Social Justice Coalition (SJC) is a membership-based social movement rooted in the informal settlements around Cape Town. SJC's campaigns are based on research, education, and advocacy. Organizing for the rights of informal settlement residents to dignity, equality, and justice and working to ensure all people have access to a democratic and effective police and criminal justice system. sjc.org.za

South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)

South Durban, South Africa

South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) is an environmental justice organization, made up of 19 affiliate organizations. Since 1995, SDCEA has been organizing, reporting and researching industrial incidents and accidents by oil refineries, paper mills and other toxic industries in Durban. SDCEA advocates for legislation and measures that prevent pollution and ecological degradation, supports the community as it continuously struggles for clean air, water and soil and for the alleviation of environmental racism and poverty. In 2022, SDCEA responded to the devastating floods in eThekweni Municipality. sdcea.co.za



South Durban Community Environmental Alliance calls for more action from the state to mitigate climate change in a demonstration against oil and gas exploration along South Africa's eastern coastline .

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Treatment Action Campaign, Cape Town, South Africa

The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) was founded to fight for access to AIDS treatment. TAC's campaigns were instrumental in securing a universal government-provided AIDS treatment program, which has since become the world's largest with almost five-million South Africans now on treatment. TAC continues to play a national role in policy development, monitoring of government health services, educating communities and advocating for people with HIV/AIDS and TB. tac.org.za

Trust for Community Outreach and Education, Cape Town, South Africa

The Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE) works with farm workers and farm dwellers aimed at overcoming grinding poverty, evictions and other labor and human rights abuses that take place on the farms. Working in collaboration with a small independent farm workers' union – the Commercial Stevedores, Agriculture and Allied Workers Union (CSAAWU), to build self-organization and agency; raising of awareness of socio-economic-labor rights and the establishment of a Rural Legal Centre in Nkqubela/Robertson that services between 60 -100 people per week. tcoesa.org



Women on Farms march to Parliament demanding changes to land distribution and a moratorium on evictions from farms.

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Unemployed People's Movement, Makhanda, South Africa

The Unemployed People's Movement (UPM) advocates for change for the jobless, addresses food sovereignty and the climate crisis affecting the poor. In 2021, UPM won an unprecedented case dissolving the Makana Local Municipality after years of not meeting the basic needs of residents due to corruption. UPM continues to challenge issues of unemployment, poor-quality housing, lack of water and sanitation, lack of electricity and street lighting, and violence against women.

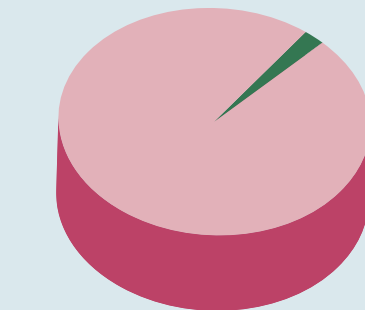


Young people, marched to Parliament calling for policies to reduce climate change on Heritage Day

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SADF is dedicated to ensuring donations are directly supporting the challenges our grantees are facing on the ground in South Africa.

Total Grants FY22: \$288,325



95% Direct Grants
5% Administration & Fundraising