

# 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](http://abahlali.org)



Credit- Ashraf Hendricks, GroundUp

#### **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, the Freedom Charter, Constitution and to deepen non-racialism in post-apartheid South Africa. [www.kathradafoundation.org](http://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](http://artistproofstudio.co.za)

#### **Equal Education, Cape Town, South Africa**

Equal Education (EE) is a social movement led by students, educators and activists to address inequality in the South African education system. EE engages in evidence-based activism, ensuring students have textbooks, sanitation, safe schools and transportation. EE promotes the right to education, with the firm belief that participation in the democratic system

can bring change to education, society and equal opportunities. [equaleducation.org.za](http://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](http://groundup.org.za)



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### **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](http://groundWork.org.za)

### **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](http://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.



Credit- Masixole Feni, GroundUp

### **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 literacy and reading by creating dynamic and interactive links between creators, producers and consumers of children's literature. [puku.co.za](http://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](http://section27.org.za)



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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](http://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. [www.tcoe.org.za](http://www.tcoe.org.za)

## 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.



Credit- Ndifuna Ukwazi

**Zabalaza Pathways Institute,  
East London, South Africa**

Pathways mission is to catalyze, educate, train, support, enable and accompany self-organized movements standing for social justice. Supporting movements in connecting their immediate struggles, here-and-now reforms with the long-term agenda for transformative structural change



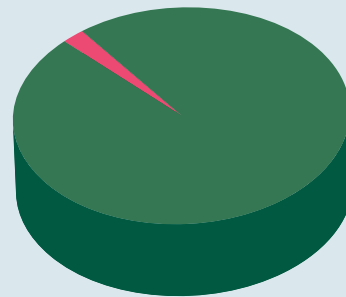
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SADF is dedicated to ensuring donations are directly supporting the challenges our grantees are facing on the ground in South Africa.

**Total Grants FY24: \$1,447,538**



3% Operating Expenses

97% Direct Grants

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