SOUTH AFRICA
DEVELOPMENT FUND

The South Africa Development Fund (SADF) is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1985 by South African political exiles. We provide grants to community-based organizations and movements committed to social justice and human rights across health, education, economic development, and environmental justice. SADF uses philanthropy to strengthen grassroots activism and to channel resources to communities long disadvantaged by apartheid's legacy. Since its inception, SADF has fostered cooperation between Americans and South Africans to advance social and economic justice and to support organizations working at the forefront of community-led change.

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 (AbM), Durban, South Africa

The struggle that started for land, housing, and dignity in the Kennedy Road settlement in Durban in 2005 has now grown throughout the country to ninety-three branches across four 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**



Credit- Abahlali baseMjondolo (The Residents of the Shacks)



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Ahmed Kathrada Foundation Trust, Johannesburg, South Africa

Founded in 2008, to continue 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**

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 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, who 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



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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 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

GroundUp, Cape Town, South Africa

Since its inception in 2012, GroundUp has been 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**



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Ndifuna Ukwazi, Cape Town, South Africa

Ndifuna Ukwazi (NU), meaning '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, which 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**

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**

Treatment Action Campaign, Cape Town, South Africa

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



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

The Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE) works to strengthen the voice and agency of poor and working-class communities as they assert their rights to livelihoods, food sovereignty, and a life of dignity. The organization recognizes that meaningful transformation in the lives of the rural poor requires collective organization around a shared platform, one that confronts systemic challenges such as landlessness, underdevelopment, food insecurity, poverty, lack of services, patriarchy, climate disasters, and hunger. Central to TCOE's approach is the building of movements and leadership rooted in community struggles. **tcoe.org.za**

Zabalaza Pathways Institute, East London, South Africa

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



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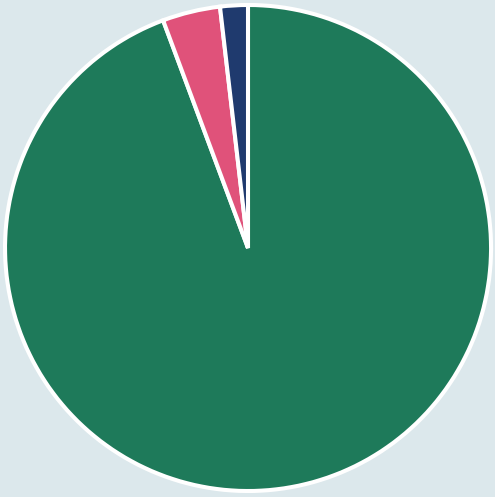
FY25 Financial Summary

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

Total Grants FY25: $516,199

Total Expenses FY25: $577,740

- 94.3% Program Expenses, $544,912 (includes $516,199 in grants)
- 3.8% Management and General, $22,201
- 1.8% Fundraising, $10,627



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