

# 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 concerned 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 and impressive history of advocating for equality and human rights at the grassroots. Our grants this year went to 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.

[www.abahlali.org](http://www.abahlali.org)



Informal Settlement fires *Ashraf Hendricks/GroundUp*

**Artist Proof Studio**  
**(APS)**, Johannesburg, South Africa

Artist Proof Studio 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. APS focuses on printmaking and its allied outreach programs to build capacity of people to reach self-actualization and make a difference in society. [www.artistproofstudio.co.za](http://www.artistproofstudio.co.za)

**CHOSA**, Cape Town, South Africa

CHOSA seeks to make a difference in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children by providing safe and nurturing homes and experiences. CHOSA partners with a range of community-based initiatives, with a specific focus on strengthening community care and education for children in some of Cape Town's poorest communities.

[www.chosa.org](http://www.chosa.org)



School Budget Cut Protest *Equal Education*

## 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.

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

## Ground Up, Cape Town, South Africa

Ground Up's inception in 2012, created a media organization staffed by working class journalists dedicated to reporting stories on the human rights

of the most vulnerable, from South Africa's townships on education, health, housing, sanitation, women's rights and immigrants' rights. [www.groundup.org.za](http://www.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. [www.groundwork.org.za](http://www.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.

## Making the Road, Chicago, Illinois, US

Making the Road (MTR) supports activism for social change movements in Southern Africa through educational tours and advocacy, working to bridge the work of activists in the US and Africa.

## Ndifuna Ukwazi, Cape Town, South Africa

Ndifuna Ukwazi (NU) 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 sustain-



Music instruction and practice Khayelitsha Music Academy



able mixed use and mixed income communities; and supporting tenant rights and security of tenure in both private and public housing. [www.nu.org.za](http://www.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.

### **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. [www.section27.co.za](http://www.section27.co.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. [www.sjc.org.za](http://www.sjc.org.za)



Youth climate protest

Ashraf Hendricks/GroundUp

### **Spotlight**, Cape Town, South Africa

Spotlight is an online commentary publication produced by Section27 and the Treatment Action Campaign to monitor the response to TB and HIV, and the state of the health system in accordance with the National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB. [www.spotlightnsp.co.za](http://www.spotlightnsp.co.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)

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

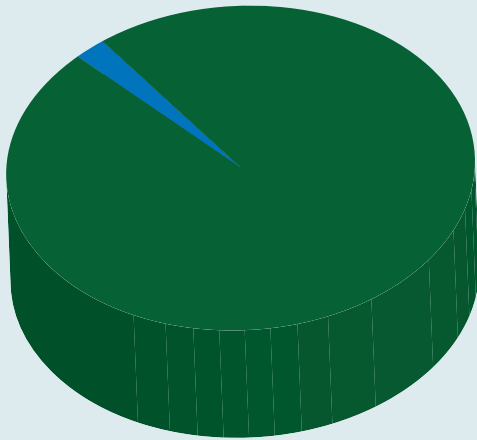
The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) was founded to fight for access to AIDS treatment. TAC's campaigns were instrumental in securing a universal government-provided AIDS treatment program, which has since become the world's largest with almost five-million South Africans now on treatment. TAC continues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

## Unemployed People's Movement, Grahamstown, 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 January 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.

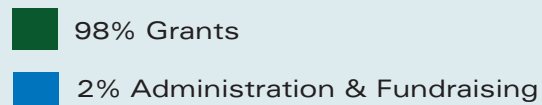


Children wait for food during Covid-19 lockdown *Brenton Geach/GroundUp*



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

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