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SOUTH AFRICA PROGRAM

The Africa Fund has since 1966 supported the struggle for African freedom by educating Americans about apartheid, supporting grass roots organizations that point the way towards a new southern Africa, and advocating a U.S. policy that supports political and economic justice.

For many years the Africa Fund has also supported refugee education and resettlement and the health and educational work of the African National Congress, SWAPO and other liberation movements. We continue to support small local projects in southern Africa, through the Sun City project and other donations.

Three of our current South Africa programs are:

Labor Desk

Established in January 1991, the Africa Fund Labor Desk supports expanded communications between South African and U.S. labor at the grass roots level. The Desk works closely with international unions active on South Africa, including ACTWU, AFSCME, the ILGWU, the UAW and the United Mineworkers of America. The Desk also engages a national network of regional and municipal anti-apartheid labor committees, progressive locals and union activists to promote solidarity with the 1.2 million member Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) in the struggle against apartheid racism and economic exploitation. The Labor Desk provides a range of services to activists including information, resources, solidarity campaigns, and union to union links.

Women's Project

The Africa Fund Women's Project was established in October 1992 to support women's empowerment in southern Africa. The Project works to expand connections between U.S. women and southern African women engaged in the struggle for women's liberation. The Project educates Americans about the situation of women in southern Africa, particularly the issues around which they are organizing. The Project also provides resources and information to southern African women on topics they request, such as violence against women, legislation for women's equality and training. The Project identifies specific areas around which concerned people in the U.S. can advocate for women in southern Africa. For U.S. activists, the project provides briefings by southern African women leaders, a support campaign for the South African Women's Charter, network building, and information.

Civics

The Africa Fund works closely with the South African National Civics Organization (SANCO) and its affiliated local civic organizations to build support for grass roots organizing in South Africa's Black communities. Community development specialists from the United States have been paired with members of South Africa civic organizations in an effort to address the very specific technical and logistical needs of their area. This project has included a tour of the U.S. by SANCO officials Moses Mayekiso and Dan Sandi to introduce them to members of local government and community planners in this country.

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