

PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE EMBASSY OF FINLAND IN PRETORIA THROUGH ITS FUND FOR LOCAL COOPERATION (2017-2019)

SOUTH AFRICA

THE CLOTHING BANK- Enterprise development project

The Clothing Bank was founded in 2010 in Cape Town, aiming to “inspire skill and support unemployed mothers to eradicate poverty in their lives”. The Clothing Bank receives excess goods from South African retailers, and the women participating in its business training programme buy the discounted merchandise and sell it in their own communities with the objective of earning at least 4000 ZAR per month.

The objective of this project is to support 150 women over a two-year period through the Clothing Bank’s Enterprise Development Programme. Support is given through two of The Clothing Bank’s six branches, namely Johannesburg and East London. The women are offered training in business skills, financial literacy, life skills and computer skills, and they will be able to receive an informal small business practice qualification.

Website: www.theclothingbank.org.za

ENKE - Trailblazer and catalyst programme

Enke: Make Your Mark is a leadership development organisation that generates and incubates youth-led social impact. They run holistic development programs that pass on skills and belief systems that enable young people to become the change they seek in the world. ENKE’s leadership development programmes provide young people with theoretical and practical skills that make it possible for them to become effective leaders in their communities.

The project supports two interventions. The Trailblazer Programme is a social action and leadership development programme targeting learners in Grades 10 and 11. The programme incubates youth social impact projects over nine months during which the participants address community issues that they feel passionate about. The Catalyst Programme is for young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEETs). This is a pilot programme designed to actively engage NEETs by using a model that blends social good and business for them to empower themselves and their communities. In the programme, a combination of residential and non-residential training is applied, interspersed with periods of practical skills application. This project is being implemented in Gauteng and Bloemfontein and it will benefit 470 young people

Website: www.enke.co.za

INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION (IJR) - Promoting a vibrant democracy in South Africa through enabling young people’s active citizenship

IJR was launched in the year 2000, in the wake of South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The aim was to ensure that lessons learnt from South Africa’s transition from

apartheid to democracy were taken into account as the nation moved ahead. Today, Cape Town based IJR helps to build fair, inclusive and democratic societies in Africa.

The project funded by Finland is aimed at improving access to information and increasing active citizen participation in policy and decision making process, towards social change with special focus on youth between the ages 18-35. The project activities and results will empower citizen's especially young people, women and key community stakeholders to participate in social change process.

Website: www.ijr.org.za

INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES (ISS) - Promoting the rule of law, democracy and human rights through civil society action in South Africa

The ISS is an African non-profit organisation with offices in South Africa, Kenya, Ethiopia and Senegal. ISS' work covers transnational crimes, migration, maritime security and development, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, crime prevention and criminal justice, and the analysis of conflict and governance. The ISS partners to build knowledge and skills that secure Africa's future. ISS goal is to enhance human security as a means to achieve sustainable peace and prosperity. Finland's funding is core funding and the overall objective is to strengthen civil society's knowledge and capacity to promote stability, security, peace and justice through active engagement with government in SA.

Website: www.issafrica.org

SOUTH AFRICA COLLEGE FOR TOURISM (SACT) - Skills development and empowerment of young women

SA College for Tourism is a non-profit organization located in the rural town of Graff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape. It was started under the auspices of Peace Park Foundation in 2001 as an instrument of capacity building and economic empowerment aimed at young, disadvantaged rural women, linked to ecotourism.

SACT offers its hospitality trainees a year-long accredited hospitality skills development training course comprising of a 120-credit certificate in small accommodation establishment operations. The overall Objective of this project is to facilitate accredited hospitality and life skills development training of 90 marginalised young women between the ages of 18 and 35 as well as to facilitate their placement in employment or paid internships in the eco-tourism sector. SACT has maintained a 99% pass rate among its learners.

Website: peacepark.co.za/college.php

THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SAIIA) - Increasing child and youth participation in South Africa, to create a more active citizenry.

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) is an independent non-governmental organisation that has as its vision a well-governed, peaceful, sustainable and globally engaged Africa. Youth@SAIIA refers to all youth programmes at the Institute, that

give young South Africans a voice to engage with the major issues that confront them, whilst empowering them with the skills to become active citizens.

The goal of this programme is to increase youth participation in developing policy in South Africa, thereby strengthening civil society's role in the democratic process. A total of 1134 learners, educators and students in Gauteng, KwaZulu – Natal and Western Cape will be reached through this programme. South Africa needs young people to understand the issues facing the country, to know their rights and obligations as citizens, and to be given platforms where they can express their views in a knowledgeable and informed way. Policy participation, research skills, effective verbal and written communication, problem solving, negotiation, consensus building, and cross-cultural awareness are critical components of building active citizenry and are developed through all phases of this programme.

[Website: www.SAIIA.org.za](http://www.SAIIA.org.za)

UMTAPO CENTRE- Ethical governance and people's democracy

The intervention targets youth, in particular university students, the most strategically important group who will contribute effectively in building a people's democracy, promoting good governance and an accountable developmental state. The activities planned in order to achieve the objectives set out will include a roll-out of intensive training courses focusing on democracy, human rights, ethical leadership, and anti-corruption

The project is carried out among students from the following universities:

Limpopo: University of Venda, University of Polokwane

Gauteng: University of Johannesburg, University of Witswaterstrand, UNISA (Johannesburg)

Eastern Cape: Rhodes University, Walter Sisulu University, University of Fort Hare, Nelson Mandela University

KwaZulu-Natal: University of KwaZulu-Natal, UNISA (Durban), University of Zululand

Western Cape: University of Cape Town, University of Stellenbosch, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, University of Western Cape, College of Cape Town

[Website: www.umtapocentre.org.za](http://www.umtapocentre.org.za)

LESOTHO

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S LAWYERS (FIDA) - Promoting, protecting of women and children from GBV and early forced marriages in Lesotho

FIDA Lesotho is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in 1988 by a group of women lawyers who wanted to advocate for change. The organization was established to campaign for the rights of women and children to ensure social justice. Today the focus is on human rights, especially in relation to access to property, domestic abuse and inheritance/succession. The organization represents individuals in test cases which stand to break new ground for women in Lesotho.

The overall objective of this project is to promote access to justice for women and children through creation of public awareness on women's and children's right to bodily integrity. It aims to raise awareness of gender based violence in Lesotho, including through an advocacy campaign for the enactment of domestic laws such as the sexual offenses Act of 2003, the

children's protection and welfare Act of 2011, Marriage Act No: 10 of 2011 and the Anti – trafficking in person Act No: 1 of 2011. The project is also aimed at eradicating early forced marriages. Early forced child marriages are a violation of basic human rights and women and girls are mostly the survivors.

Website: <https://fidalesotho.wordpress.com/>

SESOTHO MEDIA & DEVELOPMENT- Promoting a right-based approach to sustainable development

Sesotho Media & Development (SM&D) is a non-governmental organization based in Maseru, Lesotho. The organization operates in all of Lesotho's 10 districts, using three mobile cinema units to engage communities on a range of social issues with facilitated film screening. The mobile cinema unit allows film screenings to be undertaken even in remote areas of Lesotho without access to electricity.

The overall objective of this project is to use documentary films as a tool for civic education, sensitizing rural communities in Lesotho about sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) as a human rights violation, in order to reduce violence against women, children, adolescents, sexual minorities and other vulnerable groups and promote access to justice. The project aims at addressing structural violence, discrimination and abuse through lobbying community leaders, church leaders and state bodies to include gender equality in their approaches and policies.

Website. www.sesothomedia.org

www.steps.co.za

Links to films:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boXNo2OQ_uo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcrXbMHP60Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNqcfwrWzik>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkesqMEQc0Y>