

# The Solidarity *Movement* *Support for projects*



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# The Solidarity Movement's projects as answers to SA's challenges

South Africa is a country with many problems but with so much opportunity. The Solidarity Movement is counteracting the deterioration in the country by building a network of institutions that have been established as a result of the support of the community.

Our dream is to make a lasting contribution towards the well-being of the country and its people. For this reason, we want to create the conditions that will make it possible for the Afrikaans community to stay on in the country in a way that is sustainable. To that end, we are building cultural spaces that are key to any community's free, safe and prosperous existence. More than 2 000 full-time staff and around 12 000 volunteers are involved in our 46 organisations.

In light of the realities in our country our

main challenge is to provide "public services" without state revenue to a community that is largely excluded from assistance by the government. That is why we are grateful that so many people notice the need and are prepared to carry the responsibility with us.

Our approach is to tackle those challenges we can do something about, rather than to just complain about the things we cannot do much about.

## **A Helpmekaar\* movement**

The Solidarity Movement has established a self-help organisation in every essential area. These organisations are run without tax money or shareholder capital. These institutions are supported by funds that

help ensure sustainability. Along with this, many other projects are being undertaken that serve as economic "engines" for this "Helpmekaar" movement.

The scale of our project shows clearly that each institution faces major financial challenges, but it is with tremendous gratitude that it can be said that, currently, they are all performing well, growing steadily and providing essential services to thousands of people.

Members of the public can decide themselves which institutions or funds they wish to support. For example, Akademia, which is being developed into a world-class Afrikaans university, will appeal to some while others may want to support the vocational training with its emphasis on scarce skills that is offered by Sol-Tech.

*\*Helpmekaar: literally translated, helping each other; in other words, a movement of organisations aimed at offering mutual help*

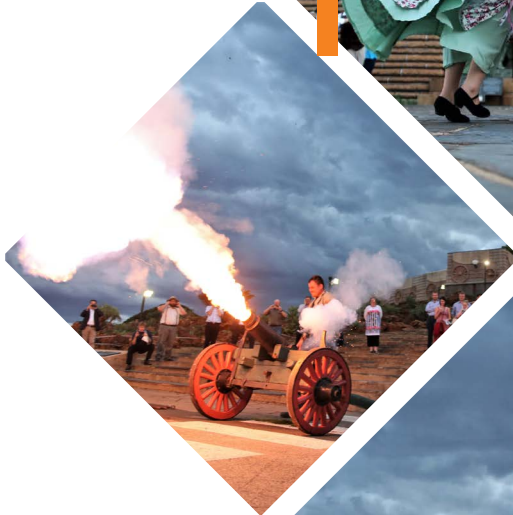
# “Support”

The fact that about 5 000 young persons are already studying at these two institutions fills us with pride.

The Solidarity Movement's schools support projects at about 800 schools aim to help ensure the future of Afrikaans education.

Working people and the older generation may identify more with Solidarity's intense battle to oppose unfair racial legislation and to thus ensure equality and fairness in the workplace.

Thanks to the regular contributions of thousands of people a network of life-size organisations is already in place, making a significant difference in the lives of thousands of people.



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Our most important projects  
*in a nutshell:*



# Sol-Tech

Sol-Tech focuses on vocational training, with a specific focus on scarce technical fields, which training leads to obtaining internationally recognised qualifications for which there is a real demand in the workplace. Sol-Tech not only wants to help young people to obtain qualifications that are appropriate for the workplace, but it wants to equip them for a career.

On 1 February 2021 Sol-Tech's world-class campus in Monument Park in Pretoria opened its doors to students. Plans are afoot to build student residences and to further expand the campus. The cost of this project amounts to almost R300 million.

“*Vocational training*”

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Sol-Tech currently offers eight vocational qualifications (previously known as trades qualifications) namely for electricians, diesel mechanics, millwrights, fitters and turners, welders, tractor mechanics and for auto electricians.

Expansion to offer yet more occupational qualifications is also on the cards.





AKADEMIA  
AD FUTURUM PER FONTES

Akademia is a young institution based on a centuries-old university tradition that has its roots in Plato's "Akademia" of 387 BC. Ten years ago, on 3 March 2012, Akademia welcomed 42 students enrolled for studies in five programmes and today, this institution boasts a student number of nearly 2 500, and it offers more than 20 programmes.

Since 2021 Akademia students have been able to attend full-time classes on campus in Centurion on premises that have been converted into a campus. For Afrikaans students it means being able to attend class in their mother tongue while at the same time being groomed for a multilingual world. Akademia currently

offers recognised BCom, BSc, BA, Law and Education degrees, while Computer Science will be offered from 2023. Work is currently being done to also offer qualifications in nursing, engineering and in various other fields.

Planning for a new campus for Akademia is also progressing well. About 200 ha of land has been bought in Pretoria and architects have already completed the first draft layout plan for the campus. In the end, the Akademia project will cost in the region of R1,7 billion. Major efforts are underway to realise our dream of being "world-class in Afrikaans". Ties are also being forged with various top universities in other countries.

*"World-class in Afrikaans"*



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**SOLIDARITEIT HELPENDE HAND**

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## “Sustainable prosperity”

Helping Hand has about 100 members of staff and 200 branches and representatives in towns in 12 regions in the country. These branches consist of volunteers who are able to identify the needs of people in our community and to then address those needs within the Helping Hand framework. Our purpose is to help people to help themselves and our dream is to help ensure sustainable prosperity.

Helping Hand also runs approximately a hundred donations stores, known as Ons Winkels (Our Shops), countrywide and these generate a sustainable income for the communities where they are based.

In addition, Helping Hand runs three community centres that have been established to offer safe preschool and/

or afterschool daycare in the respective communities.

Helping Hand focuses on various categories of need, and you can choose which category you wish to support through your donation:

- **Children**  
(The Lunchbox Project helps to feed 8 000 preschoolers per day)
- **The elderly**
- **Community development**
- **People with disabilities**
- **The Crisis Fund, which is used for emergency relief, for example the aid given in the wake of events in KZN**



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More than 2 million Afrikaans-speaking people read Maroela Media's reliable and balanced news as well as high quality content every month. Maroela Media is the largest Afrikaans online publication and publishes more than 50% of all Afrikaans on the internet. Content totalling around 45 million pages is read on Maroela every month.

Maroela also provides quality content to a network of approximately 75 community radio stations with a total listenership of approximately 1,95 million. Such assistance includes an annual Afrikaans radio sequel of high quality. Maroela also provides training by presenting a seminar on community radio as well as offering other forms of support.

Maroela Media also offers a free online children's encyclopaedia, *WEET*, which is based on the primary school curriculum. It is currently being expanded to also cater for high schools. Afrikaans is the pivot around which everything at Maroela Media revolves, and as such this website's content and projects focus on the preservation and expansion of Afrikaans as a mother tongue.

For Maroela Media's readers, Maroela is a place where they can feel at home, where they can speak Afrikaans in a safe environment, and where they can be assured that the news and information they get are reliable and balanced. It is also a place where they have the opportunity to air their views.

“Quality content”







In March 2021 the Federation of Afrikaans Cultural Organisations (also known by the acronym the FAK), with the help of the Solidarity Movement, became involved in the running of the Voortrekker Monument and the Erfenisstigting (Heritage Foundation) after visitor numbers plummeted after the lockdowns.

At the moment, these organisations have accepted responsibility for 12 heritage sites, including the Blood River Heritage Site, the Kroonstad Concentration Camp Cemetery, as well as the Bloukrans Monument and the statue of the Kaalvoetvrou (Barefoot Woman).

The new management has launched several projects, such as Project 10 000 which aims

“Heritage”

to unite people who are passionate about the preservation of our history and heritage as friends of the Monument. The success of the project will ensure the sustainable preservation of the Voortrekker Monument for posterity.

The Voortrekker Monument is seen as a cultural home and a beacon of hope for people. For this reason, we are calling on people to make an investment in and for the sake of their culture.

By supporting the Voortrekker Monument you can, like thousands before you, be the author who helps to write the next chapter in our history.



## AfriForum Safety

Safety is one of a person's most basic needs, but unfortunately it is not something that happens automatically. AfriForum helps you to establish security in and around your home, as well as in your neighbourhood and community.

AfriForum has already established more than 164 neighbourhood watches and farm watch groups across the country and is making a major contribution towards making our neighbourhoods safer. We seek sound co-operation with the South African Police Service, security companies and other neighbourhood watch organisations.

Our dream is to strengthen and expand this safety net nationwide, which would make major financial demands on us.

AfriForum Safety relies on the latest technology as a "multiplier" and makes extensive use of and achieves good results with drones, a nationwide radio network and the training of staff and volunteers.



*“Safety network”*

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## Legal Fund

The Solidarity Legal Fund has been established to use legal means to oppose the government's enforcement of unfair racial laws in the workplace and business world. Not only do these laws do an injustice to people on the basis of their race, but they also harm the economy and are forcing young people to leave the country.

We have to stop these injustices right now for the sake of our own future and also so that our children may one day have a future in which they, and we, can be free, safe and prosperous.

Thanks to the best legal advice and services

“*freely, safely  
and prosperously.*”

on our side, the Legal Fund can challenge cases dealing with racism, corruption, misappropriation of funds and affirmative action against the state, state capturers and other entities such as Denel, SAA, Sasol and ArcelorMittal all the way to the highest court.

Unfortunately, it is not possible that all the costs associated with litigating against affirmative action are carried by Solidarity membership fees alone. That is why the Solidarity Legal Fund has been created, and Solidarity is asking the public for support to make it financially possible to pursue these court cases.

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## Independent Afrikaans schools

The establishment of an Afrikaans private school is being planned and developed in collaboration with Solidarity's Support Centre for Schools (SCS).

We want to ensure the future of Afrikaans education by supporting public schools and by developing a new network of Afrikaans private schools.

“*Education*”





## Affordable study funds

Solidarity Helping Hand's Study Fund Centre currently administers 220 study funds to the value of R238 million. Thanks to these funds the studies of more than 6 300 students in financial need have been made possible over the past 11 years.

In 2022, 1 200 students will receive assistance in the form of affordable study loans, totalling R50 million.



“ Affordable study loans ”

## How to make a donation:

Thank you for your interest in the Solidarity Movement's projects. Thank you for noticing the need and for your willingness to share the responsibility with us. We approach every project with great passion, but also with a deep awareness of our dependence on others. Funds remain a huge challenge. If you want to help us by financially supporting one or all of our projects, you can make a once-off contribution or a recurring payment and then use as reference the name of the project you want to benefit from your contribution.

'Solidarity Movement' (for all projects)  
'Sol-Tech'  
'Akademia'  
'Helping Hand'  
'Maroela Media'  
'Voortrekker Monument'  
'AfriForum Safety'  
'Legal Fund'  
'Afrikaans Schools'  
'Study funds'

## BANKING DETAILS

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