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SELF-HELP WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SA

by Stephanie Roffler (in collaboration with Aileen Diewald, Marcel Dreier)

To the eye, the horizon in the central Karoo is incomparably wide. But all paths are also long: paths to schools, vocational training places, to an income. A wide horizon - limited prospects. Those who grow up here have a hard time. For a long time, little was invested in people's development. One glimmer of hope is the self-help organization CKFCA.

The Central Karoo Farmcommunities Association CKFCA brings together activists from farmworker communities throughout the Karoo.

region under its roof. It is one of the few vessels with which people can create self-determined prospects for themselves in the central Karoo: A kind of Asterix, defying the encircling legions. Like these Gauls, the CKFCA thrives on community cohesion. And it has also had a magic potion since 2023: since 2023, the CKFCA has brought together around 150 young people from six communities that are several hours apart. They first met in their communities, then in Llandudno on the Cape, where they were able to set new goals at the True North youth camp.

In this way, the CKFCA supports young, talented people who can move the community forward.

Danielle Goede and the CKFCA team



Knowing who you are

"You can't really know where you're going until you know where you're coming from." This guiding principle of the African-American

civil rights activist, professor and author Maya Angelou also applies to the young people in the central Karoo. This is why the CKFCA invited consultant Danielle Goede to work with the young people before and during the camp. In preparation for the camp, the young people worked with Goede on the challenges they face in their everyday lives. And they formulated their wishes as well as possible solutions, e.g.

to the CKFCA. Last but not least, they also carried out a participatory skills audit: to what extent do young people apply critical life skills?

The preparatory workshops resulted in a report full of insights into the young people's situation. Nothing in particular seemed surprising. Rather, it was shocking to see how small disadvantages add up to seemingly hopeless situations. The holistic view and listening helped to better assess the extent of the difficulties faced by an adolescent in the Central Karoo.



Follow-up meeting with camp participants

What are the most striking problems for young people? The relatively low level of education is a major disadvantage. In the Karoo, the scarcity of employment opportunities and correspondingly high youth unemployment make young people highly dependent on their parents. This in turn reduces their opportunities to learn self-responsibility and self-activation. And then there is the widespread criminality. It prevents young people from moving freely and developing their interests and talents.

The collaboration with Goede has shown the importance of social institutions that can support young people. This observation is also confirmed by Greshlan Williams, who lives in the small town of Murraysburg in the east of the central Karoo. The 24-year-old aspiring occupational psychologist urges her peers to actively seek access to the services that already exist. Greshlan also has a vision of social enterprises run by young people that create additional opportunities. There is certainly potential, for example in tourism.

Reach out to young people and watch them grow

However, Greshlan also emphasizes that society needs to reach out to young people. On the one hand, psychological support is needed for the

Editorial

The superpower of confidence

Are you confident right now? Many people are finding it difficult at the moment. But you feel really good when you have firm confidence that something good awaits you. You can tackle life with confidence.

We support people with confidence. Because they bring about concrete improvements and give others hope. Find out more in the annual report in the middle of this issue.

___ To the young people of southern Africa confidence does not fall into their laps. The reality of their lives is characterized by unemployment, poverty and a lack of support. But during my visit to fepa partner CKFCA, I met a large group of young people who were preparing for job applications: as assistant teachers, police officers, cooks. A camp run by fepa partner CKFCA gave them confidence.

___ Confidence is a superpower, but it is a fragile superpower. Fortunately, she has a guardian angel: solidarity.

Marcel Dreier
Managing Director



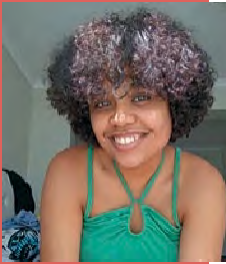
many young people who have already been affected by violence in the past. "They often feel left alone with their traumatic experiences - access to psychological counseling centers remains

Many simply refuse to do so," says Greshlan.

Secondly, Greshlan calls on parents to get involved:

"If young people lack parental support in the form of constructive commitment, interest and encouragement, this is missing.

Greshlan Williams



link that channels young people's energy into constructive channels," she says. Greshlan warns that the young people are confronted with obstacles as soon as they return to their communities and families after the camp. Their inspired, innovative solutions often come up against problematic structures. The young people's way of thinking has changed, but not that of their community. The CKFCA must therefore go beyond the camp and create structures that enable young people to use their ideas to change the world in which they live.

What is the True North Youth Camp?

The CKFCA has designed a transformative youth camp in collaboration with Stephanie Roffler from fepa and a network of committed people in South Africa. It was held in 2023 and 2024 for a week each spring. At the camps, the young adults discover new ways of thinking and perspectives on how to deal with their life realities and everyday challenges.

What happened in 2024?

A large coach took 66 young people and a five-person team from the CKFCA to the Cape in Llandudno to the Apostle Battery Campground. This old fortress is located on one of the most spectacular stretches of coastline in the world. Not luxurious, but perfect for a change of scenery.

Music broke the ice. Percussionist Jonathan Mouers led a drumming session that picked everyone up. Mouers got the young people thinking: who are the most important people in my life who can give me positive feedback?

give back? Do I show myself enough respect? Making music together and the reactions to it went straight to the heart. Tears also flowed during this emotional workshop.

It continued with the ability to deal with resistance and violence. Garth Cottle and his team showed how to stand your ground against seemingly overpowering opponents. First and foremost, it's a question of the levers you use and the discipline with which you handle things.

The young people experienced this for themselves with a course in "Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu". In addition to the life-related teachings, it was also quite simply about a basis in self-defense.

The workshop with a team from the "Be a Nelson" movement focused on the mental attitude for entrepreneurial action. This movement is a network of active citizens,

The movement is based on Nelson Mandela's philosophy and way of thinking: the belief in young people, in moral values and cooperation, in the possibility of making a difference. Nico De Klerk, the leading figure of the movement in South Africa, was joined by a poet and a rapper, among others,



The participants appreciated their colleagues had to say, because they found. The insights of the workshop stores included an appreciation of their own origins and their cultural and creative achievements.

Why Duvenhage and his team of young volunteers organized a day of experiential learning: obstacle courses, dark, old military tunnels and a hike to Inspiration Rock were among the day's activities. Why, who also works as a chaplain for police officers

gave the young people a new way of dealing with paralyzing fear and panic. Everyone experienced how good communication and mutual trust made cooperation possible. Everyone emerged stronger and overcame seemingly impossible obstacles. Many experienced that they have unsuspected abilities.

On the last evening, the participants presented their talents. This conclusion consolidated the Self-confidence and the newly made friends partnerships.

Danielle Goede (see front page report) was there for the entire camp. She supported our participants before and during the camp. She is also available to the young people after the camp. The next step will be activities planned by the individual local groups of camp participants on the occasion of Youth Day on June 16.

This year, March 21, 2024 was a big day for 66 young adults from the Central Karoo. It was the first day of True North Youth Camp 2024 - a camp that is a unique, transformative experience for many. The camp enables young people to be creators of their own story.

On March 21, 1960, the apartheid regime fired on peaceful demonstrators protesting against the then racist pass laws. This horrific day went down in South Africa's history as the Sharpeville Massacre - a day that reflects the brutality of the apartheid regime towards the non-white population and is etched in the collective consciousness of South Africans.

March 21 is now a public holiday in South Africa: Human Rights Day. However, the structural effects of apartheid can still be felt by the black and colored population to this day - just think of the difficult access to housing, land, clean water, electricity and discrimination in the education and health sectors. Farmers and their descendants in the central Karoo are still one of the most disadvantaged groups. Here, South Africa's long history of slavery casts a particularly dark shadow.

The CKFCA and its motivation for

commitment to the next generation

The Central Karoo Farmworker Community Association CKFCA has been committed to human rights for more than ten years - in the last two years with a strong focus on youth work. When the CKFCA started working with fepa, the CKFCA activists said: "I want my children to have a better life than me, I don't want them to grow up as farm workers without rights". In the meantime, the CKFCA is already working to create a

new generation of leaders in the organization and the community. That is why the CKFCA has developed a vision for young people on how they can become more involved in the organization. And together with its own network, South African supporters and fepa, the CKFCA is committed to ensuring that the needs, talents and dreams of young people and young adults are promoted.

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fepa has been financing and supporting local self-help initiatives and grassroots organizations in southern Africa and supports them in implementing innovative and sustainable improvements in living conditions.

fepa 2023: "Embracing Southern Africa"

"60 years of commitment to justice" was our motto for the anniversary year 2023. We remembered fepa's roots as a project against the division of humanity and celebrated the successes of a tireless, loving partnership with the people of southern Africa. We

showed that we are part of a diverse Switzerland that does not stand up for privileges, but for cooperation. A Switzerland that recognizes that good solutions for human issues

from southern Africa, for example. The cheerful celebration on September 29 was a symbol of the way we work and a thank you to everyone who contributes to fepa's work.

The challenges for the human have not diminished in 2023. In Zimbabwe, the elections did not untie the political knot. The biggest everyday concern is currently the economic situation. Many people are worse off: late effects of the pandemic and man-made global crises due to the unequal distribution of work, profit and (climate) damage.

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Moving anniversary
celebration with the
dancer Ndomzy from
Zimbabwe.



We showed that we are part of a diverse Switzerland that is not for privileges, but for cooperation.

In the focal points of this development, the groundbreaking work of the partner organizations brought solutions suitable for everyday use to the grassroots level. They showed how

Self-help gaps in the education system; how to tackle the issue of nutrition, promote the young generation and prevent violence against girls and women.

can be insulated. fepa accompanied its partner organizations with encouraging feedback, concrete assistance and financial contributions that made work and growth possible. In the age of the "multi-crisis", all fepa 2023 partner organizations were stable and achieved their goals thanks to the admirable commitment of the people in the partner organizations.

In addition to craftsmanship, other skills for their lives and everyday life. Many make the transition into employment thanks to the training. There are even those who immediately after the internship

are employed on the spot. Central to its success is a scholarship fund that supported 50 students in 2023.

Zimbabwe, Chitungwiza: Kindergarten and preschool

28 children received early support in 2023 thanks to Dangwe's kindergarten and preschool. These children come from disadvantaged situations. Dangwe did not offer them not only a place to learn, but also a protected space and a versatile



had to include a contribution to the children's nutrition. Dangwe's permaculture garden contributed healthy vegetables to the preschool's lunchtime meal. Dangwe also engaged with the parents and caregivers, not least by teaching them the basics of planting their own gardens.

The partnership work from fepa made possible

- ...to provide year-round education for over 100 children and young people
- ...150 young people with encouraging apprenticeships and support for your ongoing commitment to greater gender equality
- ...almost 700 families to improve their incomes in the rural economy
- ...a total of over 21,000 women, men and children to participate in activities
- ...around 30 organizations are competently committed to improving living conditions in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique

Access to B i L d u n g

Zimbabwe, Kuwadzana township (Harare): Training for disadvantaged young people

44 students celebrated their final exams at the Kuwadzana Skills Training Center (KSTC) in December 2023. The specialty of KSTC is to enable young people who have not completed their schooling to gain vocational training. The KSTC teaches them



fepa partner ACNH in Cabo Delgado has set up its own animal breeding farm.

Mozambique, Cabo Delgado: promoters for school education in a conflict area

In northern Mozambique, the militarized conflict with many displaced people has not come to rest in 2023. fepa partner Associação Cultura Novos Horizontes (ACNH) from the district capital Pemba has promoted attendance at elementary school to parents and children in the communities with a series of participatory theater performances.

Agroecology, Life in the countryside

Zimbabwe, Manicaland: Future through sustainable agriculture

In 2023, the local permaculture clubs, together with fepa partner Poret, carried out 400 activities involving over 10,000 participants in 44 villages and at the Poret Conference and Training Center. An external evaluation showed that the work is bearing fruit: among other things, the nutritional situation for those households that have engaged in agroecological practices to reverse the trend has improved in absolute terms and in comparison to the other households. Poret's commitment was widely recognized and supported in the province. The clubs in the villages remained true to their vision: the focus was on the work of farmers with and for other farmers.

The efforts for in more intensive cooperation



Permaculture club at Chaseyama

in the area of communal and sustainable use of pasture land

only slowly found the necessary majorities of active female supporters in

the communities. However, this work remains essential for the water balance and is a prerequisite for economic success in a region where animal husbandry promises the best economic prospects. It is important for Poret that many young people continue to get involved. This went well in 2023, with a high proportion of young people taking part in the permaculture in-depth courses and three exchange visits with schools.

Zimbabwe, Featherstone: Rainbow26

In the middle of one of the land reform areas, fepa 2023 supported a commercial farm with an investment loan for an efficient groundwater well. The farm is run by a woman who not only wants to use the farm to establish a model agroecological farm in a politically

It is also a precursor for other women for whom access to land is only possible at great personal sacrifice.

difficult environment. She is also a role model for other women for whom access to land is only possible at great personal sacrifice. In 2023, this farmer also advised "Shanda Ugute", a group of landless women near Chisumbanje, who continue to strive for economic success by raising chickens.

Mozambique, Cabo Delgado: Self-financed community activism thanks to agriculture

With the "Fundamento" project, our partner organization ACNH (see above) created a kind of agricultural social enterprise in 2023 as a sustainable source of income and a guarantee of stability. With great commitment from those involved, an agricultural business has been created with commercial livestock breeding and agricultural production for people.

and animals. This means that the 20 or so ACNH activists and their families will be less dependent on donors for their commitment to community causes in future. Operations started at the end of 2023 and progress has been remarkable.

South Africa, Central Karoo: Improving living conditions

The "Sentraal Karoo Plasmegemeenskap Vereniging" (CKFCA) has been campaigning for more than ten years for its own rights as farm workers with children and for better living conditions in the Central Karoo region. fepa enables CKFCA to use the contribution freely and uses it to strengthen the organization. It maintained its democratic and broad-based structures in the region, represented the concerns of the farming communities in various committees, offered advice and emergency aid in individual cases and encouraged people in the vast region to act in solidarity at its meetings.

Women*s rights and gender equality

Zimbabwe: Working group "CoP SDG5"

In 2023, around 20 organizations belonged to the Working Group for More Gender Equality, which was founded in 2020. They all consisted of and worked with young women in the communities. The economic situation tends to have a very disadvantageous effect on girls and young women. The participating organizations exchanged views on the situation, their options for action and their concrete work, which is a contribution to achieving UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG5 aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls).





Together, the organizations carried out a wide range of activities, which we report on in detail on our website.

From intervention in cases of abuse to conversations at the billiard table, murals at the focal points in

lia campaigns and needs- to the formation of girls' clubs and intervention with the authorities, the organizations play a wide range of effective activities.

Individual organizations in the working group have implemented programs with the support of the working group and fepa 2023. For example, the "Girls and Women Empowerment Network" with a primarily family-centered approach and activities in schools or the "Platform for Youth and Community Development" with a culturally sensitive approach in the rural community.

In 2023, the working group and the promotion of a feminist movement continued to be fundamental to the "Young Women Rise and Excel" leadership training, which "YETT" is held annually. For a whole week, 30 young women from all over the country worked intensively on how they can become leaders in their organizations and communities. In 2023, the training benefited from various inputs from the ranks of the "Cop SDG5".

In spring, the "CoP SDG5" carried out a joint evaluation at an organization in order to draw lessons from the actual work. The results showed that they succeed in positively influencing attitudes and actions. However, a challenge also emerged: grassroots activists tend to document their work selectively. The judgment of the people in their own community is more important to them than that of international experts.

fepa transfers overarching planning and financial competencies to the working group to create an independent network of partners. This network development is not a sure-fire success. From a fragmented sector with many individual organizations, a strengthening cooperation structure with a lot of participation and flat hierarchies takes time.



Zimbabwe, Harare: Social enterprise for girls' rights

From the working group, we would particularly like to highlight the partner organization "Women Advocacy Project, WAP", which fepa now supports with a mix of business loan and project contribution. WAP was very successful in 2023 with its model of promoting entrepreneurship, economic empowerment and the prevention of early marriages and teenage pregnancies.

to connect. WAP runs clubs for girls and young women and a soap production and marketing business where young women can earn an income. Thanks in part to investments in operational efficiency and direct marketing, WAP was able to pay the women who work there and ultimately pay out more money to the more than 100 girls and young women in the clubs than they had received from the donor organizations. This means that the financial leverage is greater than with a pure cash transfer. WAP has also set up a school fund that offers additional support to young women in cases of hardship. The clubs in four districts of Harare met weekly.

Youth as transformation agents



A majority of the organizations in the working group described above are led by young women and are therefore emphasized in their goals and actions youth-friendly. The inclusion of young people also plays an important role in many other partnerships.

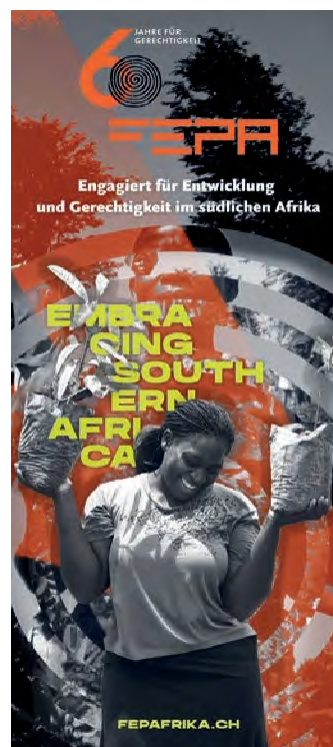
Participatory theater: educational, engaging

South Africa: "True North Youth Camp"

In 2023, the CKFCA held its first youth camp. 75 young people, mostly aged between 18 and 25, took part in this intensive and transformative week of training. We report on this in detail in the newsletter. The fepa partner CKFCA spent a large part of its energy on this. The first young people are already on the board.

Advocacy: Engagement in Switzerland and international

fepa is a member of the Zimbabwe European Network, closely networked with the Campaign for Compensation and Redress in Southern Africa (KEESA) and with the Africa Committee. We are also involved in the coordination of the platform of Swiss NGOs in Zimbabwe.



Association life and personell The general meeting took place on 29.9.2023 at the kHaus in Basel. We then celebrated the anniversary party "fepa - 60 years for justice". Over 100 people attended. The award-winning dancer Ndomzy was our Zimbabwean guest. We looked back on the eventful history of solidarity in a joint event with the Africa Committee on 9.9.2023.

The honorary board consists of nine people: Susanne Zurbuchen and Helena Zweifel form the co-presidium; Mickness Aeschlimann, Rita Kesselring, Katharina Morello, Roger Morgenthaler, Christian Nötzli, Barbara Müller and Silvia Schönenberger are involved in the full board and departments.

On the GPK, Blanca Steinmann and Herbert Schmid provide critical and constructive support for our work. The audit is carried out by Rolf Fuhrer from TIS.

Marcel Dreier heads the office. Katja Majirija and Stephanie Roffler oversee the partnerships with Poret and in South Africa. Thanks to Iria Mudimu, our reach on social media has increased significantly in 2023. The interns did extensive work, particularly in the area of communication: Stephanie Naujoks, who took over from Gelsomina Bertaccini in March; and Tanyaradzwa Matseketsa from August.



For 60 years, voluntary work, not only on the board, has enabled fepa to get involved. In the anniversary year, Board members were also involved in communications and events.

We would also like to thank the experts and specialists who have contributed their experience and professional work at reduced rates.



Rolling classroom: the Poret bus

or even free of charge. Many thanks to all of you who make an invaluable contribution to fepa!

Annual accounts

The accounts are prepared in accordance with ZEW0 requirements.

Overall, fepa donors were also generous in 2023:

We received over 125,000 francs in free and earmarked donations from individuals and households. From a long-standing member, fepa received a generous bequest in the amount of

The company benefited from donations of almost 60,000 francs. In addition, fepa received important earmarked contributions from public and private institutions. In total, fepa was able to thank them for an inflow of over 480000 francs.

Projects need funding - but also strong partnerships that can deliver effective long-term project work. In 2023, we were able to invest almost 400,000 in such projects. The anniversary year was therefore also particularly intense in terms of finances. We had already increased our project capacity somewhat in previous years, and not everything could be financed from the new inflow of funds. All in all, fepa 2023 used almost CHF 16,000 of its equity. This means that equity is still just above the Board of Directors' target of CHF 100,000.

Overall, slightly more funds were allocated to project work than in the previous year (83.3%, +2.3%). Administration and fundraising (which according to ZEW0-



standards, the newsletter is also counted) accounted for a total of 16.7%.

You can find the complete invoice with attachment on our website.

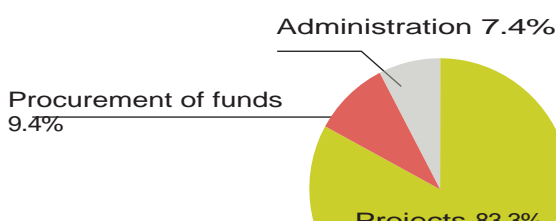
Conclusion and outlook

We are taking the momentum from the anniversary year into the new year. fepa's partnerships are set up for the long term, and new initiatives in the area of ecology could be added in 2024. We are strengthening our office with a co-head.

We thank from the bottom of our hearts to all those who supported fepa with work, donations and project contributions in 2023 have!

Operating account	31.12.23	Previous year
Operating income		
Benefits received		
Earmarked donations	221 338.88	197 357.19
Free grants	185 399.48	124 825.97
Total grants	406 738.36	322 183.16
Contributions from the public sector	75 500.00	60 500.00
Other income		
Sale of materials	938.63	1 332.23
Study trip	0.00	21 000.00
Miscellaneous income	612.00	0.00
Total other income	1 550.63	22 332.00
Total operating income	483 788.99	405 015.39
Operating expenses		
Direct project expenditure		
Project expenditure	-337 022.70	-320 029.54
Share of wage and administrative costs	-58 138.65	-62 698.13
Total direct project expenses	-395 162.35	-382 727.67
Information and advertising		
Advertising materials, information	-2 113.47	-2 830.13
Share of payroll and administration costs	-44 509.03	-29 415.66
Total information and advertising	-46 622.50	-32 245.79
Administrative effort		
Share of wage and administrative costs	-35 114.12	-57 127.27
Total administrative expenses	-35 114.12	-57 127.27
Total operating expenses	-476 898.97	-472 100.73
Operating result	6 890.02	-67 085.34
Financial success	-290.24	-477.72
Result before change in fund capital	6 599.78	-67 563.06
Change in fund capital		
Allocation to project fund	-296 838.88	-257 857.19
Withdrawal from project fund	274 555.30	311 393.14
Total change in fund capital	-22 283.58	53 535.95
Annual result before		
Change in organizational capital	-15 683.80	-14 027.11
Change in organizational capital	15 683.80	14 027.11
Annual result after		
Change in organizational capital	0.00	0.00

Use of funds



BiLance	31.12.23	Previous year
Active		
Cash and cash equivalents	183 172.46	158 247.46
Trade receivables	0.00	1 944.90
Other current receivables	2 750.80	46 608.20
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	3 500.00	1 423.50
Total current assets	189 423.26	208 224.06
Loans	25 638.13	5 342.15
Total fixed assets	25 638.13	5 342.15
Total assets	215 061.39	213 566.21
Passives		
Debt capital		
Liabilities from deliveries and services	730.00	0.00
Other current liabilities	0.00	0.00
Accrued expenses and deferred income	4 557.64	10 392.24
Current liabilities	5 287.64	10 392.24
Other non-current liabilities	10 514.00	10 514.00
Non-current liabilities	10 514.00	10 514.00
Total borrowed capital	15 801.64	20 906.24
Fund capital		
South Africa	0.00	2 173.70
Zimbabwe	88 602.31	70 841.69
Mozambique	7 508.12	811.46
Tanzania	229.88	229.88
Total fund capital	96 340.31	70 056.73
Organizational capital		
Earned free capital	102 919.44	118 603.24
Total organizational capital	102 919.44	118 603.24
Total liabilities	215 061.39	213 566.21

Information on the annual financial statements

Accounting principles

The accounting and administrative expenses are deferred. All wage and infrastructure costs are recognized according to this method proportionately and on the basis of a detailed hours recording.

Calculation of administrative expenses

The members of the Executive Board work on a voluntary basis. The calculation follows the ZEW method. The operating expenses were calculated in accordance with the ZEW guidelines that came into force on 1.1.2018 for the delimitation of project, fund-

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Compensation of the governing bodies

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Complete financial statements

We publish the complete audited annual financial statements on the website





Picture: Simone Knapp, KASA.

Apartheid victims: Our SoLidarity against forgetting

Long-time fepa supporters remember: For many years, fepa has supported the local Khulumani group in South Africa's Western Cape. supported. More than 20,000 people whose human rights were violated

who were directly injured during apartheid are members of the self-help organization Khulumani. 34 years after the end of apartheid, they are now old, although as young activists, young mothers and young fathers they were victims of political persecution or expulsion. Most of them are still waiting for compensation today.

That is why an action committee consisting of Khulumani members has been set up. And because so little is moving, Khulumani also keeps

The activists have now occupied a symbolic place in Johannesburg several times: they slept on the grounds and in front of the entrance to the former apartheid prison "Constitutional Hill".

The occupation is symbolic and sums up the history of these people. The fact that victims of apartheid of pensioner age are still prepared to sleep on the street without vital infrastructure shows how much they continue to be neglected. They also show how strong they have become: they are using a means of protest that is available to them thanks to their own efforts.

and thus do not allow their injuries to be forgotten. forgets. Even if this means they have to keep reminding themselves of traumatic periods in their lives.

The movement demands the disbursement of unused funds that are in a "President's Fund" for the compensation of apartheid victims, or at least should be there if everything went according to plan.

The Federal Government is sticking to its position with regard to the current elections: no vote for those who do not represent the concerns of the victims. De facto, this is tantamount to boycotting the elections.

South Africa votes: Little interest among young voters in the Karoo

If the large number of young voters in South Africa vote for those parties. The political structure could change if young people were to stand up for issues that are relevant to them. A look at South Africa's history shows that the political participation of "youth" is decisive in determining whether new voices, visions and ideas can establish themselves. Many liberation movements were supported by the youth. But even in the last elections, the participation of young people in South Africa was lower than that of the rest of the world.

older generations. Convery Fredericks is a young would to be a participant in the 2023 youth camp and a member of the 2024 leadership team. He is now training to become a journalist. Convery spoke to the young people at this year's camp about how they see their future in the Central Karoo. He also wanted to know what role the government plays in this. Many of the young people replied that they felt they had a good future in their communities.

felt trapped and needed work ahead. But as far as the elections are concerned, most of them were unpolitical. Hardly anyone believes that they could change their life circumstances with politics or even the elections.



CLIMATE MODELING: Is it self-evident that the South bears the main burden?

Are the IPCC's climate scenarios passive or even blind to the global distribution issue? Yes, argue recently published studies by scientists from the global South. For example, the modeled scenarios assume as a matter of course that the African continent must reduce its emissions by 80%, while the countries of the North implement their national climate plans, which usually only provide for a 50-55% reduction. More involvement of researchers from the global South would help to design models that could also predict more innovative and fairer results from our actions in the climate crisis. We could all benefit from



New partner 2024: The Green Institute in the mountains near Chipinge (Manicaland, Zimbabwe) promotes women's access to land.

The climate crisis is returning to the should problem It is therefore high time we had a

this.

News: Climate justice

impressive figures. According to these figures, Europe's debt to sub-Saharan Africa would amount to around 11 trillion dollars by 2050. That is five times more than the public debt of the entire continent in 2022. Those who pay high interest on old debts every year have less in their pockets to tackle the climate crisis. And

The countries of the South will have to take on even more debt to adapt to climate change if they are not given sufficient support.

Lematics upside down The heavily indebted countries of the South, and this includes Zimbabwe, for example, are

paying off debts that are much higher in comparison to the "climate debt" of the North are almost negligible. WoZ editor Daniel Stern presented at the fepa retreat be-

a new perspective on debt. Then we will see an unmissable opportunity for a stroke of liberation for the countries of the South in the face of global climate problems.

Artists in Zimbabwe

PORTRAIT MILLZ MILLION

At the age of fifteen, Miledis Marufu (stage name Millz Million) took her first steps in the music industry. Back then, she was still a backing singer. She soon wanted to develop her own style. In her songs, she combines rap, melodic singing and hip-hop music in a new way.



You can find "Millz Million" on Spotify or YouTube.



For her, music is a means of exchanging ideas with her peers and sharing her feelings with them. Marufu's motivation and passion for honest conversation and positive thinking is reflected in her music. This sets her apart from many other Zimbabwean artists in her genre. Her most important message: "Everything is possible with God".

From her songs she likes herself "Mhiko" the best. "In this song I sing about all those who have tried to oppress you and

to make sure that things don't move forward in your life. And I sing about how we all pray for freedom, because we need freedom to make our lives better."

Women are little recognized in Zimbabwe, especially in the genre of rap and hip-hop, even though they produce great music. Millz Million is convinced that she would make faster progress in the music industry if there was more female empowerment. "I think we're really good, but we don't get noticed because women aren't brought to the fore." So Millz Million also prays

for more freedom and women's empowerment with Miledis Marufu in the Zimbabwean music industry.

Twenty-year-old student and musician "Millz Million" is committed to social causes in Chitungwiza, a large city near Harare, Zimbabwe. In April, she performed at Kumbe Kumbe's second "Street Café". The Street Café is an entertaining opportunity to talk to young people about topics such as their education. At the same time, the Street Café offers young artists an opportunity to showcase their talent.

industry. "Female rappers in Zimbabwe are really underrated and the industry is not willing to support them," says Marufu of her own experience. "As a young artist in the Zimbabwean music industry, you depend on popular TV and radio stations, as well as celebrities who are very present on social media, to share or remix your music." This privilege is enjoyed above all by rappers who are already more established, although their music is often less individual and sometimes even copied.

The conversation

has led Iria Mudimu

Switzerland: SoLidarity and partnership required

«THIS IS THE WRONG TIME FOR THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO BE REDUCING ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO TACKLE THE ENORMOUS GULF OF INEQUITY BETWEEN THE GLOBAL NORTH AND MOST OF THE WORLD.»

MAMPHELA RAMPHELE
Former Co-President Club of Rome

What an affront to the people in the less wealthy countries, and especially those in sub-Saharan Africa. In its dispatch on the "International Cooperation Strategy", the Federal Council wants to cut programs in the South so that Ukraine can help us.

aid costs less! Cynics would be vindicated: Switzerland is not doing development cooperation to solve global problems. The result is simply a whim of the North that should not cost much, obscures responsibility and celebrates dependencies.



The federal government would contribute just half of the internationally promised target of zero point seven percent. This is the lowest level in 10 years. And the biggest cuts were made to the funds for sub-Saharan Africa. The criticism of South African freedom fighter and former co-president of the Club of Rome, Mamphele Ramphele, is diplomatically formulated: "Now is not the time to cut elementary

to cancel support."

We say it bluntly: anyone who pushes back the countries of the South in the face of the gap between rich and poor, who suddenly places their concerns far down the list of priorities without finding common goals, is acting irresponsibly and disrespectfully in our view. Switzerland must play its part in the reconstruction of Ukraine. But the disadvantaged people on the African continent should not have to pay for this. What this world

is more solidarity and a commitment to genuine cooperation. The "#MoreSolidarityNow" campaign demonstrates with arguments and clear demands: Now is the time for solidarity.

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