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Executive Director's Message



Koketso Moeti

In the face of COVID-19, and the immense challenges the pandemic put in motion, 2020 was the year amandla.mobi realised its full potential. We had not one, but three viral mobile campaigns that enabled over one million actions. We tripled the size of the amandla.mobi community to 900,000 and, together with partners, helped win important campaign victories such as securing short-term increases in social grants that put food on the table for millions of low-income Black women.

Given that almost all our staff are Black women, our response to COVID-19 had to be decisive. Most of our team relied on public transport and lived with elderly family members. So before the lockdown was announced, we ended our lease agreement and set our team up to work remotely to help protect them. It was a challenging task. Not only did we quickly arrange for office furniture and resources to be provided to staff so they could comfortably work from home, but with support from a funder we also put in place a COVID-19 benefit which continued beyond 2020. The organisation covered the cost of testing for its staff, as well as transportation costs for this purpose. We had to adapt rapidly but, despite the challenges of COVID-19, our work continued. In fact, our campaigns and movement building were not set back by COVID-19 but catapulted forward because our community relied on our inclusive civic-tech platform to make their voices heard. Since 2018 we have worked closely with fellow community organisation, Grassroot. Rather than compete, amandla.mobi and Grassroot have collaborated closely to refinance inclusive civic tech. In 2020, Grassroot merged into amandla.mobi to consolidate both organisations' legacy.

I would like to thank all our partners. It has been a privilege to work with people and organisations that share our values. From community organisations to social movements and NGOs, it has been an honour to draw upon your expertise and hard work to run campaigns that move us closer to a more just Mzansi (South Africa). Most of all, I would like to thank members of the amandla.mobi community, who are the ones that power our work. This report is dedicated to you.

Together for justice

Koketso Moeti

“COVID-19 amplified existing injustices, so our community-informed strategy focused on responding to the immediate crises, while using this historic moment to push for systemic change.”

Chairperson's Message



Nomzamo Zondo

While low-income Black women were among the hardest hit by the impacts of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown, this very constituency was able to come together in numbers and demand that decision-makers take action. I am proud to say that, despite the immense challenges in 2020, amandla.mobi's team and its community came into their own and rose to the occasion.

Those reliant on informal labour to make a living, like waste reclaimers, had their livelihoods suddenly stripped from them as a result of the lockdown. School and childcare centre closures in response to the pandemic resulted in more childcare responsibilities such as homeschooling and feeding children who typically received meals at school. Thankfully, amandla.mobi members helped tackle this humanitarian crisis by showing mass public support to increase the Child Support Grant and other social grants, including extending the R350 (USD 21) Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant, which was meant to be temporary.

We are thankful to the visionary funders who have supported amandla.mobi's work. Their support is a positive step towards challenging the status quo, where organisations for and led by Black women are underfunded. Increasingly, amandla.mobi is being recognised on the global stage and has secured some funding in the form of international prizes. On behalf of the board, we are proud that amandla.mobi was one of ten winners of the inaugural Elevate Prize¹. This prize is a testament to the tireless work of the amandla.mobi community, partners and staff.

Together for justice

Nomzamo Zondo

“It's costly amplifying the voices of those in poverty, but the impact is unmistakable. Half a million people without internet access signed the Child Support Grant petition from their mobile, which helped secure a victory that put more food on the plate for over 12 million children.”

About amandla.mobi

amandla.mobi is a community organisation committed to building a more just and people-powered Mzansi (South Africa).

amandla.mobi works to turn every cell phone into a democracy-building tool so that those most affected by poverty, violence and corruption – Black women from low socio-economic backgrounds – can access cutting-edge tools to organise their communities in numbers that incentivise accountability from those in power and deliver change to people's lives.

amandla.mobi launched in June 2014 as a non-profit company. In 2015 the South African Revenue Service (SARS) certified amandla.mobi as a registered Public Benefit Organisation with 18A (tax deductibility) status.



How we work:



Amplifying the voices of the marginalised

We work to ensure those most impacted by a decision are able to make their voices heard and hold decision-makers to account. To build the collective power of the marginalised, we run mobile, multi-lingual, multi-issue campaigns that connect people across location, language and injustice.



People-powered campaigns

We work with our members, marginalised communities and values-aligned organisations to identify strategic opportunities and design targeted campaigns. Each campaign engages the decision-maker using people-powered tactics such as petitions, protests, public comments etc.



Movement building

When a person participates in a campaign, there is an option to become more involved by signing up to receive regular updates about new and existing campaigns. With each campaign, more like-minded people become active members of the amandla.mobi community and help us shape our campaigns and what issues we prioritise.



Inclusive Civic Tech

The digital era has made information and public participation more accessible to those who can afford internet access. We pioneered mobile tools to bridge the digital divide so that cost and access is not a barrier to civic action. But technology is just a tool that accelerates and scales real-world action.



Holding decision-makers to account

We work to close the feedback loop between decision-makers and the people they should serve. Each campaign engages a decision-maker to implement a demand that could help address an issue. Our campaign model monitors to see if a decision-maker commits to and implements a specific decision, budget, policy or law that could have a tangible impact in the lives of the marginalised. Where decision-makers fail to act, new tactics or approaches are used to hold political and corporate interests to account.

Our Board



Nomzamo Zondo
Chairperson



Adele Kirsten
Board Secretary



Tshepo Madlingozi
Board Member

Our 2020 Team



Koketso Moeti
Executive Director



Paul Mason
Partnerships and Tech Manager



Nombulelo Gwadelo
Finance and Operations Manager



Tlou Seopa
Junior Campaigner



Noxolo Mfocwa
Junior Campaigner



Dineo Rabaholo
Junior Campaigner



Palesa Ramolefo
Junior Campaigner



Siphesihle Tetwayo
Office Administrator

Our Funders



2020 in review – amandla.mobi triples in size

After years of refining our campaign model, mobile platform and investing in Black women community organisers, 2020 saw amandla.mobi reach a critical point of convergence. Despite the impact of COVID-19, more people than ever joined our campaigns. We had three mobile campaigns go viral in 2020 alone, enabling over a million people to take action, and contributing to our community tripling to over 900,000 members across South Africa.

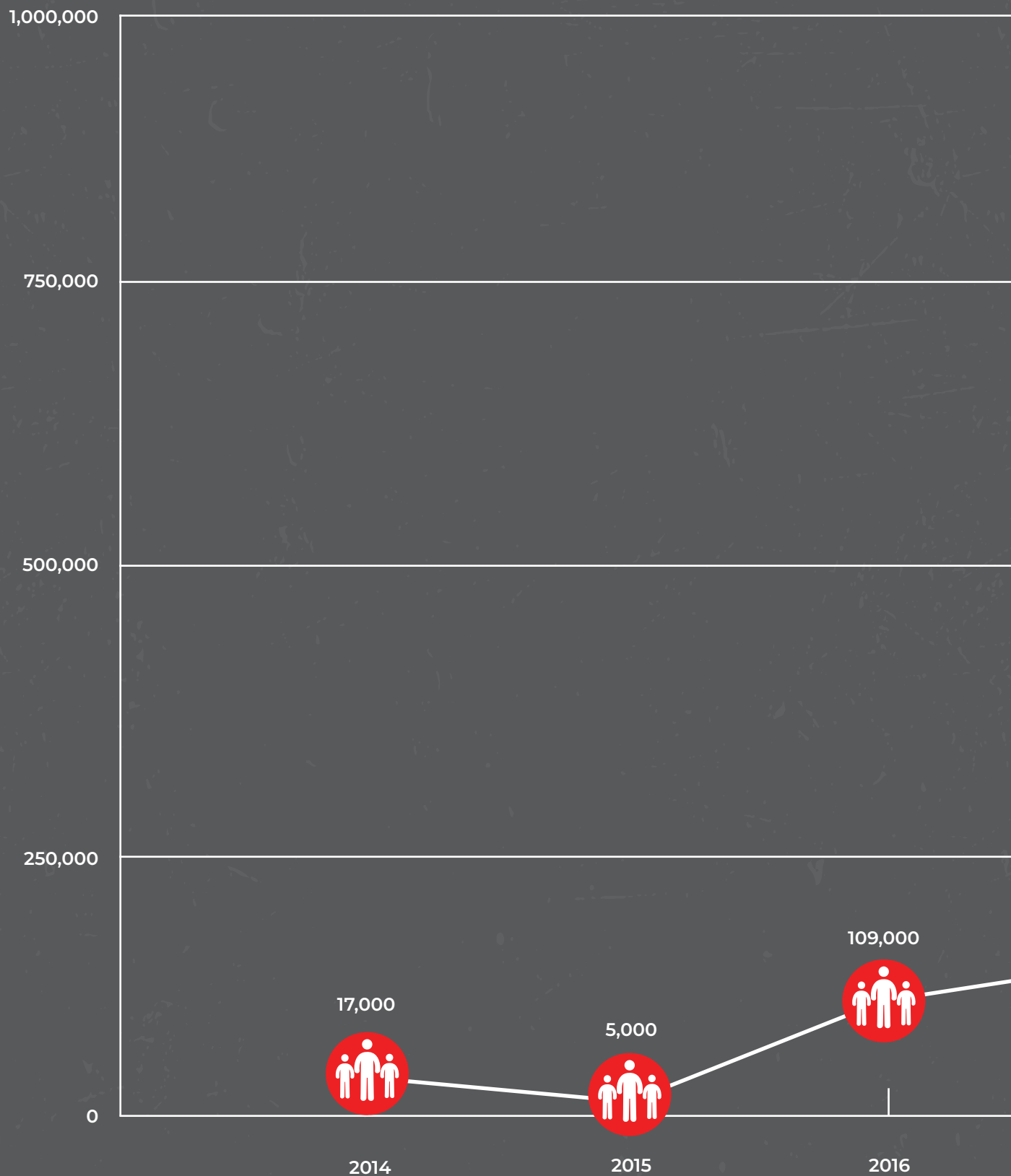
- Over 500,000 people supported the Children's Institute campaign, endorsed by other values aligned organisations, to increase the Child Support Grant. While temporary, social grant top-ups were announced by government, offering a lifeline to millions of households.
- As those in South Africa faced one of the world's harshest lockdowns, more people were able to keep connected to their loved ones as data prices dropped as a result of the Data Must Fall campaign. The price reductions won the previous year were implemented in March and April 2020, offering a lifeline to low-income consumers. We went on to pivot our Data Must Fall campaign to call on mobile networks to do more in response to COVID-19.
- More than 250,000 people supported the campaign, run alongside Black Sash, calling for implementing Basic Income Support, for those with little to no income between the ages of 18 and 59.

Over and above this in 2020 we continued to challenge conservative, anti-poor public narratives which claimed social grants make the poor dependent and that the solution was for individuals to simply 'pull themselves up by their bootstraps'. These public narratives are reinforced by big businesses, some political parties, media houses, and some in government. These narratives attempt to shame those living in poverty by shifting responsibility from the benefactors of our exploitative society to those who are exploited.

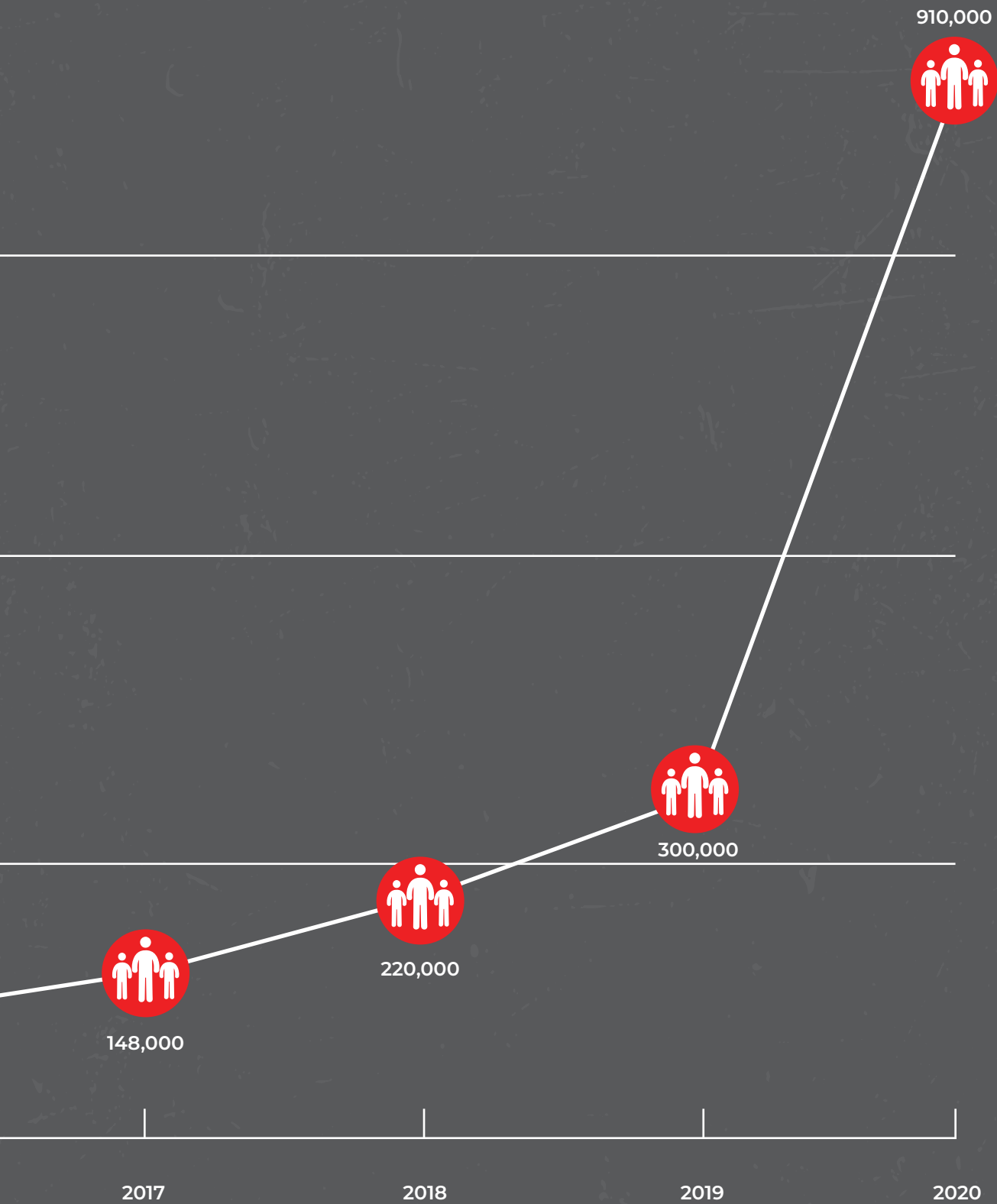
“Our dream has always been to unleash the true potential of mobile phones to enable low-income communities to amplify their voices in service of a more just and people-powered Mzansi.”

“Even though we were forced to switch off part of our mobile campaign platform because our funding didn't match the sheer demand from people wanting to take action, we cracked the formula for a pathway to scale our work.”

Membership



growth



Some of the many other campaigns we ran and supported in 2020 include:

- **Surveying our members to understand if employers were doing enough to protect workers from COVID-19.**
<https://amandla.mobi/which-employers-are-putting-workers-at-risk-2/>
- **Campaigning to demand the Basic Education Minister release plans outlining how the department will ensure schools are safe before they re-open.**
<https://act.amandla.mobi/campaigns/school-reopening-covid1>
- **Supporting the successful campaign to extend the public comment deadline for the National Youth Policy, to allow for greater youth consultation.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/extend-submission-date-for-the-national-youth-policy-2020-1>
- **Supporting Ndifuna Ukwazi's campaign to object to the leasing of public land to the King David Mowbray Gold Course, instead of using the land to build public housing.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/public-land-must-benefit-all-capetonians-object-to-the-king-david-mowbray-golf-course-lease>
- **Supporting the call by COPAC and SAFSC demanding Parliament adopt the Climate Justice Charter.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/together-we-can-help-ensure-parliament-brings-an-end-to-water-problems-hunger-and-pollution>
- **Supporting Oxfam SA and the Young Nurses Indaba Trade Union (YNITU) to set up a campaign on awethu.mobi calling on the biggest private healthcare companies to do more to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/tell-netcare-life-and-mediclinic-protect-healthcare-workers-and-save-lives>
- **Supporting the Fix the Patent Laws Coalition to set up a campaign on awethu.mobi calling on Minister Patel to make COVID-19 medicines accessible to all by taking steps to fix the patent laws.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/minister-ebrahim-patel-must-help-south-africa-fight-covid-19-by-taking-steps-to-fixthepatentlaws>

- **Campaigning to demand transparency from the Solidarity Fund.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/we-demand-transparency-from-the-solidarity-fund>
- **Working with the Criminal Records Coalition to launch a campaign calling for the decriminalisation of lockdown regulations.**
<https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/decriminalise-the-lockdown-regulations-to-decrease-the-number-of-people-living-with-criminal-records>

“We have had the distinct privilege of having Koketso Moeti in our Elevate family since naming her an inaugural Elevate Prize winner in 2020. Seeing amandla.mobi’s work in action only confirmed what we already knew: that Koketso’s skills as a leader and her commitment to building power for Black people are unmatched. For those looking to fund organizations raising the bar on digital activism and grassroots organizing, I strongly encourage you to consider amandla.mobi.”

- Carolina Jayaram CEO of the Elevate Prize Foundation

“amandla.mobi’s focus on digital campaigning is forward-looking and could potentially shift civic and political engagement for the better.”

- Simon, member of amandla.mobi

CAMPAIGN 1

Increase the Child Support Grant for the next 6 months



The impact of COVID-19 on poor households was devastating. To help avoid a humanitarian disaster, we worked with the Children's Institute to amplify their demand to increase the Child Support Grant. Over 500,000 people used their mobile phones to add their names to the campaign. On 21 April 2020, President Ramaphosa announced a grant top-up that will benefit an estimated 12.8 million children and 7 million caregivers over six months.

[Visit the campaign page here](#)

International experience suggested that a lockdown would help contain COVID-19, but with the loss of income and school meals, combined with food price increases, experts raised concerns that if nothing were done, food poverty rates would more than double during the lockdown. Experts made the case that increasing existing social grants would be the quickest and simplest way to inject much-needed cash into vulnerable households.

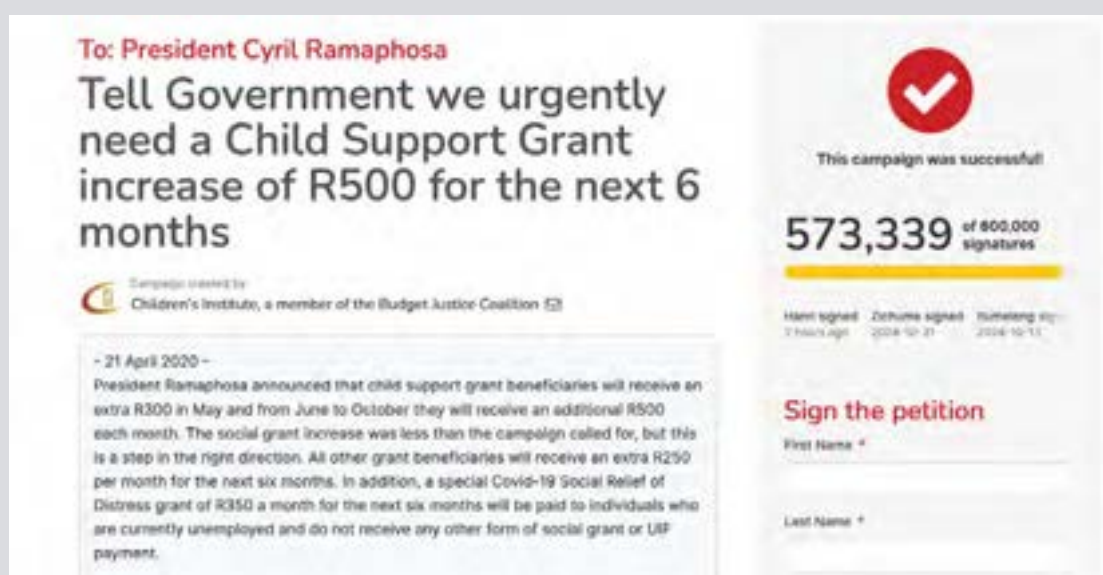
The campaign's demands were led by policy experts at the Children's Institute based at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and echoed the analysis of key economists² who stated that the Child Support Grant should be immediately increased by R500 (USD 30). The Children's Institute rallied key academics, civil society leaders and development partners to endorse the campaign demands. amandla.mobi worked with the Children's Institute to launch the campaign on our awethu.mobi platform, so we could mobilise public support, and amplify the concerns of Child Support Grant recipients themselves. The campaign was set up on our mobile platform, allowing anyone across the country to read about the campaign demands and add their name at no cost. In a matter of weeks the campaign went viral³, with low-income Black women mobilising their communities to join the campaign.

Mass public support for the campaign sent a clear message to President Ramaphosa. On 21 April 2020 the President announced that "...Child Support Grant beneficiaries will receive an extra R300 (USD 18) in May and from June to October they will receive an additional R500 each month." While the Child Support Grant increase was less than the campaign called for the increase was a step in the right direction, and the President announced a top-up of R250 (USD 15) for other social grants, as well as the introduction of a special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant of R350 (USD 21) a month for the unemployed.



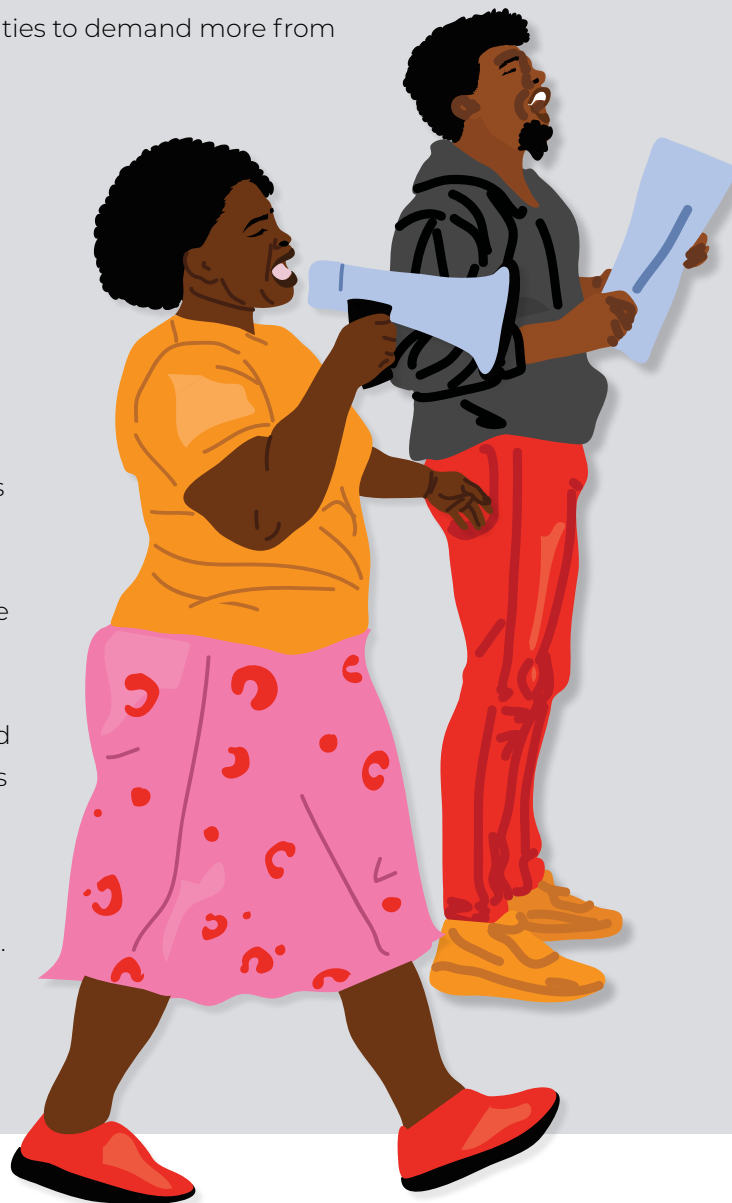
As with many campaigns we have worked on, it is important to monitor the implementation of commitments. We soon discovered that the additional R500 top-up of the Child Support Grant from June to October was not per child, but per caregiver. We started mobilising campaign supporters to demand President Ramaphosa provide R500 top-up for each child. Unfortunately this demand was ignored.

The campaign victory was significant. However, year on year social grants in South Africa have not increased enough to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. The top-ups were due to come to an end after October, and it was clear that households needed the top-ups and the R350 SRD grant to remain. We worked with our members to engage with the public participation process in the lead-up to the Finance Minister's mid-term budget policy statement. We built significant public pressure to make the social grant top-ups permanent, and the Finance Minister postponed his statement which may have been due to disagreement within the cabinet. In the end, the grant top-ups were not kept. However, the R350 SRD grant was extended. That was an important victory.



The campaign involved:

- Working closely with the Children's Institute to leverage their expertise in research and policy analysis.
- Launching a petition on our awethu.mobi platform and on our mobile platform.
- Monitoring implementation of commitments and identifying opportunities to demand more from decision-makers.
- Sending campaign supporters regular SMS and email messages to share updates and next steps for the campaign.
- Working with campaign supporters to demand the grant top-ups be made permanent. To ensure our demands were heard, supporters made phone calls and sent SMSs and tweets to the President and Finance Minister as part of the public comments processes.



Campaign created on:

CAMPAIGN 2

Increase the Old-Age Grant and give a 13th cheque



We have worked closely with the Gogos (grannies) of the Pietermaritzburg Pensioners Forum

since 2018. Each year we have coordinated with the gogos to ensure their voices and demands are heard at Parliament public hearings on the budget. In February 2020 the Gogos and other pensioner groups delivered their demands and 51,000 signatures to the National Treasury in Tshwane. The 2020 budget failed to announce a significant increase for the Old-Age Grant, but a few months later there was a R250 top-up impacting 3.7 million pensioners.

[Visit the campaign page here](#)

The majority of pensioners in South Africa had to bear the brunt of apartheid. Those who found work did not earn enough to support their families or save for retirement. When they retired they relied on the state Old-Age Grant (pension) to survive. This small monthly grant would be difficult to survive on for one person, but the reality of inequality and unemployment in South Africa means that pensions, like wages, bring income into households to support entire families. Pensioners regularly sacrifice their own needs to support families, especially in December when many must stretch their Old-Age Grant to pay for school uniforms, school fees, stationery and lunches for their grandchildren starting school in January.

The Pietermaritzburg Pensioners Forum developed a demand to change this by calling the President, Finance Minister and Parliament to increase the Old-Age Grant and to double the amount paid in December as an annual 13th Cheque. amandla.mobi began working with the Pietermaritzburg Pensioners Forum in 2018, and we have learnt so much from the fearless Gogos. From 2018 to 2020 we helped amplify the Gogos demands by securing media interviews, and helping organise transport for them to meet decision-makers in person. This included travelling from KwaZulu-Natal to Parliament in Cape Town so they could attend Parliament's joint finance committees' public hearings on the national budget.



“Parliamentarians are also human, they don’t live in space. They know that they too would not be able to survive on a mere R1 700 monthly.”

- Gogo Thoko Ngubane from KwaMpumuza⁴.

The Gogos taught us how personal testimonies are powerful when engaging decision-makers. The presence of the Gogos in Parliament and their stories of the immense personal sacrifices they made to put food on the table for their families meant that Members of Parliament could no longer talk about Old-Age Grants in abstract terms. Very few Members of Parliament dared to tell the Gogos that their demands were unreasonable; they claimed the decision lay with National Treasury.

In response to public pressure, Finance Minister Mboweni publicly committed to meeting with the Gogos of the Pietermaritzburg Pensioners Forum⁵. However, the Finance Minister’s office failed to honour this commitment and gave excuses that the Minister had already met with other pensioners and was too busy with the budget. In early January 2020, the Gogos campaign shifted its strategy to engage the Finance Minister with their demands as part of the public participation process leading up to the 2020 budget speech. We worked with the Pietermaritzburg Pensioners Forum and other pensioners groups from the Vaal and Tembisa to organise a protest at the National Treasury’s headquarters in Tshwane. The protest not only attracted media coverage but also got the attention of Finance Minister Mboweni.



“When unemployed youth want to print CVs and go to interviews, it’s these gogos and mkhulus who dig into their pockets to finance that.”⁶
- Noxolo amandla.mobi campaigner.



The 2020 budget was extremely disappointing. National Treasury ignored a number of progressive policy demands, and the budget amounted to nothing more than austerity by stealth. The Old-Age Grant increased, but only by a meagre R80⁷ (USD 5). The campaign did, however, help secure a R250 (USD 15) ‘top-up’ per month of the Old-Age Grant in response to COVID-19⁸ a few months later.



Campaign created on:



CAMPAIGN 3

Release and fund the national plan to address
Gender-Based Violence



Since 2017 we have been part of the Campaign to Stop Gender Violence, which calls for the government to publish and fund an effective National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence (GBV). For our members GBV is a serious issue, and we have heard countless horrific stories where our society fails women. Like Karabo Mokoena, who opened a case of assault against her boyfriend but, according to sources, was told by police, “Work it out...”. One month later, Karabo went missing before her body was found burnt beyond recognition⁹.

[Visit the campaign page here](#)

Since 2014 there have been calls for the government to finalise the National Strategic Plan on GBV, which would give civil society a tool to hold the government to account for their progress towards reducing GBV¹⁰. Thanks to sustained public pressure by GBV activists across South Africa there was finally some momentum towards finalising the National Strategic Plan on GBV. In September 2019 President Ramaphosa stated that government would reallocate R1.1 billion in additional funding that year¹¹. However, a few months later in Parliament the Finance Minister's budget statement did not include any information about fulfilling this commitment. It became clear that the campaign would need to turn-up the pressure on President Ramaphosa to finalise the plan and funding to tackle GBV. Our campaign lead, Palesa Ramolefo, published an opinion piece in The Citizen calling on President Ramaphosa to put his money where his mouth is¹². We also began building public pressure about the R1.1 billion commitment leading up to the President's State of the Nation Address and the Finance Minister's Budget Speech in February. The campaign outlined a number of options to fund the R1.1 billion commitment, including cutting perks and benefits that national Ministers and provincial Members of Executive Committees (MECs) enjoyed.

Finance Minister Mboweni did mention funding for GBV, but announced only R15 million, a fraction of the promised R1.1 billion commitment. However, the Minister announced that funds were being reallocated from cuts to perks Ministers and MECs enjoyed, meaning less money for their cars and no more security upgrades to their private homes. While we acknowledged this was a step in the right direction, we reminded Members of Parliament of the President's R1.1 billion commitment¹³ in our public submission on the budget. A few months later the government finally released the National Strategic Plan on GBV¹⁴, which now included a R1.6 billion commitment to fund the plan through budget reprioritisation.



Campaign created on:  **AMANDLA
AWETHU**

CAMPAIGN 4

Mobile networks must provide free data and SMSes to help respond to COVID-19



After years of campaigning to make mobile internet more accessible, we pivoted our Data Must Fall campaign to respond to COVID-19. We launched a campaign calling on mobile networks to help tackle misinformation about COVID-19 by making access to news sites data free, and providing free SMSes and data to low-income consumers so people can communicate with loved ones during the lockdown. Over half a million people signed the campaign, which forced Vodacom, Telkom, and Cell C to respond.

[Visit the campaign page here](#)

In 2019 decision-makers agreed to a number of Data Must Fall campaign demands. For years we had worked closely with our members to mobilise communities and expose how mobile networks discriminated against low-income consumers. Vodacom, the largest mobile network, reached a settlement with the Competition Commission. This marked a fundamental restructuring of pricing in the telecommunications sector. In April 2020 Vodacom's price reduction started. A 1GB monthly data bundle went from R149 to R99, and other smaller bundles used by low-income consumers dropped even more.

As COVID-19 swept through South Africa we realised that in a society as unequal as ours we must ensure that communications, safety measures and mental well-being are equitably distributed. This means that keeping informed, communicating with others, and feeling connected with one's community and society at large are essential for people's mental well-being and to curb the spread of misinformation¹⁵. But this is an additional expense not many people can afford. Government resources were under significant strain, so we launched a campaign that pivoted the momentum from our Data Must Fall campaign to demand that mobile networks play their part in responding to the crisis. Mobile networks were particularly vulnerable because public sentiment had turned against them once their profiteering and price discrimination had been exposed.

Mobile networks must provide low-income consumers with free data and 5 free SMSes per day during the coronavirus crisis.

The Coronavirus Outbreak

Click here to add your name

Coronavirus, here's what mobile networks should do

The new coronavirus, which causes Covid-19, has hit Mzansi. In a society as unequal as ours, we must ensure that communications, safety measures and mental well-being are equitably distributed. This makes keeping informed; communicating with others and feeling connected with one's community and society at large essential for people's mental well-being and to curb the spread of misinformation. But this is an additional expense not many people can afford. Mobile network providers cannot look at this crisis

566,673 of 1,000,000 signatures

First name: Last name:

Your email:

Province:

Your comments:

Mobile number:

☒ Yes. Keep me up to date with this campaign and others via email

Sign the petition

“amandla.mobi are helping in making certain that the concerns of ordinary South Africans are heard by those in power.”

- Nonnie, member of amandla.mobi

“Big-up for fighting for all the marginalised people who are excluded in the monetary system.”

- SK Nkosi, member of amandla.mobi



We launched the campaign on our mobile platform, allowing anyone to add their name at no cost from any phone and in English, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Sesotho and Setswana. The campaign went viral and gathered over half a million signatures. The campaign also received media attention and became a PR nightmare for mobile networks. Often, in campaigns, decision-makers go out of their way to ignore any communications from our campaigners and

purposely don't respond in writing. Many decision-makers seem to be under the impression that if they ignore us long enough, we will give up. This is why maintaining public pressure and escalating tactics are so important. While MTN ignored our campaign initially, significant media coverage¹⁶ and public pressure forced the largest mobile network, Vodacom, as well as networks Telkom and Cell C, to respond to our demands publicly. They also sent us detailed letters responding to our demands, and going to great lengths to outline all they were doing to support people through COVID-19.



We updated and re-engaged the campaign supporters to pressure MTN. The head of MTN marketing called our Executive Director in a panic. While they did not agree to the campaign demands, we certainly touched a nerve across all the mobile networks.

“amandla.mobi has not allowed me to grow apathetic in our very unequal context of South Africa. You give us more to do beyond ranting on Twitter yet keeping it simple.”

- Kundai, member of amandla.mobi

“Thank you amandla.mobi for fighting for us. We support you all the way.”

- Andile, member of amandla.mobi

“amandla.mobi is a great initiative towards creating healthy societies.”

- Bongi, member of amandla.mobi

CAMPAIGN 5

Rethink the immediate roll-out of online education so no one is left behind



Universities and colleges cancelled in-person teaching as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown but, together with the government, they planned to roll out online-only classes without any thought to the reality that many students don't have computers or internet access at home. This campaign was launched by an alliance of lecturers, students, and university administrators on our awethu.mobi platform and successfully convinced the Minister of Higher Education to rethink the roll-out.

[Visit the campaign page here](#)

In South Africa decisions are often made with little thought given to the realities facing low-income communities. When universities and colleges cancelled classes in line with the COVID-19 lockdown, privileged institutions like Wits and UCT planned to roll-out online education, with little thought as to what this meant for low-income students or how historically black institutions of higher education would be able to cope.

A group of concerned academics, civil society leaders, lecturers, university administrators and students put together a proposal to pause the immediate roll-out of online education and to consider instead a plan that would consult students and staff in restructuring the academic year in a way that would ensure no students were left behind.

A number of prominent academics across South Africa endorsed the detailed plan, and the campaign got the attention of Higher Education Minister Nzimande.

A matter of weeks after the campaign was launched, the Minister held a press conference where he announced a plan for the higher education sector that contained many elements of the campaign's plan¹⁷.

To: Minister Blade Nzimande, Deputy Minister Buti Manamela, Prof Ahmed Bawa (Universities South Africa), Council of Higher Education and all Vice Chancellors

Rethink the immediate roll-out of online learning by higher education institutions

Campaign created by: Post School Education Alliance (PSEA)

1,395 of 2,000 signatures

Sign the petition

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Province

Phone Number

Yes, keep me up to date with this campaign and others via email

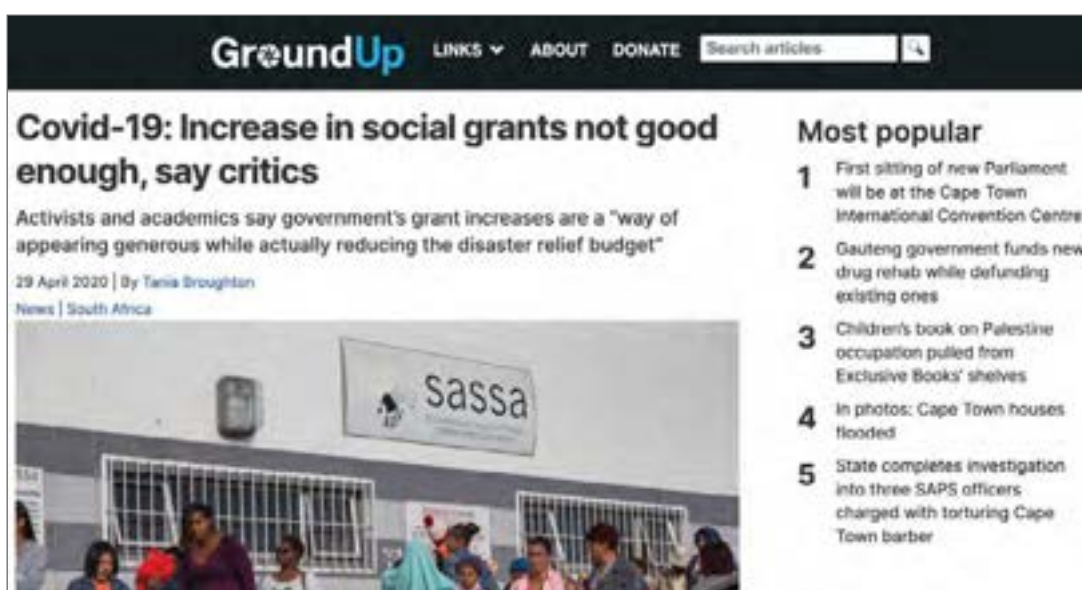
SIGN

We, a group of concerned academics, civil society leaders, lecturers, university administrators, students and everyday people, appeal to you to consider our call

Campaign created on:




Media Coverage









NEWS POLITICS

Here's what we know about government's proposed basic income grant



Social Development Minister Lindiwe Zulu provides an update on her department's interventions during the lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus. Picture: Kopano Tlape/GCIS

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2020 Campaigner Fellowship



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Destiny Manda.

“The fellowship gave me a deeper understanding of the deep-rooted inequalities affecting low-income black women. It also armed me with the tools needed to fight against some of these injustices. Social justice campaigning is a niche in South Africa but another impactful tool to hold government to account and the fellowship does a great job in terms of imparting these skills.”

– Thabisile Miya, 2020 Campaigner Fellow

“The campaigner fellowship was such a significant turning point for me. I have always regarded myself as a social justice activist, and participating in the fellowship fuelled my passion even more. It was without a doubt, a life-changing opportunity. Even though we had to do half of the fellowship from home because of the pandemic, the essence of what was taught was not lost.”

– Tebogo Gabang, 2020 Campaigner Fellow



Financials

[View 2020 Financials](#)

2019

2020

Revenue



R9,502,796



R9,562,117

Expenditure



R7,578,529



R8,637,673

What's left



R1,924,267



R924,444

In 2020 together we...



Endnotes



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Appendix:

2020 Financials

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Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Registration no. 2014/175307/08

Statement of financial position

	Notes	2020 R	2019 R
Assets			
Non-current Assets			
Property, furniture and equipment	2	1 503 343	220 603
		1 503 343	220 603
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	7 436 174	8 018 831
Other receivables		7 436 174	8 018 831
		6 939 517	8 239 434
Total Assets		8 939 517	8 239 434
Funds and Liabilities			
Funds			
Accumulated funds		5 881 515	4 974 952
		5 881 515	4 974 952
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	4	453 867	200 569
Provisions	5	136 989	12 996
Deferred income	6	2 467 146	3 050 917
		3 058 002	3 264 462
Total Funds and Liabilities		8 939 517	8 239 434

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	2020 R	2019 R
Revenue		9 460 932	9 363 296
Grants and donations received		9 428 778	9 342 447
Other income		32 154	20 849
Expenditure		8 637 673	7 576 529
Operating and project expenses		8 637 673	7 576 529
Operating surplus		823 259	1 786 767
Interest income		1 01 185	139 500
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		924 444	1 924 267

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Detailed Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	2020 R	2019 R
Grants and donations		9 428 778	9 342 447
Bread for the World		1 287 265	854 938
Global Health Advocacy Incubator / Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids		2 695 008	3 613 110
NCAS		-	30 087
Comic Relief		594 055	218 066
David & Elaine Fother Foundation		-	33 600
Campact		111 715	379 538
Emerson Collective		-	141 688
Omidyar Network Fund Inc		2 515 764	1 841 363
Open Society Foundation SA		240 861	759 039
Black Sash		150 000	-
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation		1 458 935	-
Bread for the World project deferred income adjustment		355 963	1 417 380
Sundry donations		19 112	54 258
Other income		133 389	160 349
Interest received		101 185	139 500
Sundry income		32 154	20 849
Total income		9 562 117	9 502 796
Personnel		3 851 844	3 549 085
Salaries & contributions		2 476 180	1 545 732
Developer (personnel)		347 418	562 115
Campaigner consulting fees		45 956	1 140 265
Consulting fees		670 299	212 501
Staff development & welfare		68 230	6 927
Recruitment		13 157	46 066
Penalties & interest		30 585	12 214
Prior year tax expense		-	73 205
Administration (Core operations)		1 221 690	1 187 856
Office rent		169 831	182 858
Equipment rental		7 326	21 668
External accountant		225 482	127 746
Secretarial Fee		-	1 025
Audit fees		96 308	29 378
Insurance		53 782	35 110
Office supplies & minor equipment		85 162	176 114
Depreciation		129 968	55 595
Financial service fees		30 147	23 804
Legal services		26 866	27 365
Telephone & internet		200 173	158 538
Courier & postage		779	3 862
Local travel - subsistence		-	19 426
Local travel - ground		131 037	100 993
Local travel - flights		10 325	57 804
Accommodation		21 787	12 411
Foreign travel		15 769	123 031
Events with stakeholders		1 172	-
Interest paid		2	-
Travel reimbursement		9 619	-
Office repairs and Maintenance		5 935	-
Project activities		3 764 139	3 871 788
Online services		1 132 843	810 296
Advertising & promotions		2 149 891	1 760 934
Developer (projects)		290 325	78 301
Media services		97 002	177 116
Donations		-	31 708
Campaign materials		-	13 373
Campaign Costs: Comic Relief		94 072	-
Total expenses		8 637 673	7 576 529
Surplus for the year		924 444	1 924 267

This supplementary information does not form part of the financial statements and is unaudited.

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