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'Creating an enabling environment for community based responses to poverty eradication'

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Bishop's introduction

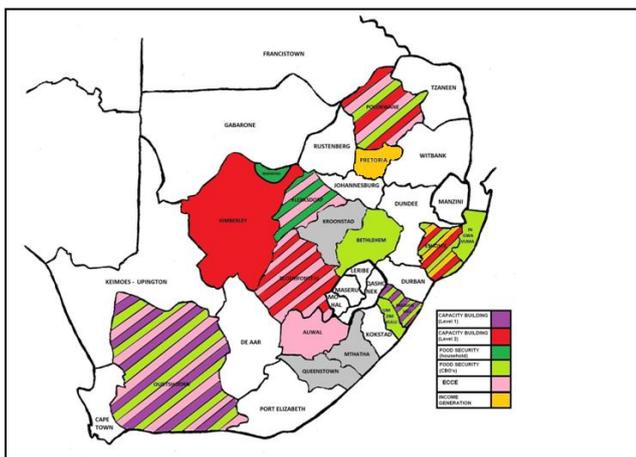
In South Africa, the church is a partner in development with local governments and other actors in the field. Our solidarity with the poor is based on respect and justice while applying the principle of subsidiarity that you should not do for others what they can do for themselves. People are empowered to stand up for their rights and work to achieve a better living standard for themselves and their local communities. With Siyabhabha Trust we are in the front lines of development and the struggle against poverty. Enjoy your reading and hopefully you will again a better understanding of what the church is all about when we speak of development. In the end, "it better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

+Bishop Frank Nubuasah

Who we are: Siyabhabha Trust- Caritas South Africa is a non-profit development agency of the South African Catholic Bishops Conference operating in South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland. Siyabhabha Trust's vision is to achieve a just and equitable society which promotes people-centred development that transforms lives and empowers people to determine their own solutions to development. Therefore, it seeks to empower marginalized citizens to unlock their own potential and become self-reliant as individuals and communities by mobilizing communities to participate in development efforts throughout its dioceses. Siyabhabha Trust recognises that full democratic participation is essential, at all levels of society, both for sustainable development, and to enable people to reach their full potential. Siyabhabha Trust works with a Livelihoods and Rights Based Approach which recognises that every person's basic human needs should be met holistically and that they should be allowed to reach their full physical, mental and spiritual potential.



Where are we- Siyabhabha Trust programmes



Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security - Operational in 6 regions. We promote food security among rural and marginalised communities via establishment and support of household and community gardens. Organic production methods are used.

Early Childhood Care and Education - Operational in 5 regions. We aim to improve standards of service delivery for young children and strengthen circles of care for most vulnerable children.

Peace-building Programme Operational in 9 provinces. Our objective is to integrate refugees and non-nationals into South African society; 77 Communities of Peace, Diversity and Care have been established.

Capacity Building of Communities and Dioceses: Operational in 13 regions. ST provides technical and advisory support, training and funding to help community based organisations within the church network to plan and manage their own development programmes.

Economic Strengthening & Income Generation – Pilot project operational in Pretoria. The programme aims to facilitate poverty eradication through the development of sustainable economic initiatives and the strengthening of social cohesion at community level. The programme is expected to extend to KwaZulu Natal in June 2011.

Civic Engagement Programme (due to start January 2012) Aims to promote democratic engagement at grass roots level by building capacity of communities to engage with government /decision-makers on policies and service provision.

The overarching principle of **Integral Human Development** outlined in the **Social Doctrine of the Church**, inspires and motivates Siyabhabha Trust's work. This is achieved through a set of **CORE VALUES: DIGNITY** of every person and all peoples, Acknowledging the Rights and Responsibilities of all people to **PARTICIPATE** in issues and decisions that affect their lives and the common good. Expressing **SOLIDARITY** through genuine compassion towards the poorest and most neglected. Organizing to ensure **PEACE** within and between peoples and harmony with all of creation.

From the Field : PEACE BUILDING Programme

The Communities of Peace, Diversity and Care in the Newcastle area of KZN have taken an initiative on behalf of the children in their area. During their meetings they became conscious of the dangers confronting children in the community and the violence that they are experiencing among themselves and from teachers in local schools. Under the auspices of the Chieftainess who is a member of a Peace Community, it was decided to have meetings with teachers, not just to express their concern, but to acknowledge the difficult task that teachers have, in difficult circumstances and to offer support and training in the skills of non-violence and peace building. This has created a new dynamic in the whole community – children are more aware of their parents' active concern for them; teachers have new skills to deal with issues and feel supported and they all feel they are living the African axiom that "it takes a whole village to raise a child".

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