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GRANTS AND PROJECTS REPORT: THE AFRICA FUND - 1990

The Africa Fund had close to \$620,000 worth of income and expenses on projects in 1990. The two largest projects this year were the "Sun City" project, which the Fund adopted in agreement with the artists in the fall of 1985 and the "South Africa Now" weekly television newsmagazine produced by Globalvision.

The Sun City project provides the Fund with income from royalties earned from worldwide record and video-cassette sales; expenditure of funds is controlled by a formula set out below.

The South Africa Now television newsmagazine was initiated in 1988 by Danny Schechter and some of the creative people associated with the Sun City Project. The Africa Fund serves as a fiscal sponsor for the show and helps in administration, fundraising and promotion of the show. In addition, the research department provides substantial editorial input, although the producers have retained ultimate editorial control. As with all projects, The Africa Fund reserves 7% of all funds raised for this project so as to cover at least part of the administrative costs associated with the newsmagazine.

List of Projects:

1. Sun City
2. South Africa Now
3. Projects with African National Congress
4. Labor Education
5. Research of RENAMO/UNITA
6. Mozambique Support Network
7. Medical Supplies to Zaire
8. Solidarity Reception
9. In Kind Support

1. Sun City

The Sun City record continues to provide a small amount of income to this project (about \$18,000). In addition, Jackson Browne is donating royalties from one song on his new album to the Sun City Project (about \$35,000 at end October 1990). Total Sun City income at end November 1990 was \$54,948.

As you are aware the Sun City formula provides for division of these funds roughly in thirds. The first third to be expended for the families of political prisoners in South Africa, the second for refugee projects of the ANC, the final third for anti-apartheid education in the U.S., divided between ACOA and TransAfrica Forum with 7 percent of the whole reserved for administrative expenses of the Africa Fund.

For detainees and political prisoners: \$18,297

This November, Jennifer Davis took a check for \$5,000 to Cowley House in Cape Town. This is the half way house that political prisoners are taken to when they get off the boat from Robben Island. Here they receive their first set of set of street clothes, a medical and psychological examination and make their first phone calls to their loved ones. Cowley House is run by the Dependents Conference of the South African Council of Churches.

Jennifer also took a check for \$3,000 made payable to the Western Cape Political Prisoners and Trialist Support Group. This group of families and friends of political prisoners has been organizing to protest the poor treatment and improper release policies of the government. \$10,297 remains to be distributed. Staff proposes to send this to a number of smaller detainee/political prisoner projects.

For refugee/education projects of the ANC: \$18,297

The ANC Treasurer Vusi Khanyile and the Treasurer General Thomas Nkobi wrote The Africa Fund to request support for a project to train former political prisoners and recently returned refugees as accountants and business managers for community organizations. Jennifer Davis took a check to South Africa for \$17,715 toward this project in November. The remaining \$582 will be sent to the ANC for this project.

For Anti-Apartheid Education in the US:

The Africa Fund sent ACOA \$7022. The remaining \$231 will be sent before Dec. 31.

The Africa Fund sent \$7022 to TransAfrica Forum. The remaining \$231 will be sent before Dec. 31.

Administrative:

\$3,848 was retained by The Africa Fund for administrative expenses.

2. South Africa Now

In 1988, some of the creative people associated with the Sun City Project initiated an educational project that involves the production of a television newsmagazine program South Africa Now. This weekly television newsmagazine has been well received around the country and is now distributed nationally to more than 60 Public Broadcasting Stations.

The Africa Fund serves as a fiscal sponsor for the show and helps in administration, fundraising and promotion of the show. In addition, the research department provides substantial editorial input, although the producers have retained editorial control. This project has taken a tremendous amount of time and resources over the past two years. However, it has had a powerful effect on awareness, educating Americans about the situation in Southern Africa.

We have allocated as of December 1 some \$460,000 for the newsmagazine project. This sum includes contributions from the Rockefeller Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, Ford Foundation, North Shore Unitarian Universalists Association and Bruce Springsteen. We anticipate additional expenditures before the end of the year.

The Africa Fund does a tremendous amount of work supporting the fundraising, in addition to reporting and ensuring that accurate, complete records are kept on this project. The Africa Fund reserves 7% of all funds raised for South Africa Now to cover administrative costs associated with the newsmagazine.

We believe that the work that we do in editorial production, research and helping to ensure that the long term planning needs of the show are met is part of the general mandate of The Africa Fund and meet these expenditures out of the general funds raised. In effect Africa Fund is making a substantial grant to the South Africa Now project out of general funds.

3. Projects with the ANC

Jennifer Davis took a check for \$5,130 to Treasurer General Thomas Nkobi this November for health and educational projects of the ANC devoted to the needs of South African refugees in southern Africa. These funds were raised principally from long time supporter George Bollag.

4. Labor Education

We have allocated \$20,000 to the New York Area Labor Committee Against Apartheid to publish a newsletter and educate the labor movement about black trade unions in South Africa. The funds were raised from New World Foundation.

5. Research on RENAMO, UNITA:

We allocated \$43,000 to Bill Minter's research, travel and writing on the anti-government rebel groups RENAMO in Mozambique and UNITA in Angola. These funds were raised from the European funding group SIDA.

6. Mozambique Support Network:

We have allocated some \$16,500 to the Chicago based Mozambique Support Network to disseminate information about Mozambique to the American public, increase press coverage of Mozambique and encourage and facilitate humanitarian aid and support for Mozambique. This grant is made possible because of support from small foundations and the Veatch program.

7. Medical Supplies to Zaire:

Staff allocated \$5,000 toward medical supplies distributed by the Congo Relief Committee in Zaire. Last year The Africa Fund provided \$10,000 to Congo Relief Committee representative in the United States, Serge Mukendi, to buy medicines for use in dispensaries in eastern Zaire. We received a report from Dr. Kabongo-Ntambwa, of the Centre Medical de Ake in Burundi on the use of these medicines. The Presbyterian church provided funds for these medicines.

8. Solidarity Reception:

The Africa Fund provided \$12,500 to Artist's United Against Apartheid for expenses associated with organizing a briefing/reception for Nelson Mandela hosted by Spike Lee, Steven Van Zandt, Eddie Murphy and Robert DeNiro at DeNiro's restaurant. These funds were raised from a variety of individual donors.

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9. In Kind

We arranged for shipment of \$28,000 worth of medicines to the ANC hospital and school complex in Tanzania in May of this year. This represents medical supplies collected by medical aid organizations in North Carolina. Transportation costs of approximately \$3,000 were met by the Africa Fund from funds raised through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Trustee Action: Staff would like the Trustees to review and approve these expenditures. In addition, as you can see most of these are ongoing projects and we request approval to continue support of these projects in 1991, contingent on our ability to raise funds.