



SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE

Building Relationships and Resilience

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The Garden is Rich

The garden is rich with diversity
With plants of a hundred families
In the space between the trees
With all the colours and fragrances.

Basil, mint and lavender,
Great Mystery keep my remembrance pure,
Raspberry, Apple, Rose,
Great Mystery fill my heart with love,
Dill, anise, tansy,
Holy winds blow in me.
Rhododendron, zinnia,
May my prayer be beautiful
May my remembrance O Great Mystery
Be as incense to thee

In the sacred grove of eternity
As I smell and remember
The ancient forests of Earth.

- *Chinook Psalter*

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List of Acronyms

FLEAT	Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training
RBI	Restaurant Brands International
SAFCEI	Southern African Faith Communities’ Environment Institute
SWC	Sustaining the Wild Coast
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment

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Letter from our Chair



STEPHEN JACOBS

The tug-of-war between humans and nature continues unabated. Ignorance, greed and blind consumerism continue to result in us consuming one-and-a-half times the resources the Earth produces. We are using resources that belong to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Despite the dissemination of information, backed by science, showing the unsustainable ecological footprint of modern society, a meaningful transition to a zero ecological footprint is far too slow.

In my second year as Chair, I am grateful to play a role in promoting the movement toward a sustainable future. I have always cherished the scope and impact of SAFCEI's work and believe in its ability to continue to grow these.

I can confidently speak on behalf of the Board Directors when commending the staff at SAFCEI, under the strong leadership of the Executive Director Francesca, for continuing to be so effective in their work in the areas of energy, food and climate justice, despite the extreme challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. SAFCEI has adapted most impressively to a new way of working to continue with its projects and to raise and disburse the

necessary funds. This annual report illustrates these impressive achievements.

The time that I spend on my SAFCEI duties helps to restore my hope for the future because, thanks to SAFCEI's work, more and more people across sub-Saharan Africa are being inspired to spread the word about sustainability to their communities. I will continue to be encouraged when I hear growing numbers of people saying 'NO!' to environmentally damaging practices, 'NO!' to wasteful and inhumane food production techniques, 'NO!' to inefficient and harmful energy generation, and 'YES!' to conscious consumerism.

We must keep reminding ourselves that we humans are part of nature, a powerful cog in the intricate web of life with the ability to positively or negatively impact the planet. The footprint we leave depends on the moment-by-moment choices that we make. My hope is that we continue our quest to achieve the vision of joining the other species on Earth with a zero ecological footprint.

Blessings to all our supporters!

Stephen Jacobs

Letter from our Executive Director

2020 was a time of immense disruption and heartache due to Covid-19, and our region continues to face serious social and environmental challenges. The role of SAFCEI in supporting faith leaders on eco-justice issues has never been more important. In the face of Covid-19, faith leaders act as frontline workers providing guidance, solace and often much-needed practical support to their communities.

When I started at SAFCEI in 2017, the organisation attracted less than R3 million a year and staff worked part-time. We've worked hard to professionalise our approach, seek new sources of financial support, build our programmes and grow a diverse, regional faith leader network to ensure sustainability and longevity. In 2020, we delivered on our objectives online, and found ways to support faith communities locally. This brought new opportunities and opened new innovative spaces for faith leaders.

Our analysis of the Covid-19 crisis is that it is a precursor to greater environmental and climatic crises. It is therefore critical that we continue to support faith leadership, and to advocate for policies and practices that protect our common home.

While online connectivity remains a challenge for some in our network, we have been able to broaden the impact of our work by taking our training and workshops online and initiating a series of Regional Interfaith Dialogues (page 16). We have intensified campaigning on issues related to animal justice (page 11), energy and climate justice (page 12), and food and climate justice (page 13) during this tumultuous period.

At the end of 2020, we bade Kate Davies, one of SAFCEI's founders, a fond farewell and we wish her a well-deserved rest after 15 years of service.

Finally, we have set in place SAFCEI's strategy for 2021-2023, co-creating our future to meet the demands of this new reality. While SAFCEI is evolving from its dynamic beginning into a more structured and accountable organisation, our founding vision of 'Care for the Earth' remains. Our new strategy maps out a new phase in our growth, while honouring the ethos that led to SAFCEI's creation.

We remain deeply grateful to all those who journey with us.

Francesca de Gasparis



FRANCESCA DE GASPARIS

SAFCEI's Vision, Mission and Objectives

SAFCEI, established in 2005, is a multi-faith organisation committed to supporting Southern African faith leaders and their communities in growing awareness, understanding and action on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change.

Our members are faith leaders from many faiths, including African Traditional Healers, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Quaker communities, and a wide range of Christian denominations. Our members also include indigenous knowledge holders who identify as Khoi and San Traditionalists.

Through our work we emphasise the spiritual and ethical imperative to care for the Earth and all the life that it sustains. We speak out on issues of eco-justice, encourage ethical action in this regard, and call on those in positions of authority to govern ethically on matters concerning our common home.



Our Vision

People of faith caring for living Earth.



Our Mission

As an institute of many faiths, we are united in our diversity through our shared commitment to caring for living Earth.



Our Objectives

Through collaboration, networking, training and learning, research and action, SAFCEI seeks, with people of faith, to:

- Raise environmental awareness.
- Promote environmental responsibility and action.
- Facilitate and support environmental advocacy.
- Confront injustices and advance eco- and socioeconomic justice.
- Influence and formulate environmental policies and ethical guidelines.

Our Approach

SAFCEI offers a faith-based approach to 'Earthkeeping', in recognition that all life is sacred. All faith scriptures refer to our sacred connection to and the need for a reverence for Earth and to the 'golden rule'.

SAFCEI supports faith communities' eco-justice efforts through solidarity, supporting networks and providing training and science-based information.

Our collective goal is to act to replenish living Earth, in a way that is informed by prayer, contemplation and meditation, and builds community among and between the Earth community and the Divine.

We do this through our facilitated peer platforms – FLEAT, the new Regional Interfaith Dialogues, and an Active Citizen's Network – and we collaborate with civil society networks with common objectives, as well as the public, through campaigns and in online spaces. Our programme work draws on lived experience, traditional knowledge and scientific evidence to support local citizen action and advocacy for policy change.

Highlights in 2020

Workshops, Meetings & Conferences

- Hosted **6** online Regional Interfaith Dialogues
- Facilitated **3** Cape Flats Interfaith meetings
- Hosted **3** FLEAT workshop sessions
- Hosted **19** webinars
- Made **2** presentations at international events
- Made **3** presentations at regional events

Submissions

- Prepared **3** submissions to National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) against Eskom's annual tariff increase
- Prepared **3** written submissions and objections related to nuclear energy
- Made **7** requests under the Public Access to Information Act related to nuclear energy
- Prepared **1** written submission with the African Climate Justice Group

Gender Representation

- **50%** of SAFCEI Board are women
- **80%** of SAFCEI staff are women
- **40%** of attendees at FLEATs were women
- **41%** of attendees at Regional Interfaith Dialogues were women

Support Provided

- Processed **8** small grants
- Processed **25** emergency relief grants
- Provided **R63 000** in data to SAFCEI members to attend online meetings

Campaigns

- Ran **4** campaigns across our focus areas

Funding & Partnerships

- Raised **R7 074 291** in funds
- Work with **>70** collaborative partners

Research

- Commissioned **2** multi-country research studies
- Commissioned **2** policy research studies

Our Covid-19 Response

Covid-19 presented human societies around the world with challenges that were unlike any in living memory in their scope and tragic impact. Southern Africa was badly impacted. The Western Cape province, where our offices are based, experienced an early wave of infections that wrought devastation on communities.

Faith leaders were quickly identified as 'essential workers' by the government and given special dispensation to support the many communities in need. As environmentalists, many of us were sadly not surprised by the pandemic, the like of which had been predicted by scientists for decades as we broke down the fabric of nature with our greed, overconsumption and exploitation.

SAFCEI's response to Covid-19 and the related lockdowns that followed was two-fold. First, we acted immediately to ensure the safety of SAFCEI Staff and to enable us to continue in our work by setting up systems to be able to work from home. Secondly, we reached out to faith leaders to understand how best we could support them during the immediate crisis and in acting on eco-justice issues that continued during the pandemic.

One of the most important lessons we learnt during this challenging time was the importance of the role of faith leaders in times of crisis. They acted as frontline workers, offering practical support and comfort as communities lost loved ones, jobs and social cohesion.

SAFCEI's organisational response to Covid-19



Enabling internet access for working from home.



Reflecting on the new reality and planning how to continue our work with Staff and Board.



Establishing Monday morning check-in and Friday afternoon check-out sessions to support working norms among Staff.



Offering psychological services to Staff.



Holding weekly one-on-one meetings with Staff to support them in working remotely.

SAFCEI's faith community response to Covid-19



Shifting online all training and physical activities, including FLEAT, food garden trainings and Regional Interfaith Dialogues.



Holding online discussions and consultations and conducting an online survey with faith leaders to ascertain their priorities and support their needs.



Provisioning a once-off emergency food relief grant for communities in South Africa.



Expanding the small grants offer to help build local resilience in faith communities.

Our work with the Sustainable Development Goals

Zero Hunger



- Presented at regional and international meetings (page 16)
- Hosted an online food gardening workshop (page 17)

Quality Education



- Hosted 3 FLEAT workshop sessions
- Hosted 19 webinars

Partnership for the Goals



- Worked with >70 collaborative partners

Affordable and Clean Energy



- Intensified the campaign for a Nuclear Free South Africa (page 12)
- Commissioned 2 research studies (page 12)
- Campaigned against fracking in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa (page 12)

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



- Prepared 3 written objections
- Commissioned 2 policy reviews (page 12)

Decent Work and Economic Growth



- Supported an innovative youth training programme (page 19)

Life on Land



- Launched 2 successful campaigns (page 17)
- Hosted eco-footprinting workshops (page 15)

Responsible Consumption and Production



- Conducted 2 successful campaigns against caged-hen egg supply in two hotel chains (page 11)
- Commissioned a four-country research project on the status of layer hens in Southern Africa (page 11)

Climate Action



- Conducted a four-country research study on links between food and climate change governance in Southern Africa (page 13)

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a freshly harvested radish. The person is wearing a dark grey pinstriped suit jacket over a red ribbed sweater. The background shows a garden with other radishes and green foliage. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Programmes

Our work focuses on three main thematic areas, affirmed at our 2019 Policy Conference as key to bringing about a better understanding of our relationship with – and our responsibility to care for – the Earth and all life. These core areas are **Energy and Climate Justice, Food and Climate Justice, and Animal Justice.**

Three other thematic areas explored at our Conference – consumerism and waste, land and water justice, and planetary boundaries and biodiversity loss – inform the additional work we do.

SAFCEI works collaboratively wherever possible, and interacts through a range of forums and platforms to advance a faith-based perspective and action.

Animal Justice

Animals are part of the sacred Earth community. As industrial farming practices expand in our region, so the rights of animals as sentient beings are denied, and they endure unnecessary and extreme suffering and inhumane treatment. This is unconscionable and done in the name of profit. This commodification and exploitation of farmed animals for human use is amoral and deeply contradicts spiritual teachings.

Caged hens live some of the cruellest and confined existences of all farmed animals. For this reason, SAFCEI has chosen to campaign for their welfare through our *Cage Free Hens* campaign. We also seek to raise awareness of how industrial farming damages our collective health and wellbeing, and resilience. We campaign for cage-free egg commitments from major retailers and hotel groups in South Africa and the region, and support global campaigns. While Covid-19 lockdowns disrupted our campaigning efforts in 2020, we still made progress towards our goal of ending the use of cages for egg-laying hens by 2025.

Key activities in 2020:

- Undertook a four-country research study to understand the cage status of layer hens in Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This data has helped us and others working towards cage-free hens to focus and refine our campaigns in the region.
- Initiated a week-long campaign in February 2020 (before Covid-19 hit) that saw Hotel Verde commit to sourcing only 100% cage-free eggs by 2025.
- Joined the Open Wing Alliance global campaign against Restaurant Brands International (RBI) in October 2020. SAFCEI launched a petition that resulted in more than 270 000 signatures asking RBI to procure cage-free eggs. RBI subsequently committed to sourcing only cage-free eggs by the end of 2025.
- Engaged with South Africa's Sustainability Retail Forum, comprising four of South Africa's biggest supermarket chains, to urge them to make cage-free egg pledges.



Energy and Climate Justice

As people of faith, we are witnessing the devastation of climate change and ongoing inequalities in energy access and a lack of capacity to self-determine. Regional regulation of energy sources, pricing and distribution is blocking the transition towards renewable and equitable systems that will build climate resilience. Renewable energy could provide affordable access for all and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that drive climate change. All faiths hold the tenet that life must be safeguarded, which includes Earth's ecosystems and the life within them. We must do all that we can to avert a climate crisis by supporting the call for a just energy transition, and enhanced transparency and accountability in energy supply and generation.

Much of our work in 2020 focused on the re-emergence of nuclear energy being touted as a viable energy source in the region. Despite

our successful litigation with Earthlife Africa in 2017 to block an illegal and unconstitutional nuclear energy deal. Nuclear is neither necessary nor affordable in Africa's energy mix.

Key Activities in 2020:

- Intensified our campaign for a Nuclear Free South Africa.
- Commissioned research on the impact of electricity price hikes on 100 poor urban and peri-urban families in communities in Cape Town.
- Undertook a study on the laws and regulations governing fluctuating electricity tariffs in South Africa.
- Made technical and community submissions at NERSA's public hearings, opposing proposed increases in electricity tariffs.
- Worked with faith leaders and local, regional and international organisations to coordinate a stand against fracking in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

Nuclear Free South Africa Campaign

We issued a call to action in August 2020 to oppose the extension of the Koeberg nuclear power plant and objected to the DFFE's EIA of the Dufnefontein site for the building of a new nuclear power station.

We are raising awareness of the dangers of nuclear energy with faith leaders of affected communities and have shared information on how to submit opposition to the plan for an additional 2 500 megawatts of nuclear energy. Our letter on behalf of faith communities in August 2020 called for a stop to nuclear energy generation in South Africa. Details of the campaign can be found on our new website: nuclearcostssa.org.

CALL TO ACTION: OPPOSE THE PROPOSED KOEBERG PLANT LIFE EXTENSION



INTRODUCTION

We are concerned that government leaders once again are proceeding with processes to:

- Potentially include 2500MW new nuclear power to South Africa's future electricity generation mix
- Extend the plant life of Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant.

OVERVIEW

Draft regulations on the Long-Term Operation of Nuclear Installations

The Draft regulations on the Long-Term Operation of Nuclear Installations set out the requirements for licence holders (such as the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station) to apply to operate beyond the original licence period.

Food and Climate Justice

The sharing of food is a cultural celebration that has bound families and people of faith together over the ages. Yet, the industrialisation of our food systems is severing our spiritual connection to life sustaining sources of food, farming and land. This extractive approach to agriculture is driving social injustice, ecological devastation, health pandemics and climate change. The negative links between climate change and food security and sovereignty are evident. All faiths share a common principle of care for the Earth and uphold the sanctity of food and life.

With this in mind, in 2019, we launched a new programme to focus on climate-related governance of food systems and the building of a faith food-climate movement. Our initial focus was on commissioning research, building networks and supporting existing campaigns. In 2020, we worked more strategically to bring a faith perspective to ongoing dialogues on this issue and embarked on our own initiatives.

Open Letter to the Gates Foundation

A call to action was given in the open letter to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, published on 20 September 2020. The letter calls on the Foundation to stop imposing the industrial agriculture model on African farming systems. It notes the scientific evidence of the negative impacts of this model, which disregards the ethical imperative of care for the Earth. It calls on the Foundation to support sustainable and agroecological agricultural approaches on the continent.

We raised awareness among faith leaders and their communities through our various platforms and hosted two webinars to explain the importance of joining this call. To date (2021), over 500 faith leaders and organisations have endorsed the letter. Leaders of 15 different faiths have signed, including major faiths like Christian and Muslim, as well as representatives of the Khoi Traditional, Ezabngoma and Ikhambi healers, and the Church of the Earth.

SAFCEI interacts through a range of forums and platforms to advance a faith-based perspective, which includes participation in the steering committee of the Climate Justice Coalition.

Key Activities in 2020:

- Presented at United Nations committee meetings to advocate for agroecological farming support. We also chaired an Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa breakaway meeting on the role of faith organisations in upscaling agroecology.
- Undertook multi-country research on food and climate change governance structures in South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe to generate evidence to support our campaigns and calls for policy change. The research identified faith-based organisations in these countries with whom SAFCEI could partner. The final report will be released in 2021.
- Published an open letter to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Judith Bingadi selecting seed.
Chimanimani, Zimbabwe.
Photo credit Xavier Vahed.



Platforms

Our platforms build the relationships necessary to support our mission to foster care for the Earth.

We work primarily with faith leaders and people of faith who are leaders in their communities, but also with civil society and citizens to support them in actively bringing about an equitable, sustainable world.

FLEAT

Our five-year-old FLEAT programme, a peer-learning platform, interacts and works with faith leaders and institutes across Southern and East Africa to support their advocacy role and ability to activate a sense of environmental responsibility in their faith communities. In 2020 we held online FLEATs in South Africa in May and in the Karoo in June, and an in-person FLEAT Cape Town in December. The in-person FLEAT in Malawi planned for December 2020 was postponed and held online in March 2021 due to Covid-19 regulations. SAFCEI provided the funds for the registration of the FLEAT ZIM Trust, which is near completion, and which will formalise this faith community's eco-justice work. Of the thirty-three faith leaders participated in the three FLEATs of 2020, of whom 40% were women. There was an enhanced focus in our 2020 training on building community resilience, particularly regarding food security.

The Impact of Covid-19

Traditionally FLEAT focused on in-person meetings and workshops. The lockdowns posed significant challenges to our programme, but also opened new opportunities for growing the scale and impact of our work. We had to adapt to doing this work in a virtual environment in a way that would still enable participants to feel engaged with the topic and each other. We administered surveys to members to best understand how to support them and to determine their primary needs regarding eco-justice work and engaging online. We provided data to members to enable them to join meetings, but the challenges remain of poor internet access and connectivity. FLEAT groups were also connected through WhatsApp, to enable them to share information, stories, learning materials and country updates.

“We need to bust the myth that we are separate from God/nature and understand our place in the great flow of life. Maybe that will help heal our relationship with the Earth”.
– Eco-footprint training participant

Our eco-footprinting and food garden training (15) are good examples of how we can use the online environment to grow our networks and become more impactful.

- **Eco-Footprint Training:** An online session in August 2020 aimed to grow understanding that our wellbeing is linked to that of the Earth. This was a fun way to share knowledge about how to reduce our ecological footprint by practising energy and water efficiency. Participants included FLEAT graduates and members of the Cape Flats multifaith network who pledged to make changes in their own consumption patterns and to raise awareness within their communities. Twenty faith leaders attended the eco-footprinting training, 50% of whom were women.





Regional Interfaith Dialogues

We launched the first of our Regional Interfaith Dialogues in September 2020 to create a space to deepen understanding of different faith perspectives on eco-justice issues. We have established this new 'interfaith' space to allow for reflection on faith values and scriptures. We believe that this addition to our traditional multifaith approach, through which we support, many faiths in addressing shared environmental and climate concerns, adds value to our work.

Six dialogues focused on SAFCEI's thematic areas: Energy and Climate Change (3 September), **Food Security and Climate Change** (29 September), **Animal Justice** (12 November), **Waste and Consumerism** (19 November), **Land and Water Justice** (2 December), **Planetary Boundaries and Biodiversity Loss** (15 December). More than 265 people attended these dialogues, including 110 women.

Hearing about faith perspectives and the lived experiences from communities across Southern Africa expands our understanding of contextual issues. It supports our efforts on advocacy, campaigning, and delivering ethical action in community.

Cape Flats Interfaith Group Meetings

In July 2020, the Cape Flats Interfaith Group was relaunched under the SAFCEI umbrella and three subsequent online meetings of this group of diverse faith leaders during South Africa's Covid-19 related lockdown were held. The meetings focused on building community resilience by changing mindsets, and the importance of advocacy for change.

Active Citizen Network

Established in 2017, the Active Citizen's Network is an engaged online community of Earthkeeper volunteers who support SAFCEI's campaigns and work to bring about change in their own communities. We are developing this platform as a fast-response online channel to emerging issues.

Communications and Campaigns

SAFCEI uses its communication platforms – website, e-newsletter, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter – to empower active citizens with knowledge and encourage engagement, and gain support for our campaigns and advocacy work.

 2 921 likes  474 followers  2 754 followers

We ran campaigns for Animal Justice (page 11), Energy and Climate Justice (page 12), and Food and Climate Justice (page 13) in 2020, and supported various initiatives for Green Action Week, a global campaign to promote sustainable consumption, in September and October 2020.



Green Action Week

SAFCEI supported the Cape Flats Interfaith Group to clean a section of the bank of the Vygieskraal Canal. This event sparked the formation of a multifaith, intergenerational committee to oversee more clean-ups and to establish a sustainable recycling project.

We also ran an online EarthKeeper Picket in September 2020 asking faith leaders to photograph themselves with a message about their environmental actions. Faith leaders representing six faiths from three countries took part in this campaign.

We hosted a nine-week training seminar on food gardening with permaculturalist John Nzira. These practical training sessions aimed to help faith leaders set up their own food gardens. A total of two hundred and twenty-two faith leaders attended the Food Gardening webinars. We made the recordings available online to share the knowledge to a broader base. This initiative was highlighted at the global level of the Green Action Week campaign.

“This garden [Toti’lly Veg Garden] was our pilot garden to test out ways of creating monkey-proof gardens and to try out the techniques learned during the Food Garden workshops. We care about God’s Creation, and as people of God, we are part of the Creation, which makes it important to care for our neighbours, for all people in our community in Amanzimtoti and surrounding areas”.

- Vanda Chittenden, St Mary’s Anglican Church, Kingsburgh



Supporting Faith Communities

SAFCEI derives its funding support from a range of organisations whose interests align with our values, mission and programmatic areas.

We work with an extensive range of local, regional and international partner organisations to deliver on our mandate, and provide direct support to our members and affiliated organisations.

Providing Grants

Recognising that our members often need additional support in the form of direct funding, we initiated a Small Grants programme in 2018 that provides seed funding for faith leaders to initiate and implement environmental justice work. Grant applications are evaluated against a set of criteria to determine whether they align with our mission, most particularly eco-justice and climate justice actions and building community resilience.

Hunger and poverty were exacerbated at the start of the Covid-19-related lockdown, and, with the approval of our funders we were able to release a once-off emergency relief grant to members of our network and others. Twenty-five emergency relief grants allocated in the reporting period helped eight beneficiaries in three locations, with a primary focus on food security.

Building Resilience

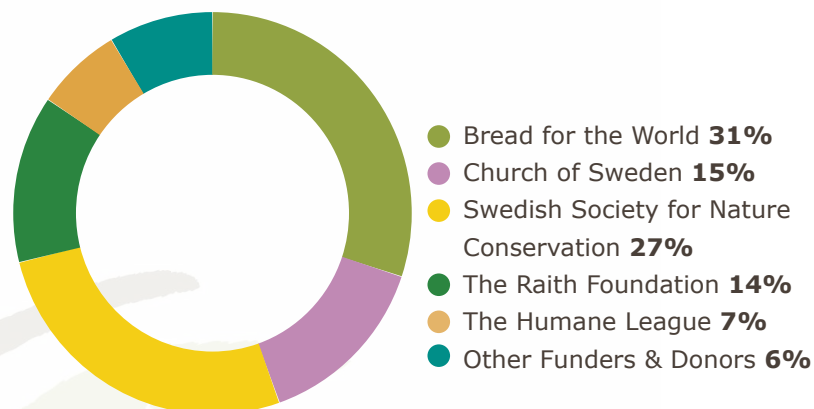
We also invest in programmes and initiatives that directly contribute to building local resilience. We have partnered with Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC) for a number of years to support its work to create sustainable farming and ecotourism initiatives in the Amadiba region of South Africa's Pondoland also known as the Wild Coast.

SWC's Yes4Youth programme, which provided skills training to 100 youth in the Amadiba region, ended in March 2020. This innovative initiative provided youth with the skills necessary to create their own livelihoods in agroecological farming and eco-tourism. Beyond this, the programme focused on deepening youth's understanding of their cultural heritage, including the richness of indigenous wisdom, within the global context of environmental and economic crises. An exciting outcome was the forming of a participatory videography collective, *Sinako*, through which 18 young people will continue to grow their filmmaking skills.



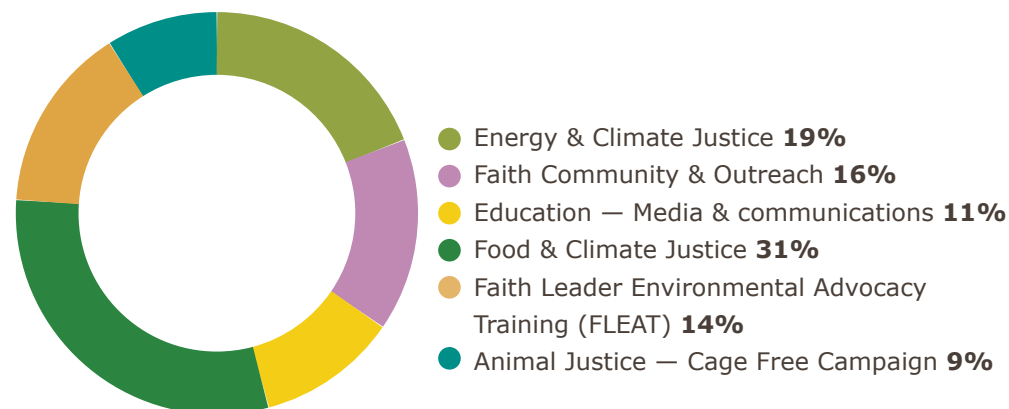
Financial Report

Grants received in 2020



Income	2020 (ZAR)	2019 (ZAR)
Grants	7 074 291	7 336 461
Donations	8 311	23 695
Other income	45 643	300
Interest income	76 645	117 908
Total Income	7 204 890	7 478 364

How we used programme funds



Expenditure	2020 (ZAR)	2019 (ZAR)
Governance	34 924	14 787
General operating costs	2 165 239	2 110 075
Premise and equipment costs	329 189	336 673
Professional services	251 702	198 974
Programme costs	4 328 104	4 706 317
Total Expenditure	R7 109 158	R7 366 826

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020

Balance Sheet	2020 (ZAR)	2019 (ZAR)
Assets		
Non Current Assets	201 356	147 613
Current Assets	2 974 990	2 763 915
Total Assets	3 176 346	2 911 528

Reserves and Liabilities	2020 (ZAR)	2019 (ZAR)
Capital and Reserves	875 122	779 389
Current Liabilities	2 301 224	2 132 139
Total Reserves and Liabilities	3 176 346	2 911 528

Statement of Changes in Funds

Statement of Changes in Reserves	Accumulated Funds	Equipment Fund	Total
	R	R	R
Balance at 1 Jan 2020	631 775	147 614	779 389
Surplus for the year	95 733	-	95 733
Transfer to equipment fund for Assets acquired during the year	(137 289)	137 289	-
Transfer from equipment fund for disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation during the year	83 547	(83 547)	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	673 766	201 356	875 122



SAFCEI

Staff

- Zainab Adams: FLEAT Coordinator
- Berry Behr: Faith Leader Liaison
- Portia Biggar: Office Administrator & Bookkeeper
- Georgina Blumears: Cage-Free Egg Campaign Coordinator
- Kate Davies: Liaison & Resources (Retired end 2020)
- Francesca de Gasparis: Executive Director
- Wayne du Plessis: Programmes & Operations Manager
- Gabriel Manyangadze: Food & Climate Justice Coordinator
- Tlou Mpai: Social Media & Programmes Administrator
- Nokuthula Ndlovu: Finance & Human Resources Manager
- Tamzyn Pamplin: Communications Coordinator

Our gratitude to Kate Davies



Kate Davies, SAFCEI co-founder and environmental educator, retired at the end of 2020 after more than 15 years of service.

Kate and her husband Geoff's vision for SAFCEI was the marrying of faith and environmental issues by bringing care for Earth back to its sacred, central place in modern worship and faith institutions, and wider society.

The impact of their vision and efforts can be seen in the ethical eco-actions of faith communities across the region, in particular in the global work of the Green Anglicans. We pay tribute and give deep gratitude for all that Kate has done for the community of life and wish her many years of joyous retirement.

Board

Our dedicated Board Directors support us in bringing a multifaith perspective to ecological issues. Their experience and commitment to SAFCEI's mission and to providing good governance is a significant contribution to our success as an organisation.

- Mr David Munene (Catholic), appointed 2020
- Ms Clare Hendry (Church of England in South Africa), appointed 2019
- Dr Braam Hanekom (Dutch Reformed Church), appointed 2019
- Reverend Shaun Cozett (Anglican), appointed 2019
- Ms Kirtanya Lutchminarayan (Hindu), appointed 2018
- Mr Stephen Jacobs (Jewish) (Chair), appointed 2018
- Moulana Shuaib Appleby (Muslim), appointed 2017
- Sister Usha Jevan (Brahma Kumaris), appointed 2011
- Ms Francesca de Gasparis – Executive Director (Ex-Officio Director)

We pay special tribute to those we lost during 2020 – Rev. Samuel Sifelani (Zimbabwe), Rev. Jacob Manda (Zambia), Rev. Mxolisi Sonti (South Africa) and Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya (Swaziland). Their work and support is much appreciated and will be missed.

Members, Volunteers and Partners

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