



# USAID | SOUTH AFRICA

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## COUNTRY PROFILE



*USAID works in partnership with the Government of South Africa towards an AIDS-free generation.*

### OVERVIEW

More than two decades after the end of apartheid, South Africa plays a key economic and political role on the continent. There are also many challenges, including unemployment, HIV/AIDS, crime, and corruption. USAID programs seek to provide HIV/AIDS care, prevention and treatment; strengthen small and medium-sized enterprises; create employment; promote basic education; and combat gender-based violence. Since South Africa and the United States share development objectives throughout the African continent, USAID supports South African regional development initiatives through its trilateral assistance program. For FY 2014, total U.S. foreign assistance to South Africa was \$486.2M.



### USAID PROGRAMS

#### HEALTH

South Africa is the center of the global AIDS epidemic with an estimated 6.8 million people living with the disease. USAID works with the South African Government, public and private sectors, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and faith-based partners to train and support health care and community based workers serving those with HIV/AIDS. In partnership with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), more than 2.8 million people have received antiretroviral treatment, with more than 2.4 million HIV+ individuals receiving care and support, including for TB/HIV. USAID also works with South Africa's Department of Social Development and nongovernmental organizations to provide care for more than 558,000 orphans and vulnerable children. Since 2004, PEPFAR has invested more than \$4.6 billion dollars into fighting HIV and AIDS in South Africa.

#### GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY

USAID is working with the South African Government to address women's rights and access to justice, and build the capacity of civil society groups and regional organizations to advocate for the protection of human rights. The USAID-funded Thuthuzela Care Centre network provides support for rape and sexual assault survivors to ensure they do not experience secondary trauma while seeking justice and medical treatment. More than fifty rape crisis centers have been established. Located in public hospital facilities, the centers provide a range of services from emergency medical care, post-exposure prophylaxis, counseling, and court preparation.

#### SOUTH AFRICA SNAPSHOT\*

First democratic elections: 1994  
Population: 53 million  
GDP per person: \$6,618  
Unemployment rate: 26.6% (2016)

#### USAID IN SOUTH AFRICA

<http://www.usaid.gov/south-africa>

\*Source: World Bank 2013



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### EDUCATION

USAID's School Capacity & Innovation Program (SCIP) is designed to improve primary grade reading outcomes by building teacher effectiveness and strengthening classroom and school management. SCIP supports local South African projects that work directly with teachers and school management teams in innovative ways, in order to improve their practice as instructional leaders and managers.

### ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

South Africa has a strong economic foundation; however suffers from income inequality, poverty, unemployment, and a lack of relevant job skills among historically disadvantaged populations. USAID advances financial sector innovation, evidence-based policy reform, and inclusive economic development.

Working in partnership with the Government of South Africa, USAID is increasing access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises, improving market linkages for historically disadvantaged businesses and promoting evidence-based policy-making to maximize the effectiveness of public resources. USAID also promotes the Government of South Africa's capacity to adopt policies and programs that foster economic growth, equity, and employment.

### ENVIRONMENT

USAID/South Africa supports climate-friendly, sustainable economic development within the region. South Africa, as both a significant contributor to and potential victim of climate change, has undertaken significant efforts to develop a more climate resilient, lower emissions, job-creating economy. With its unique role in the region and the potential to serve as a model for other countries, the U.S. government has recently partnered with South Africa to accelerate their transition and support their development of a Low Emissions Development Strategy.

### AGRICULTURE

Through the U.S. government's Feed the Future (FTF) initiative, USAID is leveraging South Africa's public and private sector, universities and other institution's technical expertise and training capacity to enhance food security across the African continent. USAID is also engaging South Africa's Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) to build capacity and support their efforts to assist countries in the region to enhance their food security.

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