

OUR WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

FACT SHEET

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 1999, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation initiated grants to support health and development in South Africa.
- Over the past decade, the foundation has made more than 125 grants to organizations working in South Africa alone. Our investments have included grants for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, family health, and agriculture. Prior grants have included support for national HIV/AIDS conferences, national HIV surveys, and support for the development of the National Strategic Plan for HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB, 2012-2016.
- The foundation currently has more than \$200 million (U.S.) invested in South Africa.
- Grants to South African organizations include the Human Sciences Research Council, the South African NGO Network, the University of Cape Town, and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.
- In 2012, the foundation appointed a representative based in Johannesburg to support partnerships with key stakeholders in government, nongovernmental agencies (NGOs), and the private sector.



A lab technician checking vials of tuberculosis vaccine at the South Africa Tuberculosis Vaccine Institute (Cape Town, South Africa, 2006).

CURRENT GRANTS

The following table provides an illustrative sample of current foundation grants that have been made to organizations working in South Africa or conducting research and development to benefit South Africa.

HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA

GRANTEE	PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE
Aurum Institute for Health Research	GeneXpert MTB/RIF for Tuberculosis Diagnosis in South Africa	To evaluate the impact and cost-effectiveness of a new tool to diagnose Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB) infection and antibiotic resistance to rifampicin (RIF)
FHI 360	Disseminating Avahan Lessons to Africa	To effectively manage, scale up, monitor, and evaluate HIV prevention, interventions in South Africa's most-at-risk populations, drawing on lessons learned from India's national response to HIV

South Africa Development Fund	Advocacy for HIV Prevention Science and Government Accountability in South Africa	To support policy and advocacy that builds government accountability for HIV and TB prevention and treatment
Human Sciences Research Council	Development of a Secretariat for the Global HIV Prevention Working Group / Support the Development of the HIV/AIDS and STI National Strategic Plan	To support the Global HIV Prevention Working Group; and, provide technical assistance to the South African National AIDS Council
Catalysis Foundation for Health	Mycobacterium tuberculosis biomarkers for diagnosis and cure	To investigate biomarkers of Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacterial load for use in the development of therapeutics and treatment solutions
Naturalia et Biologia	Data collection for male circumcision	To assess the impact of male circumcision implementation in Orange Farm, Johannesburg

VACCINES

GRANTEE	PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE
University of Cape Town	Drakenstein Child Lung Health Study	To study and evaluate respiratory diseases that develop during the first two years of a child's life
University of Cape Town	Systems Immunology to Identify Correlates of Risk for TB Disease in Adolescents	To facilitate the rapid screening of new and better TB vaccine candidates by identifying the gene expression signatures of tuberculosis disease risk
Fraunhofer Gesellschaft Institute for Biomedical Engineering	Global HIV Vaccine Research Cryorepository	To support the Global HIV Vaccine Research Cryorepository

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

GRANTEE	PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE
The Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions	Strengthening Farmers' Organizations	To increase the incomes of smallholder farmers in Southern Africa by strengthening farmers' organizations and increasing membership
South African NGO Network (SANGONeT)	SANGONeT Mobile Technology Solutions for Small-Scale Agriculture in Africa	To leverage the South African mobile phone industry to provide mobile applications and services that can help smallholders enhance their farming

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

GRANTEE	PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE
University of KwaZulu-Natal	Reinvent the Toilet Challenge	To develop a community bathroom block that can safely neutralize the pathogens in human waste and produce water, carbon dioxide, and ash as byproducts

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

GRANTEE	PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE
Street Net International	Leveraging the Voice of the Poor to Promote Inclusive Cities	To promote more inclusive city planning through the development of participatory engagement in municipal processes for street vendors

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