



# SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA NEWSETTE

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*Includes: FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICA... information on the country, the specific goals of the SFA Phase II campaign, and materials for a chapter program with an accompanying fund-raiser for members*

## SFA PHASE II GOALS

After completing a successful first phase (2004-2009) and raising 50 million dollars to help four million children in six countries, the SFA campaign entered a second phase. SFA Phase II, spanning 2010-2013, aims to raise an additional 70 million dollars to benefit eight million more children in a total of 11 African countries. Under the goals of SFA Phase II, DKG contributions are being collected and used. What are these goals? Specifically, they include providing:

- Improved classroom buildings and equipment
- Safe water and improved sanitation facilities for both girls and boys
- Other facilities (e.g. play areas, libraries, gardens)
- Life skills classes (including HIV prevention, health, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation, counseling, developmental sports, landmine education, disaster risk reduction)
- Teaching and learning materials (books, pencils, desks, chairs, recreation kits)
- Community participation in school management
- Trained teachers/facilitators/heads (in-service and pre-service training) to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Other interventions (health check-ups and immunization, mobile theater and community radio activities led by children, tree plantings, scholarships)
- Early learning opportunities for children under age five
- Educational policy work to move the Child-friendly Schools agenda throughout regions/provinces/districts in each country insuring that this becomes a national vision.



Photo courtesy UNICEF

The Child-Friendly Schools program in concert with the Schools for Africa campaign lowers drop-out rates, increases attendance, and improves academic success. SFA has trained over 115,000 teachers to provide children with quality education, psycho-social support and basic life-skills. In addition, many schools have been improved with newly constructed or renovated classrooms. Girls' attendance continues to improve with the building of sex-separate sanitation facilities in the schools and with the provision of safe drinking water stations. There is much more to accomplish, but these goals are on their way to being met. Your contributions make a quality education a reality for the most vulnerable children on our planet.

**Info taken from:** [www.unicef.org/education/index\\_61242.html](http://www.unicef.org/education/index_61242.html) and [www.schoolsforafrica.com/aboutsfa/12\\_goals.htm](http://www.schoolsforafrica.com/aboutsfa/12_goals.htm)

## EMPOWER WITH PROGRAMS

This month's program features a powerpoint presentation, "Transforming Lives–The DKG Way," based on a presentation at the 2011 Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, KY. Complete notes on the Notes Slide view make this an easy and informational chapter program for your members. Go to the [SFA link](#) at the EEC page on the DKG Website to download the PPT file.

### PROGRAM IDEA #11:

#### “Transforming Lives–The DKG Way”

#### Objectives:

1. To inspire members to contribute to the project at the chapter level
2. To “inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society”  
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#### Program Outline:

- Download the powerpoint presentation (PPT 2003) from the DKG Website and adjust slides as needed prior to the chapter meeting. (Adjust font.)

- View the presentation, following the script on the notes slides for your narration.
- Allow ample time for members to ask questions either as they arise or at the end of the presentation.
- Close by using the fund-raiser idea (reverse) as a method for receiving donations to the Schools For Africa project.

#### Resource Ideas for this Program:

- Current newspaper, magazine, internet articles about African nations
- *SFA Newsette* issues
- DKG/UNICEF flyer downloaded from the DKG Website and duplicated for members

# FOCUS ON: **REPUBLIC of SOUTH AFRICA** ...

## Info about this African Nation

Share info about **SOUTH AFRICA** when you collect SFA contributions at your next chapter meeting OR in your next chapter newsletter.

**Location:** Found at the southern tip of the African continent; borders Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe; country includes Prince Edward Islands; completely surrounds Lesotho and almost completely surrounds Swaziland.

**Area/Population:** 1,219,090 sq. km., slightly less than twice the size of Texas with a population of almost 49 million people (est. by July 2012).



**Terrain:** Vast interior plateau rimmed by rugged hills and a narrow coastal plain.

**Climate:** The climate is mostly semi-arid; subtropical along the eastern coast; sunny days, cool nights.

**Capital:** Pretoria (administrative capital); Cape Town (legislative capital); Bloemfontein (judicial capital).

**Ethnic Groups:** Black African 79%, white 9.6%, colored 8.9%, Indian/Asian 2.5% (2001 census).

**Languages:** IsiZulu (official) 23.82%; IsiXhosa (official) 17.64%, Afrikaans (official 13.35%, English (official) 8.2%; others (some official, as well) 37.01%.

**Infant Mortality Rate:** Est. 2012, 42.67deaths/1000 live births; life expectancy is 50.34/males; 48.45/females; median age 25 years.

**Literacy (2006 est.)/Education:** 5.4% of GDP spent on education; #45 in world; 86.4% of total [population age 15 and over can read and write-87% males, 85.7% females; school life expectancy: 13 years total for both males and females.

**Natural Resources:** Gold, chromium, antimony, coal, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, uranium, diamonds, platinum, copper, salt, natural gas.

**Infectious Diseases:** People living with HIV/AIDS is 5.6 million; #1 in world.

**Additional Info:** South Africa ranks third in the world in unemployed youth aged 15-24.

### RESOURCES:

- <http://www.cia.gov> [World Factbook]
- Picture courtesy of Dave Armstrong, UK based

### FUND-RAISER IDEA for MARCH: "Buck a Book!"

Get a head start on your **SPRING CLEANING!** Bring to a chapter meeting your "gently read" books priced to sell at for no more than a dollar U.S. currency or the equivalent in your country. During the social hour members will purchase selections with all proceeds going to the Schools for Africa project. Books not sold can be donated in the name of your chapter to a local public library.

### THE CORNER SWAP SHOP

MEMBERS want to know how your chapter is supporting the Schools for Africa Project? The June 2012 issue of the *SFA Newsette* will feature chapter "stories" on efforts to help DKG reach the biennium goal of \$75,000 in contributions to SFA, our first international project. Submit your chapter's story for inclusion in this special issue by sending details to: [emerita07@comcast.net](mailto:emerita07@comcast.net). Do not delay! Space is filling up fast!!