

2021 Annual Report

Acacia Global was founded on the spirit of Ubuntu—an understanding that our humanity exists only in connection to others. That we are all bound together. This informs all that we do.

This global pandemic has tested us all in ways we couldn't have imagined. And it is the spirit of Ubuntu that has continued to guide us; it has never been more important, nor has it been more evident. In the challenges COVID has presented, we find strength in our commitment to each other, and your commitment to supporting real impact. And, together, we resolve to do more.

That's why this fall we were so grateful to be able to gather to celebrate all that—collectively—we've been able to support. In this community, built on the spirit of Ubuntu, we continue to be inspired and hopeful that we can create real impact.

Our mission—the mission that you share with us—will continue to guide our work. Because we know that, together, we can create a future that is more equitable for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane Kourouan

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Acacia Global's Programmatic Priorities

Learning - Earning - Leading



Learning

Acacia Global is proud to support educational efforts throughout the community. Amid the COVID pandemic one of the most important investments in learning we've made is investing in bicycle transportation for community educators. These bicycles enable leaders to connect to people throughout the community to help them better understand how to stay safe, learn about vaccinations, and more. Thanks to the generous support of Tony and Cindy Zappa we are able to continue to maintain and invest in this important capability.

Earning

For years we've invested in programs designed to help support a living income. But throughout the pandemic we realized the more important investment that was needed was direct food aid to those families significantly impacted by COVID. The hard truth is the pandemic has not only significantly impacted employment opportunities, but it has cost lives, including the lives of those who might have been the only source of income for the family.



Leading

Acacia Global is committed to investing in the development of ethical leadership, especially among young people. We continue to support the transformational work of two visionary leaders in South Africa. Vuyiseka Dubula, through the Activist Center for Education and Development (AEDC), and Mandla Majola, through the Movement for Change and Social Justice.



In 2021 we were excited to support AEDC's young women's mentoring program, helping connect hundreds of girls to incredible mentors. As part of this program, when girls may not feel safe joining in person, Vuyi hosts "Funda Fridays," an easy-to-access Zoom session connecting young women with mentors. In 2022, AEDC is starting a program called "Keep Him in School," a similar mentorship program focused on young boys.

INCOME

Individuals	\$ 45,028	40%
Foundations, Corporations & Organizations	\$ 47,782	42%
Events	\$ 19,982	18%
Total Income	\$ 112,792	100%

EXPENSES

Program	\$ 88,087	89%
Fundraising	\$ 8,185	8%
Administration	\$ 3,179	3%
Total Expense	\$ 99,451	100%
Net Income	\$ 13,341	

Unaudited financials from 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021.



**2021 Global Leadership Award Recipient:
David Mantangana, Community Leader**

David is a leader in building a resilient local economy in black townships at a time where there is high competition, crime and no capital to support his small business. His story of losing his job and not giving up after his retrenchment is motivation to many people.

David owns a spaza shop, which are part of the traditional, local economy in black communities. They are informal grocery shops operating to serve the needs of the community by offering basic household and grocery items. He decided to build a generational legacy of resilience, at a time when many South African spaza shops have experienced great losses in income or closed down. Even though he does not make a profit, he feeds his community by periodically offering free meals to poor neighbors.

In addition, although David has no capital, he strongly believes that black Africans should not give up even if it is hard. We are glad to be able to honor David Mantangana with the 2021 Acacia Global Leadership Award.



We would like to thank all the donors who supported us in 2021.

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We hope you will join us on

September 15, 2022.

Watch for more details!