



# Summary of DFID's work in South Africa 2011-2015

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## Why we work in South Africa

Just two decades ago, South Africa was emerging from apartheid, and in economic and political disarray. Since then, the trajectory has been positive. Economic growth has picked up and people's lives have improved.

But South Africa remains one of the most unequal countries in the world with almost a quarter of the country's population – 11 million people – living below the national poverty line. South Africa's challenge – set out in its National Development Plan – is to ensure that growth increasingly drives poverty reduction for the majority.

South Africa also has 5.7 million people living with HIV - the highest number in the world. This causes immense suffering, increases neonatal, child and maternal deaths, and impacts on economic growth. And South Africa is the 11<sup>th</sup> highest emitter of carbon, producing 40% of Africa's fossil fuel emissions.

Today, South Africa's growing role as a provider of development cooperation and as a voice on global development policy is helping to tackle a wide range of the continent's remaining challenges. It represents a third of the sub-Saharan economy, and plays a central role in regional institutions such as the African Union. South Africa is at the forefront of the "emerging powers" on global development issues. There are opportunities to collaborate for our common good.



I am passionate about caring for these children and the money I earn in the crèche means I can feed my family too". Gladys Ngoma – employed through a Community Works Programme funded by UKaid.



UKaid is helping South African 'bush tea' (rooibos) farmers adapt to the changing climate which is impacting tea production. By monitoring weather patterns, farmers are able to develop adaptation strategies to keep up tea production.

## What we will achieve

From 2011 to 2015, UK support will help:

- Create 300,000 new jobs – half of them for women.
- 40,000 more small businesses get loans.
- Reduce maternal mortality ratio from 310 to 270 deaths per 100,00 live births, with DFID support preventing an estimated 3000 maternal and 25,000 neonatal deaths.
- Support a successful global climate change conference in late 2011 with benefits for South Africa and the world.

## Who we will work with

The UK is a long-standing friend of South Africa. We work closely with government, civil society and the private sector.

Despite its high levels of poverty, South Africa is a major economy and our role is not one of large-scale financial support to service delivery. Instead, we work with the South African government, civil society and business to innovate and pilot new ways of working – helping translate the country's own resources into better lives for poor people.



"My future is bright because I am healthy now that I am on treatment and my baby's future is also bright. Once I tested and I was counseled it opened my mind. My whole outlook has changed". A new mother benefitting from UKaid support to tackling HIV.

## How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

In South Africa, we have put in place a value for money plan which will ensure we:

- Continually drive for value for money and strong delivery of results across all of our work
- Work with the South African Government to improve value for money across its systems, building on its existing initiatives on public sector performance management
- Systematically assess the efficiency of non-government partners – encouraging them to improve the value for money of joint programmes
- Share more services across all HMG departments represented in the British High Commission in South Africa, generating significant savings

We are also committed to being transparent about how UK aid is spent in South Africa and what we achieve. Actions we are taking to improve transparency include:

- Publishing clear, concise information about our programmes on the DFID website
- Helping develop monitoring and evaluation systems within the Government of South Africa, supporting their efforts to become more transparent and accountable to citizens

## More information

For a more detailed breakdown of South Africa's Operational Plan, please visit

[www.gov.uk/government/world/SouthAfrica](http://www.gov.uk/government/world/SouthAfrica)

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