



Church Land Programme

Promoting just and moral land reform

Born out of a partnership between AFRA, the Association for Rural Advancement and PACSA, the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness, the Church Land Programme (CLP) was established as an independent organisation in 1997. Their main aim is to empower poor black people, and particularly women, who have been dispossessed of their land. CLP clients also include urban shack dwellers in KwaZulu-Natal. Through the processes facilitated by the organisation, four themes have emerged that are incorporated into their programmes:

- Basic democratic rights including those relating to land, housing and justice
- Food security, poverty and hunger
- Transforming theology
- Social movements and learning

The CLP partnership with Rural Network affords them the opportunity to extend their reach to 14 rural villages in KwaZulu-Natal and approximately 500 people, 40 years of age and older, attend the gatherings. Together with Rural Network, CLP addresses issues relating to evictions, impounding of livestock, other forms of abuse by farmers and a range of human rights violations.

Their partnership with Abahlali baseMjondolo (AbM) allows CLP to assist up to 5 000 people between the ages of 20 to mid-40's who are spread out over 23 affiliated settlements. The focus here is on facilitating access to basic services including sanitation, roads, electricity and water.

THE CLP also assists 60 individuals to produce food and establish livelihood initiatives through their support of the Nkuthu women's groups.

The organisation immerses itself in people's existing systems encouraging and empowering them to stand up for their rights, develop and identify their own solutions and reflect on the shifts that have come about due to their taking control of their own future and becoming their own proponents of justice. They are able to facilitate and support the development of effective strategies that drive positive change in communities.



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