



## Social Change Assistance Trust – SCAT

### *Supporting the work of rural Community Based Organisations (CBOs)*

Based in Cape Town, this NPO provides grants to organisations situated in rural parts of the Free State, Eastern, Western and Northern Cape. Their funding is made up of the following:

- Core support – small grants to cover administrative costs
- Development funding – grants to train employees/ volunteers to build organisational capacity
- Fundraising incentive scheme – matching funding provided against any profit made at the ratio of 1:5 (within a set limit)

At the height of apartheid, SCAT was formed to support advice officers in organisations in African communities that were at risk of closing down. It continues with its mandate to provide grants to organisations in rural areas that are active in the following areas:

- HIV/AIDS
- Local economic development
- Human rights
- Empowerment of women
- Empowerment of people vulnerable to discrimination

Aside from the funding that is made available, SCAT offers services relating to field support and capacity building, advocacy and facilitating of partnerships across the sectors. These skills and relationships increase the longevity of the participating organisations and strengthen their interventions. Another vital aspect of their work relates to building capacity amongst 10 CBOs in the Eastern Cape to deal with the negative attitudes that exist towards refugees and migrants often resulting in xenophobic violence.

SCAT was awarded the DTI's Inaugural SA Premier Business Award in the Rural Development category for 2012/13.



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