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In the 17th of April 1954. the Federation of South African Women was founded. It was a response to the general political position of women in South Africa, and in particular to the threat that african women would then have to start carrying passes. It set about organising women around the country, and although pledging women to a role in the struggle for national liberation, it placed a great deal of its emphasis on women's legal, social and economic disadvantages in South Africa.

On the 9th of August 1984. the Women's Federation will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary. 1984 is also the United Nations Year of Women. There is much to celebrate but it comes at a time when the conditions which Black women are having to suffer. are deteriorating daily. The rising cost of living, increased taxes, a tightening up of influx control etc. contribute to greater and greater hardship, and the allied need for african women to organise themselves. The 30th Anniversary of the Federation of South African Women will be marked by a week of meetings, services and workshops.

AFRASCOPE. a community based video access organisation is making a video on the position of Black women in South Africa today. It is being made in conjunction with the Federation of South African Women and will be used during the week of August 9th by Women's organisations nationwide. At this time there is no audiovisual material dealing with women's issues in South Africa. Those films which have been made have been banned. As such there is a great thirst for material which focuses on the situation of Black women and which can be used by community organisations, trade unions and church groups which have an interest in women's issues.

The video focuses on the lives of five ordinary women. An urban and rural housewife, a domestic worker, a factory worker and a student. Each have unique problems but are bound by the common issue of being a woman in South Africa and discriminated against, not only on the basis of their colour, but also their sex. The experience of these women will be linked by the insights of an organiser from the Federation who will be able to discuss the position of the individuals in terms of the wider political context of South Africa. This simple and personal structure has been decided on so that the video can be used as widely as possible, both as a means of uniting and organising effected women and to highlight the position of women for other organisations.



#### AFRASCOPE

Afrascopé is a unique community service. Its aims are two fold.

1. To make video programs about important issues which are distributed and seen by many people, organisations etc. To document events in South Africa on video. This is done on a continuing basis.
2. To provide access to video technology and skills to community organisations, trade unions etc. so that the participation in information distribution etc. is not limited to a privileged few. We therefore run workshops, train people in organisations to use video equipment and make films, and provide free access to costly equipment.

Amongst are projects are a film about Fageview, the Indian Group Area which was demolished because of the Group Areas Act - A video on Mavfair - a neighbouring area which has been declared an Indian Group Area, a video on Western Coloured Township, a video on the launching of the UDF in Cape Town etc.



Budget.

Pre-production -

travel	100-00
telephone	50-00
stationary	20-00
sub total	170-00

Production

Equipment:

Eumatic recorder @ R250-00 p/week	250-00
Camera @ R250-00 p/week	250-00
lights @ R60-00 p/week	60-00
microphones @ R60-00 p/week	60-00
20x20 minute ematic tapes @ R40-00 ea	800-00
transport and petrol	100-00
sub total	1495-00

Post Production

Editing @ R20-00 p/hour - 50 hours	1000-00
Music transfer @ R10-00 p/hour	10-00
1/4 inch tape	12-00
Grading and titling - 5 hours @ R100-00 p/hour	500-00
copying from ematic to VHS- 3 copies @ R30 ea	240-00
sub total	1762-00

Total	3427-00
+ 10% contingency	342-00
Grand total	R3769-00





# THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

## IN SUPPORT OF THE AFRASCOPE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

I have been asked to support the Afrascope Application for Funding. This I am glad to do.

Afrascopes are engaged in the production of relevant video material in the South African situation, and in addition are documenting events of significance as these occur from time to time.


I am satisfied in terms of their professional competence for the work that they are seeking to do, and in addition must commend Afrascope both on their work output and their ability to organise their work programmes.

The Afrascope operation is backed by a network of interested persons, and, in its affiliation to the Inter Church Media Programme, as the support of that organisation. The offices of Afrascope are housed with the IMP offices in Khotso House, which is also the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches.

to Bishop D Tutu  
General Secretary

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# FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS

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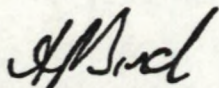
Reference on Afrascope  
from Fosatu Education

We have approached Afrascope several times over the last year for assistance with our national education programmes. Afrascope has always been very efficient, punctual and helpful.

On three occasions we requested Afrascope to put onto video programmes we have run. The first occasion involved filming a full day of film and drama. We were very pleased with the product. On the second occasion they videoed a negotiations role-play we conducted and we were able to show it immediately for evaluation of tactics used - a very useful educational session. On the third occasion Afrascope came in the evening to video our choir performing. This video has been shown a great many times since then.

In addition to the above, Afrascope has lent us videos on a number of occasions. It has also made copies of videos for us whenever requested at a very reasonable rate.

Afrascope has proved to be a valuable resource to us in our trade union education work.



Adrienne Bird

Fosatu Education Co-ordinator





UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

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The U.D.F. wishes to place on record Afrascope's participation and support in the ongoing campaigns of the U.D.F. This closely knit relationship could best be expressed in the intensive coverage of U.D.F. events and activities and in productions associated with the U.D.F.

Levels of interaction include:

1. General documentary level
2. Utilisation of Resources for video showings and affiliate organisational purposes
3. Technical assistance eg. setting up of close circuit TV's at U.D.F. mass meetings
4. Creating film productions particular to the needs of the major campaigns of the U.D.F.

The development of alternate media in South Africa is part of a process, however more specifically alternate film, is relatively a new and dynamic area of exploration, and in this view appreciate the pioneering work of Afrascope. We hope that Afrascope's support and continuing participation will continue in the campaign to popularise mass resistance to the P.C. Proposals and the Koornhof Bills.

*M. Vally*  
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Secretary



**Soweto Civic Association**  
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We, in the Soweto Civic Association, fully endorse the bona-fides of Afrascope as a community based film unit actively involved in community struggles:

1. Documenting current community struggles
2. Providing resources for the Associations needs

Media is both a weapon and a tool. In South Africa the contradiction between the 'weapon' and the 'tool' is clearly evidenced, here development is occurring but for the maintainance of privileges for a few. The media supports this process - then this media is a weapon against the will of the majority in its persistance of supporting the denial of basic human rights. We relate to the area of work that Afrascope is involved in, as media, for development (as a tool), to stive and build towards the attainment of a non-racial democratic South Africa.

*Afrascope*

Members:  
Dr. N.H. Motlana (Chairman); Mr. L.M. Sebidi; Mr. L.M. Mathabathe;  
Mrs. W. Mahla'ela; Mr. M. Tliti; Mr. A. Masando; Mr. S. Ncala;

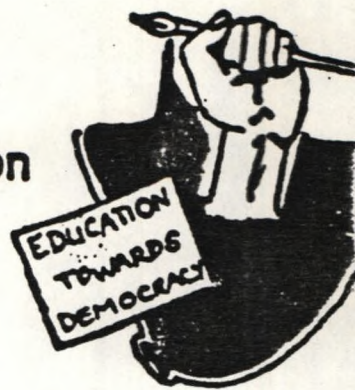


# AZASO

Azanian Students Organisation

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The Azanian Students Organisation (AZASO) wishes to commend the AFRA-SCOPE group for the important role it has played in providing education and audio-visual aids to organisations.

We as a National Student Organisation have found a continuous need for such videos, slide-tapes and documentaries as that which AFRA-PICS have provided. Our affiliates countrywide including and especially our Transvaal affiliates have run numerous programmes, seminars and general student-body education programmes in which such audio-visual material was used.

In the Transvaal, the Black Students' Society at the University of the Witwatersrand, AZASO of Medunsa and the AZASO branch at the University of North-Turfloop have frequently used AFRA-SCOPE material. In addition to this, AFRA-SCOPE have provided a useful method of recording our annual congresses and major functions of AZASO and other organisations by video-taping these occasions.

We wish to thank AFRA-SCOPE for providing these facilities and encourage them to continue doing so with the aim of expanding and becoming even more equipped in both its library and general photographic video-taping spheres.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully

*M.V. Moosa*  
M.V. Moosa - Correspondence Secretary - AZASO



# WESTBURY RESIDENTS' ACTION COMMITTEE (WRAC)

c/o 1680 Moguerane Street.

Western Township

Johannesburg

Tel.: 27-5324

Our Ref: E. Daniels

Our Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7 February 1984

Dear Sir / Madam

re: Sponsorship of Afroscope

WRAC is a community organisation which strives to  
improve the living conditions of residents in our township.  
Recently, we conducted a Health Screening Campaign in  
Westbury Ext. 3. The campaign involved detecting any  
diagnosed problems in all children 6 yrs + younger  
in the target area so that they could be treated  
at an early stage.

We are busy making a video recording of <sup>the</sup> campaign, &  
Afroscope has been instrumental in making the video  
reality.

We would encourage any assistance you may be able  
to render to Afroscope. By so doing you will no doubt  
be supporting our own + other community organisations  
which are & will be associated with Afroscope.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Amels  
SECRETARY



# SOYCO

## SOWETO YOUTH CONGRESS

Methodist Youth Centre  
P O Jabavu 1856  
3rd February 1984

To whom it may concern

The abovementioned organisation hereby wish to confirm the working relations we have with Afrascope. The nature of working relations is based mainly on the coverage of events as taken up by our organisation. These events include amongst other things, workshops on publications, Soyco's practical responses to high rent increases, recreational activities such as sport symposiums, and a host of other youth activities in Soweto.

However, all the activities stated above are not only done for the organisation, they are infact done with the organisation for the purpose of teaching and dissemination of the skills to the organisation.

With all this statement we recommend beyond any reasonable doubt the efficient participation of Afrascope in community activities and the struggle in general.

Yours sincerely

Administration Secretary

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