



RIGHT2KNOW

2017 Organisational Report



Our Vision

“We seek a country and a world where we all have the right to know – that is to be free to access and to share information. This right is fundamental to any democracy that is open, accountable, participatory and responsive; able to deliver the social, economic and environmental justice we need. On this foundation a society and an international community can be built in which we all live free from want, in equality and in dignity.”

Our Mission

- To coordinate, unify, organise and activate those who share our principles to defend and advance the right to know.
- To struggle both for the widest possible recognition in law and policy of the right to know and for its implementation and practice in daily life.
- To root the struggle for the right to know in the struggles of communities demanding political, social, economic and environmental justice.
- To propagate our vision throughout society.
- To engage those with political and economic power where necessary.
- To act in concert and solidarity with like-minded people and organisations locally and internationally.

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1. Introduction

This report reviews the work of the Right2Know Campaign since our National Summit in Cape Town in March 2017, and serves as the basis for reflection and planning scheduled to occur during the 2018 National Summit.

Through 2017 Right2Know remained a vibrant and democratic platform for activist-driven action. The over 50 protests and public meetings, 41 popular education workshops we organized and 110 press statements we released would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of the hundreds of volunteer activists and allied organisations that contributed across the campaign.

After sketching our context (Section 2) we present an overview of our 2017 campaign work (Section 3). Here are some highlights:

- We forced the mobile network operators to reveal surveillance statistics for the first time, shedding new light on the vast extent of communications surveillance. This established that over 1000 surveillance warrants are issued for every week of the year, largely outside of the safeguards of RICA.
- We finally saw the back of Hlaudi Motsoeneng at the SABC as well as the appointment of a new board. Our amicus with SAAS/FXI/MMA secured a re-penetration setting court ruling making it clear that the Minister should play no part in the appointment of SABC Executives.
- Working with the Black Sash we mobilized against Cash Paymaster Services profiteering from the abuse of Social Grant recipient personal information and won important public and legal battles to return the administration of social grants to the public sector.
- Working with SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa we campaigned against the secret Nuclear Deal. We joined these organisations when they won a court order that stopped the secret process in its tracks.
- Our “2017 Freedom Week” saw 30 events around the country, many hosted by supporting organisations.
- We’ve intensified efforts to root the Campaign in struggles of local communities and to build closer linkages between the work of R2K provinces and thematic Focus Groups.

The last National Summit declared 2017 the year of Walking the Talk - a commitment to ensure the democratic values that underpin our advocacy also inform our conduct as individual activists and as an organisation. Our internal review (Section 4) reflects that we have successfully confronted a number of unprecedented governance challenges and that, while more must be done to enhance participation and draw our thematic and mobilisation expertise closer together, R2K continues to break new ground as a dynamic democratic and activist driven Campaign.

It cannot be stressed enough: R2K only employs a small team of staff to support the work of activists - without the energy and creativity of R2K activists and their organisations most of the progress reported below would not be possible.

2. Context

2018 will be remembered as the end of the Zuma era! While this was an important advance in the struggle for an accountable government, and R2K was amongst the civil society organisations that made a contribution, many of the social ills symbolised by Zuma are set to persist.

In a sense the ‘state capture’ narrative that was dominant in 2017 suggested that high level corruption was the primary obstacle to a functioning democratic state that could meet people's basic needs. Unfortunately this analysis obscures the deep structural problems that remain the fundamental drivers of the increasing socioeconomic tensions that in turn drive the phenomena of rising surveillance and securitisation, lack of transparency and accountability in government and private sector, and the failure to democratise the communications landscape.

R2K maintains that the absence of an inclusive and redistributive economic plan remains at the heart of failures to realise the promise of full participatory democracy contained in our Constitution.

Our economy continues to stagnate with low levels of investment by private business and rising debt levels for business, households and the state. SA now has the 6th highest level of unemployment in the world at 27% (36% on the including those who have stopped looking for work). 3.7-million people were unemployed in 1994. Today this number stands at 9.3-million.

Wealth is being redistributed - but from the poor to the rich. Today 10 percent of South Africa's population earn around 60 percent of all income. The richest 10% of the population now owns at least 90–95% of all assets.

In 2015, with a poverty line set at R441 per person per month, the majority of South Africans (30.4 million people) lived in poverty. Growing inequality and unemployment and the declining value of social grants has exacerbated this indictment of our democracy.

Inequality expresses itself in almost every aspect of life. From health care and education to safety with the majority subjected to vastly inferior often life threatening conditions while a small minority access first class private services.

Economic hardship continues to fuel a social crisis characterised by increasing political polarisation and conservatism as well as intolerance, violence and conflict, opportunistic populism, misogyny, xenophobia and racism. Patriarch persists and it is estimated that a woman is raped every 26 seconds and over 40 percent of South African women will be raped in their lifetime. A woman dies at the hands of an intimate partner in South Africa every eight hours on average.

It is in this broad context that R2K's campaigns continued to confront Government and corporations which are resorting to increasingly draconian measures: ongoing militarisation, surveillance, police brutality, criminalisation of whistleblowers as well as attacks on civil society, the media and internet freedom – all aimed at undermining democratic accountability and suppresses public dissent.

Many of these trends are evident across Africa and around the world. Africa is once again seeing as a new scramble for resources reminiscent of colonial plunder. Persistent economic stagnation is activating racist and populist right movements in Europe and the USA. We see attacks on the democratic space for dissent, regimes of global mass surveillance, increased threats to journalists, the militarisation of the police, and other factors of repression.

In South Africa the response to this very challenging context has been muted and uneven. While community protests continue to mount - are likely to increase in the run-up to the 2019 local government elections - communities are largely demobilised and local struggles are relatively weak. High levels of poverty and unemployment, low levels of political consciousness, as well as limited organisational strategies, make sustained local organising very difficult.

Despite the launch for the SA Federation of Trade Unions, the labour movement remains weak and fragmented. Proposed amendments to the Labour Relations Act (LRA) and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA) threaten to undermine the right to strike - a key component of the right to protest/organize that R2K strives to advance.

On the party political front the ANC elective conference in December demonstrated that the ruling party remains divided and riddled with factions - and the decline of the ANC's hegemony as the 'liberation movement' seems set to continue. This will result in a political context that is very contested and fluid - both full of opportunity for the R2K, but also full of risk.

3. Campaign Review

In 2017 continued to be more concrete in identifying how our national thematic issues affect ordinary people and their struggles for justice, and ensure that the substance of the campaign is relevant and accessible.

3.1 Secrecy & Surveillance/Repression

We continued to challenge the continued climate of clampdown in our politics and public life. This included statements and action connected to the militarised conditions at State of the Nation Address, submissions to Parliament on policies and conduct of the security structures, and public campaigning against the Minister of State Security's continued utterances accusing civil society of plotting "regime change".

Securitisation of Parliament

The State of the Nation Address, as the key public events of South Africa's democratic institutions and office bearers, continued in 2017 to act as an indicator of openness of the elite public sphere. R2K drew public attention to the unexplained and in cases, deliberately obscured, increase in security levels around the event, including deployment of military personnel.¹ In addition, R2K provided public support for Parliamentary whistleblower Zelda Holtzman, who was suspended and eventually dismissed for speaking out against abuse of resources by Parliament's secretary (who has since been suspended pending an investigation)².

Conduct of security structures

R2K made submissions to Parliament on apparent state-security operations at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), which contributed to worker intimidation and infringements of the public broadcaster's freedom and independence³. These submissions were incorporated to an investigation by the Inspector General of Intelligence. At time of writing, the outcome of this investigation was pending.

State Security attacks on civil society

Both the outgoing Minister of State Security, David Mahlobo, and his successor, hardliner MP Bongani Bongo, have repeatedly peddled the securocratic paranoia that civil society organisations are a tool of a Western-backed 'regime change' agenda⁴. In 2017, R2K asked the Inspector General of Intelligence and Parliament's intelligence committee to investigate the Minister's claims and assess what investigations the state security structures have made against civil society organisations.

State security secrecy

Tackling the total secrecy of the state security structures continued to be a strong focus of our work. . Throughout 2017 we engaged doggedly with the secretive 'intelligence' committee in Parliament to try force them to become more transparent, and wrote articles and statements⁵ about the State Security Agency's total budget secrecy. In the latter half of 2017, the publication of *The President's Keepers* uncovered wide-reaching allegations of criminality and factionalism in the top leadership of the intelligence structures which speak directly to R2K's campaign work. When the State Security Agency made legal threats against the book's author, R2K released a statement in support of journalists' right to expose State Security corruption and abuse of power⁶.

State of Emergency

After evidence emerged that various government departments have been working in secret to draft state-of-emergency regulations, creating the pre-conditions for a future clampdown, R2K responded swiftly. While various government departments offered contradictory denials of the evidence, using its media channels R2K was able to publish the draft regulations, and provide analysis of how the regulations would allow the government to violate freedom of expression,

¹ www.r2k.org.za/2017/02/08/r2k-condemns-the-securocratic-clampdown-at-parliament/

² www.r2k.org.za/2017/10/11/r2k-condemns-possible-ousting-of-zelda-holtzman-by-parliament/

³ www.r2k.org.za/2017/01/16/r2k-supplementary-submission-to-sabc-inquiry-surveillance-and-state-security-abuses/

⁴ www.r2k.org.za/2017/05/17/we-reject-david-mahlobos-bogus-claims-of-a-regime-change-plot/

⁵ www.huffingtonpost.co.za/murray-hunter/isn-t-it-time-we-stopped-giving-mahlobo-a-birthday-cheque-budg_a_22093247/

⁶ www.r2k.org.za/2017/11/03/statement-shadow-of-the-secrecy-bill-no-to-ssa-censorship-threats/

transparency and the right to protest. Further, R2K lodged a series of PAIA requests that would force all relevant government departments to reveal the full extent of deliberations on state-of-emergency regulations -- these will continue into 2018⁷.

Solidarity with Marievale

R2K Gauteng provided extended solidarity to the community of Marievale, who are living on abandoned SANDF land and who have faced repeated threats and attacks from the SANDF seeking to evict them illegally from the land. This support included helping them to organise pickets against the army operations, organising legal support after two Marievale leaders were arrested in their home by Military police, and drawing national media attention to the SANDF's illegal conduct⁸.

KZN securitisation

As part of a joint civil society action against securitisation and secrecy in eThekweni Metro, which included new secrecy powers in the City Council, R2K KZN challenged the procurement of armoured anti-riot vehicles for the metropolitan police. This campaign included pickets, public meetings and media work. Though the main energies of the campaign focused on the Council's new secrecy rules, this was an important component to reveal the wider narrative of securitisation in our society.

Critical Infrastructure Bill

R2K coordinated civil society responses to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, a proposed replacement to the National Key Points Act which would replicate many of the draconian provisions of the National Key Points Act and introduce new restrictions on the right to protest. In addition to making a detailed submission to Parliament to reject the Bill⁹, R2K drafted a briefing note¹⁰ to alert supporting organisations and people to the Bill and its contents, and organising an information session to help people draft their submissions. The Bill was scheduled to be debated and finalised in less than a month, before the end of the Parliamentary session in December; however, after R2K's intervention this fast-track process was abandoned and the Bill will only be considered in 2018.

3.2 Surveillance campaigns

R2K continued to raise awareness and deepen public understanding of South Africa's surveillance issues, with the publishing of an activist handbook on state surveillance in South Africa¹¹ and co-publishing of a research monograph on key privacy issues facing ordinary South Africans¹², as well as several roundtables, workshops and information sessions.

In a major transparency victory, R2K filed successful information requests to all mobile network operators to force them to reveal surveillance statistics for the first time, shedding new light on the vast extent of communications surveillance in South Africa¹³. This established that over 1000 surveillance warrants are issued for every week of the year, largely outside of the safeguards of RICA, South Africa's main surveillance law. Meanwhile, MTN, Telkom and Cell-C all refused an additional set of PAIA requests relating to RICA statistics, opening the door to a court challenge of the secrecy surrounding RICA surveillance which will proceed in 2018.

Locally, R2K's national working group resolved to support a constitutional challenge to RICA, South Africa's main surveillance law, brought by amaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalists after they discovered one of their journalist's phone had been tapped by the state intelligence agencies. R2K will join as a friend of the court in 2018.

⁷ www.r2k.org.za/2017/12/13/no-to-state-of-emergency-regulations/

⁸ www.r2k.org.za/2017/12/13/r2k-gauteng-to-picket-in-solidarity-with-the-marievale-community/

⁹ www.r2k.org.za/2017/11/24/r2k-submission-on-critical-infrastructure-protection-bill/

¹⁰ www.r2k.org.za/2017/11/13/r2k-briefing-critical-infrastructure-protection-bill/

¹¹ www.r2k.org.za/rica-book

¹² www.r2k.org.za/privacy-monograph

¹³ www.r2k.org.za/2017/05/30/mtn-vodacom-telkom-and-cell-c-30-days-to-provide-surveillance-stats/

On the international stage, R2K was able to work with Privacy International to bring South Africa's surveillance issues to the UN Human Rights Council, which yielded positive proposals for reform by some other member states¹⁴ -- which the South African government has rejected.

Cybercrimes Bill

Meanwhile, 2017 saw massively dangerous proposals for internet freedom contained within a highly technical and overlooked Bill before Parliament - the Cybercrimes & Cybersecurity Bill. R2K became a leading voice against these provisions, including organising and participating in workshops, launching a petition against the Bill's proposal to 'regulate' social media¹⁵, preparing plain-language briefings on the Bill's provisions¹⁶, and making a detailed submission to Parliament¹⁷.

Inspector General of Intelligence

In early 2017, Dr Maru Dintwe was appointed as Inspector General of Intelligence, following a two-year vacancy in this watchdog role and a long-running campaign by Right2Know to see an appointment made. It was hoped that this appointment will give new recourse to victims of abuse of power in the intelligence sector. Since then, R2K led a civil society delegation to do a wide-ranging engagement with the new Inspector General of Intelligence to establish our expectations of the office. This led to R2K submitting further complaints to the Inspector General relating to State Security abuses, the outcomes of which are pending in 2018.

Sunday Times bugging case

In 2017 R2K observed what is believed to be the first prosecution for illegal bugging in South Africa: the conviction of a former Crime Intelligence officer who spied on sensitive phone communications of two Sunday Times journalists, Mzilikazi wa Afrika and Stephan Hofstatter. R2K activists were pivotal in monitoring the case and drawing public attention to its significance¹⁸.

Biometrics and protection of personal information

In 2017, R2K began engaging in pro-privacy activism beyond existing work on the surveillance of people's communication.

This included workshops on biometrics, which were accompanied by a march to Home Affairs to protest the use of biometrics in government's new 'Smart ID' system.

R2K also lodged one of the first complaints with the newly established data protection watchdog, the Information Regulator¹⁹, after the 'Master Deeds' data breach, which is now believed to be the single biggest data breach in South African history.

3.3. Right to Protest

R2K has continued to challenge the hostile mainstream narratives around protest in the media through statements, popular messaging and solidarity action. R2K gave regular solidarity and support for local protest action, helping grassroots activist organisations to draft and release press statements get their struggles profiled in local and national media, and wherever possible joined them in the streets. R2K has also continued to serve as a support and advisory resource for organisations seeking to exercise their right to protest, helping activists to navigate the laws and regulations related to protest, and to resist attempts to stifle their protests.

¹⁴ www.r2k.org.za/2017/05/10/sa-faces-review-of-surveillance-policies-at-the-un-human-rights-council/

¹⁵ <https://awethu.amandla.mobi/petitions/handsoffoursocialmedia>

¹⁶ <https://groundup.org.za/search/?q=cybercrimes>

¹⁷ See submission: r2k.org.za/2017/08/11/r2k-submission-on-the-cybercrimes-bill-2017/

¹⁸ www.r2k.org.za/2017/04/20/case-studies-communications-surveillance-abuse/

¹⁹ www.r2k.org.za/2017/10/20/r2k-complaint-to-information-regulator-massive-breach-of-personal-information/

In addition R2K continued to serve on the steering committee of the R2P hotline (0800212111), which provides legal advice and legal referrals to those facing attacks or restrictions on their right to protest.

Advocacy on the right to protest

R2K was one of a handful of civil society organisations that made a written submission to the Policing Panel of Experts convened after the Farlam Commission to make recommendations on demilitarising the policing of protests in South Africa. In addition, an R2K delegation took part in a day-long roundtable discussion with the Panel members to spell out communities' grievances with policing tactics and make clear recommendations for reform.

In line with R2K's resolution to tackle the abuse of bylaws in undermining protest, R2K Gauteng has taken on the City of Johannesburg's use of 'planning fees' for protests. On the back of a series of protests against the Metro Police's use of fees and other heavy handed policies that frustrate and undermine protest, and after several months of painstaking engagements with JMPD failed to shift their policies, R2K Gauteng's campaign switched to City management. The Speaker of the Johannesburg City Council has invited R2K to make representations on its grievances at the close of 2017; this will continue into 2018.

In other municipalities, R2K organisers developed a template letter to respond to infringements of the right to protest using bylaws and unlawful local municipal processes. This template letter spells out the responsibilities of municipalities to enable protest and various bogus procedures which are unlawful. This letter successfully rolled back protest infringements in Thabazimbi, Ethekeeni and Lephalale.

Marikana solidarity

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Marikana Massacre, R2K held a national day of action, organising four events against police brutality, delivering memoranda to the Department of Justice, Parliament and the SAPS²⁰. eThekweni tried unsuccessfully to ban R2K KZN's Marikana march²¹.

R2K is an important part of the annual Marikana commemoration events held across the country. Each year we work closely with the Marikana Support Campaign to put together support for organisations and individuals who would like to host commemorative events. R2K traditionally hosts creative and varied events, lead by the provincial structures. Nationally we will support with a draft memorandum that can be adjusted to specific protests/events, as well as media support etc.

Throughout the year we work closely with MSC on other relevant campaigns and sit on the MSC steering committee.

Court cases

In June 2017, the Social Justice Coalition argued its constitutional challenge to the Gatherings Act in the Western Cape High Court. This represents a seminal moment for the right to protest. In solidarity, R2K organised a roundtable with the applicants to discuss the case, coordinated a joint statement of the parties that highlighted the state of protest in South Africa, and joined at the court in support. This case is a vital legal intervention for the right to protest in South Africa – a right that is increasingly under threat.

In addition, R2K activists mobilised public support for a variety of arrested protesters and activists facing malicious prosecution, including joining the Marikana Support Campaign to support the call for the 'Napoleon Webster' accused to get bail²², resisting the wrongful arrest of two Western Cape Fees Must Fall students, helping to direct donations to bail funds in the Western Cape, and taking regular ad-hoc requests from various regions for legal assistance. Where applicable these were referred to the Right2Protest hotline.

²⁰ www.r2k.org.za/2017/08/14/r2k-statement-marikana-massacre-resist-repression/

²¹ www.r2k.org.za/2017/08/16/8450/

²² www.r2k.org.za/2017/07/30/marikana-leaders-trial/

²³ www.r2k.org.za/2017/01/17/bafokeng-picket/

Private Security

R2K has also begun work on holding private security actors to account for brutality. In May 2017, the community of Ivory Park with the assistance of R2K Gauteng lodged a formal complaint with the private security watchdog, PSIRA against the infamous Red Ants security company for brutality during a forceful eviction that resulted in a man's death.²⁴ This investigation has continued into 2018; there is an opportunity to see this brutal and unaccountable company stripped of its license to operate in the private security industry. R2K also attempted to use FOI law to force the University of Johannesburg to come clean about the contracts and services it has with private security firms, after evidence emerged that their private security supplier was using covert surveillance²⁵.

Protest Hotline

In 2017 R2K continued to serve on the steering committee of the R2P hotline (0800212111), which provides legal advice and legal referrals to those facing attacks or restrictions on their right to protest. In 2017 the hotline received a total of 117 calls on the call log and reported providing assistance to approximately 351 people.

As part of R2P's State of Protest report, R2K submitted five case studies of protests in R2K networks (Tsakane, Toekies, Umlazi, Lephahale, Thabazimbi), to be published in 2018.

3.4. Information Access

ATI Network

In 2017 R2K continued to play a role in the Access to Information Network, previously known as the PAIA civil society network, a coalition of civil society working on issues relating to the Promotion of Access to Information Act and using the Act in the public interest. In 2017 R2K was the chair of this coalition, with CER as the secretariat, and SAHA leading the writing of the annual 'shadow report' on civil society experiences using PAIA.

In its 2017 report, the ATI Network noted that 46% of requests submitted to government were refused – i.e. no information was provided. The majority of these (58%) were 'deemed refusals', meaning that the requests were ignored entirely. Only 34% of requests submitted to government were granted in full. Compliance was even worse for private companies: 67% of requests submitted to private companies were refused, and only 13% of requests submitted to private companies were granted in full.²⁶

Whistleblowers

In 2017 R2K continued to provide support for the role of whistleblowers. In addition to whistleblowers who were featured in R2K's 2017 calendar publication, R2K provided ongoing solidarity to Parliamentary whistleblower Zelda Holtzman²⁷ and unclaimed benefits whistleblower Rosemary Hunter. Two R2K policy submissions (on the Cybercrimes Bill and the Critical Infrastructure Bill) addresses concerns about how the provisions would affect the freedom of whistleblowers. In August, R2K released a statement on World Whistleblower Day²⁸.

Local Government accountability

In 2017, R2K worked closely with Grassroots to facilitate and set up three discussions with R2K-aligned communities to interrogate local government laws and identify opportunities to use them as accountability mechanisms: in 2017 these trainings happened in Diepkloof, Ivory Park and with R2K's Gauteng working group.

²⁴ www.r2k.org.za/2017/06/12/ivory-park-complaint/

²⁵ www.r2k.org.za/2017/03/02/statement-r2k-demands-answers-after-uj-private-security-spy-scandal/

²⁶ www.r2k.org.za/2017/02/23/atireport/

²⁷ r2k.org.za/2017/07/24/r2k-condemns-brazen-theft-of-documents-in-parliaments-inquiry/

²⁸ r2k.org.za/2017/06/23/the-world-needs-more-whistleblowers/

As a result of these discussions, in early 2018 the NWG is considering a proposal by Grassroots to go into potential litigation on participative governance to ensure basic standards of public participation in local government. It is envisaged that R2K's role will include access to information support, mobilising and popularising the case.

As a result of three years of work with the South African History Archive (SAHA) on their local government and PAIA workshops and trainings, R2K KZN and GP have begun to form good working relationships with local government officers through these networks. In 2017 R2K activists set up bilateral engagements with information officers in the cities of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and eThekweni to address frustrations with PAIA compliance..

Local Solidarity

In 2017, R2K continued to work with various local communities to support their demands for access to information to realise their socio-economic rights. Solidarity action has included statements publicizing local struggles and several PAIA requests supporting community-based organisations. R2K developed an Access to Information Toolkit has been incorporated into R2K's access to information work, including and most usefully, in our support for community-based struggles. This toolkit has been deployed in a series of Access to information introductory discussions in Gauteng, KZN, Western Cape, Limpopo and Free State in 2017, as a way of introducing activists on the ground to access to information campaigning tools.

We also spent time in 2017 to do refresher training with the key ATI activists in Western Cape, KZN and Gauteng, as well as doing ongoing strategic planning for the provincial task teams. This will be important to do consistently to ensure that all leading activists are confident in using the materials and leading their province in this work.

Access to Land Information

In 2017, in line with our national summit resolution, R2K launched a campaign for access to land ownership information on the anniversary of the abolition of the Land Act calling for the full and unedited data set collected during the 2013 Land Audit²⁹. R2K scored a major victory when we received the raw dataset and are consulting land and data organisations on how best to publish the information. The dataset is currently with our partners Open Data Durban, who will try to assist us in getting the data into a readable and usable format.

R2K has worked with several organisations in 2017 to engage the ways in which access to land information affects community struggles. We have worked consistently with West Coast farmers, who have an ongoing struggle around the ownership of the land that they have been living on and farming on for generations. R2K Western Cape has also worked with the Surplus People's Project in bringing together communities struggling with similar land issues to create a community that can give solidarity and share experiences. Abahlali Basemjondolo and Ubunye BamaHostela are key R2K partners in KZN on land issues, and R2K has given consistent solidarity to both. R2K KZN have also submitted several PAIAs in relation to land information, and ownership and development of hostels.

Corporate Secrecy

People's Tribunal into Economic Crime

R2K was a member of the steering committee of the People's Tribunal into Economic Crime taking place in Johannesburg from 3-7 February 2018³⁰. The purpose of this civil-society-led tribunal is to step in where the state has failed act against economic crime; though it does not have legal force, it is an important process to uncover information and raise public awareness. This initial set of hearings will focus on the arms trade, and look at three key eras: apartheid corruption, the 'Arms Deal' era of the 1990s-2000s, and the contemporary period of 'State Capture'. While a number of 'expert' organisations are set to come forward with evidence for the tribunal, R2K has led in assisting civil society to make

²⁹ r2k.org.za/2017/07/03/land-audit-paia/

³⁰ r2k.org.za/2017/09/19/peoples-tribunal-on-economic-crime-in-south-africa-call-for-evidence/

submissions to the Tribunal which will set the context for the Tribunal's work. The other organisations involved in the steering committee are Open Secrets, Corruption Watch, PARI and CALS.

Stopping the secret Nuclear Deal

R2K worked as part of several collectives around the country to Stop the Secret Nuclear Deal, holding numerous workshops, producing pamphlets, statements, and protests that contributed to the Cape High Court ruling in favour of our partners SAFCEI & EarthLife Africa in a landmark judgement that sent any plans for the Nuclear Deal back to the drawing board,³¹ as well as highlighting the impact such a deal would have on the poor and the marginalised.³²

Despite this court victory, continued vigilance was necessary. In December R2K learned of an alleged costing study on what a deal with Russia would cost, prepared for Treasury by the government advisory agency known as GTAC. R2K submitted two PAIA requests to GTAC for access to the reports³³, which were refused within the timeframe in late December 2017. These were to be appealed in early 2018.

Social Grants & Personal Information

In 2017, we campaigned in partnership with the Black Sash to challenge the profiteering of NET1 in provision of social grants (with public meetings, statements and pickets) contributing to raised public awareness and ultimately unlocking a processes that promises to bring proper governance and protection to the rights of ordinary South Africans, both to receive social assistance and to have their personal information protected.³⁴

R2K has been working closely with the Hands Off Our Grants Campaign, led by the Black Sash. We have held numerous pickets, public meetings, produced popular education materials, provided media and strategic support on an ongoing basis³⁵.

Apartheid Economic Crimes

The publication of *Apartheid Guns and Money*, an important book about the networks of corruption and profit of our apartheid past, created an ideal opportunity for R2K to implement its resolutions on the full release of apartheid secrets from government archives. We called for the release of apartheid secrets³⁶, held a series of workshops unpacking the multitude of economic crimes under Apartheid and picketed in support of a legal challenge to the Reserve Bank demanding access to apartheid secrets³⁷.

Continued challenge to the Arms Deal

Our ongoing legal challenge to overturn the Seriti Commission 'whitewash' on Arms Deal corruption continues into 2018³⁸. Launched with Corruption Watch, the application asks the court to review and set aside the findings of the Seriti Commission based on the fact that the Commission refused to engage with certain evidence, did not release many thousands of documents to the public, and ran a one-sided process. This follows a relentless struggle by civil society for accountability in the Arms Deal that was one of the most far-reaching scandals in a democratic South Africa. The Seriti Commission's findings cannot be allowed to stand.

³¹ r2k.org.za/2017/02/07/stop-the-secret-nuclear-deal-2/

³² Budget day protest: r2k.org.za/2017/02/20/budgetday/

³³ r2k.org.za/2017/11/26/r2k-paia-gtac/

³⁴ r2k.org.za/2017/03/06/hoog-2/

³⁵ r2k.org.za/2017/03/30/mitchells-plain-grants-meeting/

r2k.org.za/2017/03/12/sassa-pta/

r2k.org.za/2017/03/08/sassa-umlazi/

³⁶ r2k.org.za/2017/05/19/statement-we-demand-the-release-of-apartheid-era-secrets/

³⁷ r2k.org.za/2017/08/03/statement-we-demand-the-release-of-apartheid-era-secrets-2/

³⁸ r2k.org.za/2016/10/17/statement-corruption-watch-and-r2k-challenge-seriti-commission/

Party Political Funding

The people's right to know who funds political parties had a major victory in 2017 as Parliament relented on the demand to pass legislation that regulates parties' private funding. We worked closely with My Vote Counts to facilitate popular education sessions and materials around the need for political parties to openly disclose their funding sources and made a written and verbal parliamentary submission³⁹.

We made two written and verbal submissions to Parliament on the proposed Party Funding Bill⁴⁰. By the end of 2017 the National Assembly was on the verge of approving a Bill that would require political parties to disclose their financial records and private funders. Assuming this becomes law in 2018, there will be a great need to ensure parties comply with this requirement and that any potential corruption is dealt with by the authorities.

Unclaimed Benefits Campaign

In 2017 R2K joined the Unclaimed Benefits Campaign which seeks to ensure that the billions of rands in unclaimed benefits (pensions and provident funds) go to the beneficiaries to which they are owed. We have begun to mobilise support of whistleblower Rosemary Hunter who exposed the weak regulation of pension funds resulting in thousands of people being denied access to their pensions⁴¹, submitted two PAIA requests to the Financial Services Board, protested at Liberty Life to ensure payment of benefits, and resolved to join as friends of the court in a case between Hunter and the FSB around the cancellation of benefits funds. This court case is due to arrive at the Constitutional Court in early 2018.

Corporate Bullying

R2K expressed its outrage to learn that Mineral Sands Resources, a subsidiary of the Australian mining company that is seeking to mine the Xolobeni coast line, is suing a West Coast community activist and two Centre for Environmental Rights attorneys for defamation after they criticised the company⁴².

R2K stands in solidarity with CER and Cloete as they continue to challenge corporate corruption, fight for environmental justice and speak truth to power. The cases will continue in 2018, and R2K should liaise with CER for opportunities for solidarity and support. There is also potential here to link these cases to other examples of corporate bullying. A proposal for a publication that tells these stories was put forward in 2017, but was not completed. This should be a priority in 2018. There are many stories of corporate bullying that emerge from R2K's Outreach work, especially in mining areas.

3.5. Right to Communicate

2017 was a challenging year from r2k on the Communication rights front as we battled to appoint a Focus Organer to drive our work. Nonetheless important ground was covered. The ANC policy conference decided to challenge media self-regulation. The campaign must develop clear position and challenge the ANC. SANEF also requested R2K input in drafting an Editorial Charter.

³⁹ See submission: r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/political-party-funding-submission/

⁴⁰ r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/political-party-funding-submission/

⁴¹ More info: r2k.org.za/2017/08/17/ubc-protests-liberty/

⁴² r2k.org.za/2017/05/06/mrc-corruption/

Media Freedom

We released our annual Press Freedom Day statement⁴³ and a statement World Press Freedom Day - both highlighting key threats and opportunities for the right to Communicate in South Africa.

We also took solidarity action with a number of journalists whose rights were infringed. We put out a statement on Editorial Censorship at Huffington Post and sent out a letter requesting public access to Siphon Hlongwane's disciplinary hearing. Media 24 was forced to negotiate a settlement with Hlongwane which he accepted⁴⁴. In the wake of the death of SABC Journalist Suna Venter we mobilized for her memorial and strongly condemned the harassment of journalists⁴⁵. We condemned BLF's attacks on journalists and supported SANEF and the 12 journalists' application for a court interdict against BLF, attended the hearing in solidarity⁴⁶. We condemned the break-in of SABC's offices in parliament⁴⁷. On International Right2Know Day, R2K GP picketed at the embassies of Cameroon⁴⁸ and the Republic of Togo demanding the release of detained journalists and phone surveillance detainees. We also issued a joint letter with APC calling on the SA Government to support a draft UN General Assembly Resolution on Safety of Journalists.

Internet Freedom

Minister of State Security David Mahlobo has announced, out of the blue, a proposal to "regulate" social media⁴⁹. Our press Freedom Day statement highlighted internet access. On International Right2Know Day, R2K GP picketed at the Embassies of Togo and Cameroon protesting against internet shutdowns and KZN & Western Cape held dialogues on internet freedom. statement on International Right2Know Day condemning internet shutdowns in Africa. We also condemned the unilateral takedown of the BLF website⁵⁰.

Hate Speech

As racism and racial tensions continue to grow Government has tabled a Hate Speech and Hate Crimes Bill. R2K organised a workshop on the Bill and made a submission to Parliament rejecting sections that undermine freedom of expression⁵¹.

SABC & Digital TV

2017 was the year that Hlaudi fell - we welcomed this development as a vital step towards building a new future for the SABC⁵². We pursued our advocacy on the SABC governance crisis making supplementary submission⁵³ to the Parliament SABC enquiry. When an interim Board was appointed we sent out an open letter⁵⁴ to the reiterating R2K's positions on the public broadcaster and the Board committed to address R2K concerns. When a permanent Board was appointed we forced Parliament to publish the CVs⁵⁵ of all candidates ensuring a more public process.

We also made a submission⁵⁶ on the SABC Editorial Policy and presented at hearings in Durban and Johannesburg. We filed Amicus in the SOS/MMA/FXI legal challenge giving the court international comparatives to support the argument for

⁴³ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/05/03/world-press-freedom-day-2017-defend-advance-media-freedom-for-all/>

⁴⁴ [r2k.org.za/2017/05/26/media24-attack-hlongwane/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/05/26/media24-attack-hlongwane/)

⁴⁵ [r2k.org.za/2017/07/06/r2k-salutes-suna-venter-and-blasts-attacks-on-journalists/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/07/06/r2k-salutes-suna-venter-and-blasts-attacks-on-journalists/)

⁴⁶ [r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/r2k-is-outraged-by-black-first-land-firsts-blif-continued-attacks-on-journalists-and-rejects-blfs-calls-for-a-media-tribunal/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/r2k-is-outraged-by-black-first-land-firsts-blif-continued-attacks-on-journalists-and-rejects-blfs-calls-for-a-media-tribunal/)

⁴⁷ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/04/24/r2k-statement-on-the-sabc-parliamentary-office-break-in/>

⁴⁸ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/09/28/international-right-to-know-day-statement-no-to-internet-shutdowns/>

⁴⁹ [r2k.org.za/2017/03/07/state-security-hands-off-the-internet-no-to-spooks-regulating-social-media/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/03/07/state-security-hands-off-the-internet-no-to-spooks-regulating-social-media/)

⁵⁰ [r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/r2k-condemns-black-opinion-take-down/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/07/21/r2k-condemns-black-opinion-take-down/)

⁵¹ See submission: [r2k.org.za/2017/02/03/hate-crimes-hate-speech-bill/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/02/03/hate-crimes-hate-speech-bill/)

⁵² [r2k.org.za/2017/06/13/r2k-welcomes-verdict-on-hlaudi-but-now-he-must-pay-back-the-money/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/06/13/r2k-welcomes-verdict-on-hlaudi-but-now-he-must-pay-back-the-money/)

⁵³ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/01/16/r2k-supplementary-submission-to-sabc-inquiry-surveillance-and-state-security-abuses/>

⁵⁴ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/04/20/open-letter-to-the-new-sabc-interim-board/>

⁵⁵ <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/R2K-Letter-to-Chairperson-of-Communications-Committee.pdf>

⁵⁶ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/08/31/statement-right2know-pushes-for-sabc-editorial-independence/>

more independence and accountability for SABC board and management⁵⁷. The court rules correctly that the Minister should have no role in the appointment of SABC Executives.

The migration to digital TV saw little movement in 2017. We wrote to the Public Protector and to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications requesting a probe into Possible DTT Corruption involving the Department of Communications, the former Minister of Communications Faith Muthambi, MultiChoice, ANN7, and the SABC.

Community Media

While strengthening community media remains a strategic priority for R2K, little progress was made in engaging radio projects 2017. We participated in the National Community Radio Forum policy conference, called for calling for a strong and independent MDDA and condemning maladministration and political interference⁵⁸ and made a submission on the Community Broadcasting Support Scheme⁵⁹.

On Black Wednesday⁶⁰ we held community media workshops in Gauteng and the Western Cape that developed strategies to engage community media. Preparations are complete to launch a “Love Your Community Radio” campaign in 2018. The campaign aims to mobilise community activists to engage their local stations and to build alliances to call for sustainable public funding for radio projects.

Access to Telecommunications

The cell phone company ongoing profiteering and resulting high cost of communication remains a major barrier to the free flow of Information in South Africa. In the course of 2017 R2K made an important contribution to keeping the #datamustfall issue on the national agenda with marches in KZN and Gauteng on MTN, Vodacom, Telkom and Cell C⁶¹, picketing the SADC ICT ministers meeting in Durban as well as various popular education and community workshops.

Our the #datamustfall advocacy also included making a submission to Competition Commission for their Data Market Inquiry and the the ongoing promotion of the Zenzeleni model⁶² of an community owned ‘internet from below’.

AS both ICASA, Parliament and the Competition Commission explore interventions to reduce the cost of communication, R2K is challenged to engage in increasingly technical debates and weigh in on competing ‘solutions’ to the issue.

4. Internal Review

The 2017 National Summit declared 2017 the year of “Walk The Talk”, and despite a number of challenges we we have continued to build the Right2Know Campaign as a free, independent, vibrant and activists driven organisation, practicing our values of democracy, openness, and accountability.

4.1 Campaign Structures and Relations

Right2know activists can be proud of the vibrant they are building. The Campaign remains a democratic and activists driven - a hybrid nature drawing on elements of NGOs, coalition, network and movement. At times our processes are chaotic, debates are robust, and internal communication clumsy - but the high levels of engagement in our decentralised structures continue to enable activism and effectively coordinate our work outlined above. In the period reported we

⁵⁷ [r2k.org.za/2017/06/20/press-alert-r2k-to-support-sos-others-against-the-sabc/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/06/20/press-alert-r2k-to-support-sos-others-against-the-sabc/)

⁵⁸ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/08/31/statement-r2k-calls-for-a-strong-independent-mdda/>

⁵⁹ See submission: [r2k.org.za/2017/03/15/r2k-submission-community-broadcasting-support-scheme/](http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/03/15/r2k-submission-community-broadcasting-support-scheme/)

⁶⁰ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/10/19/r2k-statement-on-the-40th-anniversary-of-black-wednesday-free-the-media-free-the-people/>

⁶¹ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/06/15/data-must-fall-june16/>

⁶² <http://www.r2k.org.za/zenzeleni>

have run over 40 workshops and organised 50 public meetings/protests - an average of more than 8 events a month - excluding Working Group meetings nationally and in each province that meet monthly to review and plan our programme (see appendix 1)

Review of the National Working Group & Governance

The year saw unprecedented challenges on the financial and staffing fronts (See 4. 7 and 4.8 below) and (while participation has been uneven) collectively the National Working Group (NWG) have effectively taken legal and fiduciary responsibility and provided strategic oversight and coordination across the Campaign.

Over the years we have seen more provincial activists and fewer focus activists elected to the NWG. This trend has weakened the NWG in some respects and the Mid Term Review (MTR) agreed to prioritise drawing activists with content expertise back to the Campaign. Nomfundo Sibiyi resigned from the NWG and Peter Zulu was removed after being found guilty of misappropriation of funds in Gauteng. Thabo Maile was co opted to the NWG.

In the course of 2017 the NWG have attended to various issues on an almost daily basis and met monthly to review progress. we've successfully implemented our revised approach to our annual Summits, elected Provincial and National leadership, reviewed a number of our policies and adopted our strategic framework for the year⁶³ and reviewed a number of policies including developing a policy statement on Policy on National & Provincial relations to clarify the respective roles, responsibilities, and relations between these structures.

Enabling Activism in Provinces & Focus Groups

Our Provincial Working Groups (PWGs) in KZN, Gauteng and Western Cape remain the heart of the Campaign - controlling our programme budgets and meeting monthly to review and plan action. Thematic Focus Groups continue to network R2K activists with content expertise on various issues, monitor developments, identify critical issues for R2K to engage, and contribute to shaping R2K responses.

Over the years we have seen more community activists and fewer Focus activists participating in the Campaign. While this is evidence of progress we are making to root the campaign in communities, it has weakened the organisation's capacity to undertake focused advocacy. We need to find ways to revitalise Focus Groups - including possibly establishing smaller 'focus teams' working on a narrower set of issues (or issue) or specific process. Focus Organisers need to be more present in provincial programmes and pay provinces equal attention.

This year we have seen Provinces increasingly taking on a leading role in shaping aspects of our thematic work, in some cases establishing standing provincial focus groups to give structure to this work.

The complexity of the R2K's thematic work and organizational structure continues to be an barrier to new activists wanting to get involved in the Campaign. In the course of the year we ran a number of 'Walk The Talk' leadership development workshops in provinces focusing on strategic campaigning/communication, R2K principles and structure, and reading financial reports. We need to continue to strengthen our induction process using our Induction booklet⁶⁴.

Lastly, 2017 saw unprecedented governance challenges in KZN resulting in the Province exhausting their annual programme budget in September and failing to account for R115,935 in programme funds. Ultimately the NWG had to step in and address the situation, disciplining the Provincial Administrator for gross negligence and dismissing the Provincial Organizer for gross negligence and misappropriation of funds. The province is currently in a probation period in which the PWG and NWG are providing joint oversight of the provinces programme and resources.

⁶³ See National Summit report: r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/Right2Know7thNationalSummitReport.pdf

⁶⁴ www.r2k.org.za/induction

Enabling Activism in Local Struggles

Our 2016 reflection on supporting local struggles found that communities are largely demobilised and local struggles are relatively weak. High levels of poverty and unemployment, low levels of political consciousness, as well as organised resistance strategies, make local organising very difficult. Within local organisations internal democracy and more long term strategic perspectives are limited. The lack of institutional capacity including weak communication and gate-keeping of information often, result in mistrust and fracturing amongst activists⁶⁵.

In this hostile context - and with our limited capacity - we anticipated limited results from our efforts to root the campaign in communities and set our priorities and expectations accordingly. That said, we have seen Provinces intensifying efforts to root the Campaign in communities and give solidarity and support to local struggles. We've worked with a wide range of communities including Mobeni, Kwa Dinabakubo, Newcastle, Umlazi, Ivory Park, Hanover Park, Eerste River, Abbotsdale, Malmesbury, Phillipi, Masiphumelele , and Ocean View (See APPENDIX 4 f or more details) . We have seen an increase in the number of press statements we have supported local struggles to produce ⁶⁶.

Moving forward we should prioritise fewer relationships and ensure deeper and more sustained and proactive support and ensure that we do not 'substitute for' or 'take over' local struggles.

4.2 Fighting Patriarchy

We remain committed to confronting patriarchy within the Campaign and bringing a feminist perspective to our advocacy work.

In the course of the year we have held a number of activist dialogues in KZN and Gauteng challenging our internal culture and held a Feminist Media Breakfast on Press Freedom Day in the Western Cape, a dialogue on the women of Marikana in KZN, and a public meeting challenging rape culture in Gauteng⁶⁷ . We also held a National Leadership School to strengthen the capacity of women in the Campaign.

We also expanded our feminist and gender networks by networking with gender and women's organisations as well as LGBTQI+organisations including Women's Net and Sonke Gender Justice.

Overall the women's voices have been getting stronger and women are engaging in women's only spaces to strengthen their confidence and build their voice. Right to Know Campaign however remain a microcosm of our society, so we have to continue building this aspect of our work to ensure that women who are joining the campaign

We did not have any sexual harassment cases reported this year.

4.3 National Solidarity Network (Outreach)

We undertook a strategic review of our work to build a National Solidarity Network in provinces beyond the urban centres of KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape. The review resolved to strengthen linkages between the Outreach work and capacities across the Campaign to better mobilize support for struggles beyond the urban nodes⁶⁸.

⁶⁵ r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/REFLECTIONDOCUMENTSSupportingLocalStrugglesin2016.pdf

⁶⁶ Examples of press statements from local struggles:

⁶⁷ See r2k.org.za/2017/06/14/lets-blow-the-whistle-on-rape-culture/

⁶⁸ See Strategy document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vP8bxy4Gg-ajbBJdsO_rVW6hdIrUPbrEmiXGoh-bXE/edit?usp=sharing

Our solidarity work in this period included a picket in support of persecuted Marikana miners in the North West⁶⁹, an Imbizo mass meeting with the Public Protector and other civil society organization in Limpopo, supported actions of the Pholo, Lephalale and Thabazimbi communities in Limpopo and WABUA in the North West.

Progress on this front has been slow due partly to our limited resources and the high costs of travel, as well as the relative weakness of many organisations in the network.

4.4 Coalitions and Fronts

We have acknowledged that the right to know cannot be won without the greater unity and strengthening of broader civil society. To this end, for a number of years we have participated in a efforts to build coalitions and fronts. Sadly, progress here had been frustrating and unity illusive.

In the wake of the firing of the Minister of Finance we saw another rush to build a broad front under the banner of #SaveSA and #UniteBehind. R2K activists have been wary of embracing initiatives like these – in part because of experiences of the lack of internal democracy and accountability in previous initiatives and, in the case of #SaveSA because of concerns about the political orientation of the initiative. We have resolved to work support these initiatives where there is an opportunity to make a contribution that advances aspects of our thematic work, but not to get involved in the overall coordination/leadership at this point.

R2K remains engaged in a number of issue-based networks and coalitions including the SOS Coalition, Access to Information Network, Marikana Solidarity Campaign and the Privacy International Network.

4.5 Media and Communications

Mass communication remains a key feature of our advocacy strategies and the Campaign continues to be one of the more high profile civil society organisations produce regular press statements and maintaining a strong social media presence. We ran 3 leadership development workshops on strategic communication and engaging the media to improve the quality and spread of media liaison work and released 110 press statements receiving extensive media coverage (See APPENDIX 3.6). Our social media following has grown to 14,967K Facebook followers, 15,256K Facebook likes, and 32,600 Twitter followers.

In a mid-year assessment of our communication strategy we concluded that while we do well to engage the broad public and activists directly involved in the Campaign, we could do better to reach the ‘missing middle’: The layer of people who support our work but have no direct communication with the Campaign. To address this gap we have developed a new contact management system⁷⁰ and piloted a weekly e-newsletter⁷¹ to provide a summary of R2K developments and opportunities to become more active in R2K.

We’ve published a range of material including a 2017 “champions of the Right to Know” calendar⁷², a monograph on new terrains of surveillance⁷³, an activist guide to RICA/Surveillance⁷⁴, three additions of the R2K tabloid⁷⁵, the ATI shadow report⁷⁶, a 2018 calendar⁷⁷, a resist repression poster and various pamphlet including on social grants and the

⁶⁹ r2k.org.za/2017/07/30/marikana-leaders-trial/

⁷⁰ See new sign-up form linked to online database: r2k.org.za/signup/

⁷¹ See pilot editions of You Weekly Right2Know: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B54ONZaxMoB_V0gwTXIVUWo3Mvk

⁷² See 2017 calendar: r2k.org.za/2016/12/06/presenting-2017-champions-for-the-right-to-know-commemorative-poster/

⁷³ See monograph: r2k.org.za/2016/12/15/research-new-terrains-of-privacy-in-south-africa/

⁷⁴ See RICA guide: r2k.org.za/2017/04/20/download-r2ks-activist-guide-to-rica-state-surveillance-in-sa/

⁷⁵ See tabloids: r2k.org.za/?s=tabloids

⁷⁶ r2k.org.za/2017/02/23/atireport/

⁷⁷ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/12/12/order-your-free-r2k-posters/>

nuclear deal⁷⁸. We also translated the Right2Protest Booklet into three languages (Afrikaans, seSotho and isiZulu). We reprinted the R2K activist induction, Media Transformation, and Big Brother Exposed.

Internal communication has been identified as another challenge as R2K's wide activist base, broad thematic scope, and geographical spread results in many activists battling to stay up-to-date on campaign issues. We have attempted to address this weakness with the weekly e-newsletter (including a monthly hard copy summary) and a calendar of upcoming events⁷⁹, as well as a new action reporting system⁸⁰ that records our progress and generates automated email alerts.

4.6 Popular Education & Leadership Development

Popular Education remains a foundation of R2K's mobilization work and we have held over 40 activist workshops on various issues impacting the right to know highlighted above (see APPENDIX 1, Section 2 for details). Each province has created spaces for political discussion. Our Leadership Development programme included four sets of Walk the Talk workshops, one focusing on integrating strengthening our internal democracy R2K principles into our organizational practice, another developing capacity for financial oversight and management, another developing advocacy and strategic communication skills, and the last deepen our support of local struggles.

Our review of the 2017 leadership development programme concluded that our interventions have lacked the desired impact because they attempt to cover too much ground with limited resources. The 2018 Leadership Development program will focus on fewer activists and address more focused needs.

4.7 Finances

With the support of our committed donors⁸¹ we raised all the funds to cover our 2017 budget. We have used these funds prudently, ensuring democratic control and oversight, and have received a clean audit for 2017.

The National Finance Team continues to provide financial oversight and we delivered a series of Walk The Talk workshops aimed at capacitating provincial activists to better read and engage with R2K financial reports.

We encountered a number of financial management challenges in the course of the year that saw us amending our financial policy to enable provincial programmes while maintaining high levels of transparency and accountability and reviewing financial management systems and adopting the AdvanceTracker system to resolve bottlenecks and enact the revised finance policy.

In Gauteng our Administrator was dismissed for misappropriation of funds and all funds were accounted for. KZN failed to account for R115,935 in advances. Both the Provincial Organizer and Administrator were disciplined and found guilty of gross negligence. The Provincial Organizer was also found guilty of misappropriation of Funds and was dismissed.

While a difficult exercise for the organization, the outcome was testimony to the strength of our financial and HR systems.

As per the 2017 Summit resolutions, the NWG's Finance Team has explored the possibility of reducing salaries and decided that this would not be in the best interests of the Campaign. The NWG also debated the possibility of paying activists and resolved that we should not pay activists because paying activists would transform the democratic activist lead nature of R2K. It would undermine our independence/autonomy and militancy. It would drag us into a culture of opportunism and conflict. As our nature transforms we would lose donor confidence and funds would dry up. Also

⁷⁸ See nuclear deal pamphlet: r2k.org.za/2016/12/06/stop-the-secret-nuclear-deal/

⁷⁹ See upcoming event calendar: r2k.org.za/calendar/

⁸⁰ See reporting system: r2k.org.za/report/

⁸¹ See list of donors: r2k.org.za/about/donors/

paying activists would dramatically increase the administrative and legal burden on the organisation - requiring more resources for these functions.

The NWG has also debated the proposal to establish an Activist Solidarity Fund and have prepared a proposal for further consultation.

A detailed 2017 financial report has been prepared for the National Summit.

4.8 Staffing

Following from our December 2016 review of the campaign's staffing capacity, we have reshaped our National Coordination team with Murray Hunter moving to organise our Secrecy & Surveillance work and oversee strategic communication, Mark Weinberg taking on our Advocacy Coordination and Emma Chademana assuming the newly created post of Operations Coordinator.

Our longstanding KZN Organizer, Joanne Adams, resigned for personal reasons and Thabene Miya was appointed KZN Organizer. In December Thabane was dismissed for gross negligence and misappropriation of funds after failing to account for R66,683 in advances.

We have also appointed Moeketsi Monaheng as our Gauteng GP Administrator after Palesa Kunene was dismissed for misappropriation of funds, and appointed Biko Mutsaurwa as our Communication Rights Focus Organiser. Biko has served in a voluntary capacity while we battle Home Affairs for a work permit and after an extended probation process was not confirmed.

We identified the need to increase our provincial organising capacity and budgeted to appoint a second set of Provincial Organisers. Provinces have been grappling with how best to use these additional resources. Both Gauteng and KZN have now appointed 2nd Organizers. A Campaign Organiser will work on R2K's thematic advocacy while the other Community Organiser will work to support and mobilise communities. Western Cape is still considering how best to deploy their resources.

In December Carina Conradie, our Information Access Organizer, resigned to pursue her studies.

In the first months of 2018 we appointed Mluleki Marongo as Information Access Organizer, and Katlego Sepotokele and Communication Rights Organizer. We appointed Sthe Khuluse as KZN Community Organiser, Lazola Kati as KZN Campaigns Organiser, and Thami Nkosi as Gauteng Campaigns Organiser with Ntombi Tshabalala moving into the Gauteng Community Organiser Post. We are now at full capacity to undertake the work of 2018.

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APPENDIX 1: Public Meetings, Protests & Workshops

1. R2K Protests & Public Meetings (58)

This is an incomplete record:

1. Bafokeng court picket (NW, Jan)
2. Budget Day nuclear protest (WC, Feb)
3. 7 x Nuclear Deal pickets (WC, Feb)
4. SCOPA meeting on Tuesday 28 February on SASSA Grants
5. SASSA Protest (GP, March)
6. SASSA Protest (KZN, March)
7. Mitchell's Pain Social Grants Town Hall (WC, March)
8. Athlone Nuclear DEal meeting (WC March)
9. Vaal Coalition of Grassroots Movements Picket on the Nuclear Deal & Electricity Cut Offs (GP, April)
10. Anti-Evictions Pickets by the Coalition of Soweto Grassroots Movements (April, GP)
11. Un-Freedom Day Land Occupation Rally in Freedom Park (April, GP)
12. Anti Evictions Picket@ Mayors Office (april GP)
13. Freedom Week Film Screening: Miners Shot Down, Ivory Park (April, GP)
14. Freedom Week Film Screening: The Show (GP, April)
15. Freedom Week Film Screening: Miners Shot Down (GP, April)
16. Freedom Week Film Screening: The Giant is Falling (GP, April)
17. Film Screening: Seeds of Freedom (GP, April)
18. Soundz of the South UnFreedom Day Concert featuring Charles X (WC, April)
19. Marikana: Prayer Vigil Teach out (WC, April)
20. CTV Panel Discussion – Holding ourselves to account (WC, April)
21. Human Rights Right to Dignity and Democracy Workshop on Freedom Day (WC, April)
22. Film Screening: The Giant is Falling (GP, May)
23. Palm Springs Community Association Police Brutality Picket (GP, May)
24. Screening: The Show (GP, May)
25. Screening: The Giant is Falling (GP, May)
26. #DataMustFall March to MTN headquarters (KZN, May)
27. Soundz of the South Freedom Train Cypha (WC, May)
28. Feminist Breakfast: Media Freedom (WC, May)
29. Whistle blower solidarity picket Cde Jake, PMB KZN May
30. Freedom of Expression/Hate Speech Workshop & Rap Throw-down (WC, May)
31. Blow the whistle on rape culture, GP, June)
32. March on Cell C (KZN, June)
33. June 16 commemoration, Newcastle, Kwanyuswa, Illovu and Magabheni (KZN, June)
34. June 16 Commemoration in Khayelitsha (WC, June)
35. Picket at the Hawks office on State Capture (WC June).
36. PWG members attended a workshop on Access to Information with SAHA (WC June).
37. Nuclear deal Pickets on 2 bridges around Cape Town (WC, June)
38. Campaign Cafe: Letter writing to Parliament (WC, July)
39. Picket in support of persecuted Marikana miners (NW, July)
40. CCS Right to Protest seminar (KZN-July)
41. Waste Pickers Mass Meeting (WC, July)
42. Picket at South Gauteng High Court with SAHA (GP, Aug)
43. Strike a Rock: screening and discussion with Corruption Watch (GP, Aug)
44. Anti-Police Brutality march (GP, Aug)
45. Unpaid Benefits Campaign picket (GP, Aug)
46. Screening of Miners Shot Down, followed by night vigil, Umlazi (KZN, Aug)
47. Funeral march to Umlazi police station (KZN Aug)
48. Marikana picket against police brutality at Parliament (WC, Aug)
49. Combating Patriarchy FG Women's Dialogue (KZN, Aug)
50. West Coast Women's Dialogue on (WC, Aug)
51. Black Wednesday public forum (WC, Oct)
52. SABC protest (WC, Dec)

2. R2K Workshops (41)

1. KZN Provincial Summit (KZN, Feb)
2. KZN 2017 PWG member induction workshop (February)
3. GP Provincial Summit (GP, March)
4. National Summit prep session/workshop (KZN, March)
5. WC Provincial Summit (WC, March)
6. National Summit (National, March)
7. Shrinking Spaces for Dissent, (National, March)
8. Shrinking Spaces for Dissent, (WC, April)
9. ATI (PAIA and PAJA) workshop-by Carina (KZN, April)
10. Right to Know orientation workshop (Umlazi-April)
11. Walk the Talk 2 Leadership Development (GP, April)
12. Right2Know Feminist Workshop (GP, April)
13. NWG induction workshop (GP, April)
14. Walk the Talk 2 Leadership Development (KZN, April)
15. NWG induction workshop (KZN, April)
16. Political education school (KZN, April)
17. Newcastle orientation and screening in the community (KZN, April)
18. KZN Women's Dialogue (KZN, April)
19. The Freedom Charter – a promise deferred/ The basket of freedoms in the Bill of Rights (WC, April)
20. The Unfinished Revolution (Arab Spring); & Poster-making mini-workshop (WC, April)
21. #DATA MUST FALL Workshop (GP, May)
22. Apartheid Guns and Money workshop (GP, May)
23. Umlazi Structure and community organisation induction workshop (KZN, May)
24. Surveillance Self-defence Workshop (WC, May)
25. Hate Speech Workshop (WC, May)
26. Walk the Talk 2 Leadership Development (WC, May)
27. Apartheid Guns and Money workshop (WC, May)
28. Party Funding Submission Workshop (WC, May)
29. Second political education school (KZN, June)
30. #DataMustFall Workshop (WC, June)
31. Strategy & Communications (July, WC)
32. Access to Telecoms Workshop (WC, July)
33. Walk the Talk 3: Finance (Aug, KZN)
34. Walk the Talk 3: Finance (Aug, KZN)
35. MTR prep session/workshop (KZN, Aug)
36. #DataMustFall Workshop (WC, Aug)
37. Dialogue on Internet Freedom on International Right2Know Day (WC, Sept)
38. Dialogue on Internet Freedom on International Right2Know Day (KZN, Sept)
39. Black Wednesday Community Media Workshop (WC, Oct)
40. Black Wednesday Community Media Workshop (GP, Oct)
41. Black Wednesday Community Media Workshop (KZN, Oct)

APPENDIX 2: Record of Media Coverage & Publications

1. Social media & website stats

Months	Facebook Page	Twitter	Website views
January	13.5K	26K	4,649
February	13,654K	26.4K	5, 033
March	13,822K	27.2K	6,387

April	13,923K	27.6K	10,268
May	13,661K	28.4K	8,029
June	14,1581K	29,3K	5,171
July	14,259K	29,8K	5, 881
August	14,420K	30.5K	9,121
Sept	14,493K	31.2K	7,731
October	14,579K	31.7K	5,847
Nov/Dec	15,256K	32.6K	1,445

2. Publications, Op-eds & Articles

2.1. Publications

1. New Terrains of Privacy
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2. Stop the Surveillance: Activist Guide to RICA & Surveillance:
r2k.org.za/2017/04/20/download-r2ks-activist-guide-to-rica-state-surveillance-in-sa/
3. Your Right2Know (Jan 2017):
r2k.org.za/2016/12/09/r2ks-activist-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-jan-2017/
4. Your Right2Know (July 2017):
r2k.org.za/2017/07/04/r2ks-activist-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-july-2017/
5. Your Right2Know (Aug 2016):
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- Times LIVE - 18 Jan 2017 - [Leaked draft report calls for tough action against unauthorised spenders](#)
- [South African Broadcasting Corporation](#)-13 Jun 2017- [Right2Know welcomes the axing of Motsoenen](#)
- News24 - 16 Jan 2017 - [Call to probe spy activities at SABC](#)
- Citizen - 17 Jan 2017 - [More apartheid-era looting sprees must be probed, says R2K](#)
- MyBroadband - 19 January 2017 - [Government not seeking surveillance with Cybersecurity Bill](#)
- [Eyewitness News](#)-30 May 2017 - [R2K wants to know how often phone firms hand over customer info](#)
- [ITWeb](#)-30 May 2017 - [R2K gives telcos 30 days to provide surveillance stats](#)
- [Berea Mail](#)-17 Nov 2017 - [Civic groups alarmed over proposed gag rule](#)
- [Eyewitness News](#)-30 Nov 2017 - [R2K seeks inquiry into payments MultiChoice allegedly made to ...](#)

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3. Cape Talk: [Government spying on us? - The Keketso Sachane Show - Omny.fm - Aug 23, 2017](#)
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21. SABC - ABSA Loan - 16 January 2017
22. Lotus FM - ABSA Loan - 16 January 2017
23. Munghana Lonene FM - ABSA Loan - 17 January 2017
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33. Heart FM - SABC inquiry - 1/18/2017
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APPENDIX 3: Examples of Local Solidarity

KZN Local struggles

ORGANISATION, LOCATION, CONTACTS	ISSUES & DEMANDS	PROGRESS & CHALLENGES	ROLE OF R2K
Door 2 Door Foundation Magabheni- South Durban	Small foundation advancing access to information between youth, old and the community leaders. They look at getting information and disseminating it to relevant community members.	They host ongoing information sessions in their community Had a skills development for the youth Communicate with their local councillor and holds him accountable to them. The director Sihle has written articles to his local paper expressing the deepest desires of	invited the female members of the foundation to Women's dialogue during freedom week and gave a presentation on r2k during june 16 commemoration at the community hall. They are always invited to attend the pwg

		the youth part of the foundation.	
Mobeni community - South Durban	<p>RDP houses were built with existing people on the waiting list. Once the houses were completed the councillor illegally changed names of beneficiaries and was planned to put in other people.</p> <p>The rightful beneficiaries were sidelined after being moved to a temporary site.</p> <p>The rightful beneficiaries wanted to be given those houses and allowed to move in.</p>	<p>The community was torn in 2 after the unfair identification of councillor favoured beneficiaries, which led to physical altercation by the 2 groups, police were called, people were intimidated and threatened.</p> <p>Department of housing was tried to engage but the department and the councillor were corrupt.</p>	<p>R2K through Thabane helped the rightful owners to acquire key sets and move into their homes. Forcefully occupying the houses. The community was better educated on their rights and were empowered with that knowledge.</p> <p>No arrests were made after the occupation. The matter was reported to LRC.</p>
Unlawful ownership of family land	<p>Right to Know KZN is working with Mr Dimba to fight for his ancestral 16 hector land which was taken by KZN Land Affairs and KwaDukuza Municipality without a proper and transparent process followed.</p> <p>Mr Dimba the only surviving son of the Dimba family, also from KwaDukuza, north coast of Durban has been unsuccessfully chasing KwaDukuza Municipality trying to secure back ownership of land which is according documents he is in possession of was owned by his late parents. The other part of land already has RDP houses contracted by the Municipality. On checking with the KZN deeds office he found out that the land is currently owned by KZN Land Affairs, without any legal transfer purchase processes followed</p>	<p>With the help of Bayede newspaper which published the story, the current mayor Councillor Ricardo Mthembu met Mr Dimba on the 16th of February and promised to convene a meeting with Land Affairs and Mr Dimba within a week from then which did not materialize. Then Mr Dimba brought the issue to R2K attention</p>	<p>As from February R2K has been liaising with Municipality through the Mayor's Personal Assistant and Bayede newspaper. On the 13th of April 2017 the meeting sat between the Mayor and it Municipal Executive Committee to decide on the way forward and it was agreed that the Mayor will go to the area for a site visit as he inherited the issue when he came for his term of office and report back to R2K in a period of three weeks starting from then. R2K, on asking for the minutes of the meeting as profile of evidence, the Mayor's Personal Assistant said they were not taken. R2K still has to decide on the way forward as the three weeks given period is lapsing without any correspondence from the Municipality as promised.</p> <p>The matter since been published in our R2K tabloid.</p>
Kwa Dinabakubo Forced removals	<p>The Kwa Dinabakubo community was forcibly moved to Molweni from Kwa Ngcolosi in 1987 to make way for the construction of Inanda Dam. About 322 hectares of land were earmarked as compensation for the affected families of which 72 hectares was set aside for residential purposes and the balance of 250 hectares for agricultural purposes. This was done so that the community will continue with their rural agrarian lifestyle as they didn't choose to move to this new area. The land was put in trust of the Inkosi Bhekisisa Bhengu under the name Ngcolosi Tribe for the benefit of affected families. It has come to our attention that about 216 hectares of land was transferred in 2010 to EThekweni Municipality for R3.3m without community's</p>	<p>The community has taken up the struggle and been having a series of meetings discussing who and which organisations to approach, then R2K was called.</p>	<p>There has been email communication between the organiser and Mr Khenyeza, a meeting is scheduled to take place soon. Friday 21 July 2017 at the office.</p>

	<p>knowledge and consent.</p> <p>Another piece of land (Molweni 16128) about 3.4 hectares in extent was donated in 2016 to a profit making company, Ngcolosi Tribe Developers Pty Ltd, reg no : 201529923707 of which Inkosi Bhekisisa Felix Bhengu is a director with Sydney Sibusiso Ndlovu.</p>		
<p>New councillor limits access to community hall for supporters Pietermaritzburg - kwa Madlala</p>	<p>After the elections a new councillor came into power and decided to select who gets to use the community hall/center. A day care center which was being run from the hall had to be closed as the councillor did not allow them access to it. The councillor keeps the keys and selects which members use it.</p>	<p>Sought assistance from the previous councillor who then brought it to our attention.</p>	<p>R2K has since spoken with the owner of the day care centre who has had to close the center. More action is yet to be taken.</p>
<p>Ex transnet workers In and around Durban</p>	<p>Rehabilitation, maintenance and emergency services (RME) Transnet workers have worked between 10 -25 years on an annual contract basis on various train lines around KZN with their depot in Umbilo, repairing and maintaining train tracks In 2014 the employer, Transnet introduced a new system whereby new and existing posts were created and potential employees had to apply for the advertised posts. This side-lined the existing employees who felt they should've been absorbed into the company permanently since they had gained immense experience over the years.</p>	<p>Numsa was approached and are currently in a legal battle with the employer (Transnet) after their unions UNTU and SATAWU but found they were colluding with Transnet.</p>	<p>There have been a series of meetings between the workers, Transnet and R2K. A march Pickets held around the city and are planned to continue throughout the month. The pickets are scheduled at all the Transnet depots in and around the city.</p>
<p>MTN Cell phone masts Around Durban Suburbs</p>	<p>An independent researcher had approached related environmental organisations in Durban after news that MTH has erected Cell phone masts around durban suburbs. The SDCEA and Niki (a freelance journalist and and are opposing these erections as they have dire health impacts on communities exposed to its radiation.</p>	<p>A meeting took place at the R2K office boardroom with Niki an independent researcher and with SDCEA, the outcome of that meeting was that a broader meeting should be held to clearly explain the health impacts with community members</p>	<p>A follow up meeting is planned to happen with the affected parties. A date is yet to be set.</p>
<p>Mining community -Groundwork Cato Ridge Thor chemicals ex workers</p>	<p>These workers had been working and during their time they have ingested Mercury and others have been exposed to the waste from THOR dumped in Cato Ridge The ex workers are also questioning why the government can order them to pay and clean up the site whereas they should be giving them compensation from living with the Mercury this long.</p>	<p>There have been a series of meetings between the affected ex workers, the community and Groundwork. Another meeting is planned to discuss a way forward.</p>	<p>Bobby Peek of Groundwork brought this issue to our attention but has since been away abroad but has promised to meet us once he's back. The meeting will be with R2K and Groundwork and the affected people in the community and those directly affected by the Mercury.</p>

Newcastle -Nomandini farm	There is a farm that people were born on and know as theirs, a white farmer has purchased that farm is harassing the residents/ occupants of the farm, not allowing them to bury their loved ones and confiscating cattle saying the people had to pay to get it back.	They held community meetings and have drawn up grievances to present to the department of rural development .	There has been telephonic communication between the organiser and the community. There is a planned action at this farm for the 16 August commemoration of Marikana, where the community will march and hand over a memorandum of demands to the white farmer and the department of rural development.
Umlazi Ward 89 concerned community members	A makeshift committee of concerned residents came together to challenge the councillor to give out long awaited title deeds for homes that previously held disabled and aged people put there by the city. Some of the original occupants have since passed so the descendants want to own these homes. The councillor first said he will not recognise this structure because they were not appointed by him .	A series of meetings were held amongst the concerned residents to discuss a way forward and what approach to take with the councillor	R2K has since been to this community to meet with them and organise a date for an orientation and share best practices when starting up a new structure. The community were advised to create their own official independant structure to deal with this matter and see it through. The orientation happened and the structure has been formed and recognized by the councillor.

Gauteng local struggles

ORGANISATION, LOCATION, CONTACTS	ISSUES & DEMANDS	PROGRESS & CHALLENGES	ROLE OF R2K
Ivory park community(msecc)	Illegal evictions from the municipality and service delivery,they are demanding justice for their comrade who died and they are demanding land	They had a march to the municipality seeking for answers who authorized the eviction they later on marched to saps that they were not involved,challenges which they face is illegal evictions and the killings of comrades	R2k has given assistance in terms of referring to pro bono lawyer and writing press statements when they were evicted as well when one of their community members was murdered by red ants, R2k also gave assistance with writing a complaint to ipd
Vpcr in soweto	Biometrics system and the payments of new id smart cards as well as electricity issue,they demand free id smart cards they don't want to pay for new id where else they have old once,they demand that their information should not go to private companies..for electricity they don't want pre paid metres	They have engaged R2K on the issue of smart id cards due to biometrics system and they marched along with r2k to pretoria home affairs	R2k has given support to the biometrics issue since it falls under secrecy and surveillance R2k has stepped in in notifying the metro police,writing press statements and financial resources
Marievale community	Illegal evictions by south african army,alternative accommodation or leave them in their previous accommodation	They had a mass meeting dealing with this issue of evictions, a picket outside nigel base, challenges they have is that they are still outside without alternative places	R2k has given assistance in terms of writing press statements,holding mass meeting,camping with comrades outside their previous place of safety

Palmsprings community	Their issue is proper housing,service delivery and demanding better infrastructures and better service delivery	They had build up pickets in the counselor's office in palm springs and several screening of miners shot down,they also marched to the mayor's office in the cbd of johannesburg,challenges that they have is that the meyer neither the counselor is addressing their housing issues	Right2know mobilized gauteng working group members to take part in the march to the mayor also took part in community mass meetings and their pickets
Toekomsrus community	Service delivery and land, they demand better service delivery in their community and land they are fighting against police brutality they demand the end of police brutality	They marched to the mayor's office,and had mass meetings and challenges they have or most communities have is that the mayor doesn't reply or respond them	R2k has held R2P workshops with Toekomsrus community,also gave assistance on taking out the bullet out of the young boys hand,giving solidarity on their court cases
Schubart park residents committee	Service delivery, unlawful evictions and better alternative accommodations	This year the community of schubart park marched to the mayor's office,picketed the mayor's office and Tshwane housing they have held serries of mass meeting in various respictive alternative accommodations,the challenge is that they marched to the mayor and gave him 14 working days and he did not respond the other challenge which the community is facing is better alternative places family flats or RDP houses	R2k has been attending schubart parks mass meetings and gave solidarity in their march to the mayor's office also participated in various pickets.R2k also gave assistance in writing press release and notifying metro police and sitting on the sectio n4 meeting R2k also gave placards and borrowed schubart park flags

Western Cape Local Struggles

What structure do we work with, in what community?	What issue are they working on? What are their demands/objectives?	What action have they taken in 2017? What progress have they made? What challenges do they face?	What has R2K done to support them?
Waste Pickers of Khayelitsha	To recycle waste in the community as income generation and at the same time cleaning of the environment Access to transport and land for their recycling project. They see this as a contribution to the environment as well as an income generation project.	Information meeting with Right to Know The hosted Mass Meeting with the National Body SASPO with all their partners Organising 60 people and speakers for Unite Behind march on Vote of No Confidence Challenges of land, access to transport are experienced. They also need capacity building and transport to organise themselves as it is mostly elderly people	Input at their information meeting Researching information about SASSA grants requests Right to Know attend and supported their mass meeting at LookOut Hill and gave an input.
Hanover Park Women Development Forum	Organise and empower women around social issues in the community Protect the interest of the community NGOs who have been evicted out of the Civic Centre where they have been for more	Fight back against eviction of 10 NGOs out of Civic Centre March to councilor Arrange Speak Out for mothers who have lost children to gang violence with Human Rights Commission Attended R2K PWG meeting and	Support them in their protest action against unaccountable councilor. Facilitate media access for their plight to keep their councilor accountable. Attend their Speak Out with the

	<p>than 10 years. Fight for meaningful engagement with the local government Partner with other organisations Gangsterism, unemployment, and violence against women are big challenges in the community</p>	<p>attended march on Vote of No Confidence with R2K</p>	<p>Human Rights Commission on gangster violence and the impact on mothers</p>
<p>Ithemba Farmers Association in Faure, Eerste River</p>	<p>Do urban farming as part of their livelihood and educate their members about their rights Struggle against eviction by the City for more than 5 years Educate members about their tenure rights and provide leadership in negotiation with government and partnering with other organisations</p>	<p>They have created a relationship with the neighbours to whom the government want to move them They develop the skill to meaningfully engage with government at different levels. They have prepared their community to do a social survey to be used in order to secure their tenure. They have managed to build relationship with R2K and SPP as partners that walk alongside them They face transport challenges and lack support from the City with their farming. There are many threats to evict them by the City and Divide and Rule tactics have been used by the City to deal with the community and to weaken the organisation This caused a split into two different community representative groups</p>	<p>Support their meetings on the farm PAIA training session Accompany them to meetings to regional and national land departments Facilitated meetings with the neighbouring farm representatives The Department of Land and Rural Reform managed to have a meeting where for the first time both groups are represented at a meeting and common solution and way forward could have been worked out.</p>
<p>Abbotsdale Community Forum (West Coast)</p>	<p>Empower community around issues of land, environment and meaningful engagement with the municipality. Have public meeting once a month</p> <p>The struggle with lack of accountability and engagement from the municipality. Advocate for local community members to benefit first from employment opportunities with business.</p>	<p>Organised a successful march to the Malmesbury Municipality after which the municipality responded in three weeks. There is a lack of information with respect to land ownership. Also, the municipality is low in using resources in uplifting the community They do not have a say in the municipal budget They organised a successful meeting with the big businesses that have development projects in the community</p>	<p>R2K supported them in preparing them for the march to the municipality to access information. R2K also joined the march and assisted them with refining their demands on the placard. R2K assisted them with press release</p>
<p>West Coast Community Foundation (Malmesbury)</p>	<p>Enabling communities to access resources and embrace their assets in an uplifting manner Bring all community organisations together in a monthly forum</p>	<p>Did training on asset based development in West Coast communities Organise a workshop with youth who are in the fishing industry and have them reach consensus on enterprise development programmes</p> <p>Some of the challenges that communities face are that the distances are far and people have to travel extensively to attend meetings which takes a lot of time and also make it difficult to meet regularly.</p> <p>Attended Breakfast Dialogue as guest speaker on Women's Day in</p>	<p>R2K had a partnership visit with them to 5 Communities in the West Coast including Vredendal, Doringbaai, Elandsbaai Klawer, Malmesbury. In Doringbaai</p> <p>We visited the elderly Centre in Doringbaai where pensioners belong to a social club and contribute R50 of their grant money. Some of the pensioners also had money from their SASSA grants deducted. They do activities together and spend time sharing stories and their history of the area.</p> <p>We met with NGOs and</p>

		Ocean View	<p>government officials to hear what are the challenges in the area.</p> <p>An interesting project has been created with youth in the community. Over 30 youth are working on the Abalone Farm under the Doringbaai Development Trust. Partnered around Women's Month on Women's Dialogue and organiser facilitated session in Dialogue as guest speaker on Women's Day in Ocean View</p> <p>Right to Know facilitated a session on how women can build self-reliance in accessing information and creating project in West Coast</p>
Phillipi CESVI	Work on youth, women and sustainable development in Phillipi and other areas with strong networks in more than 30 African countries	<p>Do development work with children and youth organisations and do capacity building training with</p> <p>Do not have advocacy</p> <p>Capacity which is an opportunity for R2K to partner them</p> <p>Have a small staff component</p>	<p>Attended a meeting with the Director and staff with the long-term view of creating a strategic partnership with their programmes in 4 communities including Nyanga, Philippi, Worcester and Stellenbosch which give R2K the opportunity to root its work in many more local areas.</p> <p>R2K attended a workshop around youth and children focusing on Human Trafficking in Philippi</p> <p>R2K had People's Voting briefing session and handed over pamphlets and toolkit for participation of organisation in Philippi</p> <p>Coordinator had follow up meeting</p> <p>Organised a facilitated for their young Women's group at Philippi Anglican church focusing on Human Trafficking</p> <p>Attended and gave an introduction of R2K in</p>
Masiphumelele	Organise around issue of access to housing, overcrowding, lack of accountability and meaningful engagement by councillors. Engage the different stakeholders in Masiphumelele to work together towards decent housing, access to sanitation and access to land.	The Public Protector and Human Rights Commissioner summoned the Mayor and Premier to come and address the situation in Masi and to deal with the unresponsive councillors in the area.	<p>R2K hosted meetings with interest groups in Masiphumelele</p> <p>The organisation took part in Friday morning picket that was initiated by the leaders of Masiphumelele and friends of Masi from Fish Hoek</p> <p>R2K accompanied the Human Rights Commission in a walk with the City officials to show them the dire circumstances with respect to a sanitation crisis.</p> <p>R2K attended some of their community meetings that address the social issues in the</p>

			community with the purpose of finding solutions to it. The Ocean View community leaders have also attended some of the meeting in order to find common ground among the two black townships in Fish Hoek
Ocean View Community Action Group	Organise the different stakeholders in Ocean View to work together towards a Community Action Plan Work on issues of social development with respect to your, women sectors and around safety and security and	The have embarked on a community led process to draw up their Community action Plan as part of the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Plan	R2K supported the community leaders in the process leading up to the drawing up of their community Action Plan. Capacity building and mentoring of leaders Ghalib Khaya, Pupa and Unathi presided over the election process of one of the key organisations in Ocean View from the Muslim community. This is part of the ongoing outreach in the area by R2K and building capacity with various organisations. On Monday 25 September, 2017 the organiser facilitated a debriefing session of the Protest Action of the three days of protest held in Ocean View. She then had a session on community journalism and guided them in the process and skill to develop their own media statement so that they are equipped to do it themselves next time.
Blue Downs	To represent the Fountainhead community with their challenges with the developers and estate agents	Organise meetings with residents to update them on their campaign for quality housing and to address the challenges with the current housing structures and lack of safety fence as promised. Advocate with developers and estate agents as well as Department of Human Settlements about the quality of their houses and broken promises. They have also approached the media for coverage of the issue.	R2K attended their meetings and advice as to their process forward. R2K was consulted by the media in an article on the matter of the exposure of their developer being accused of having stolen R15 million from the public private land project. R2k assisted them with PAIA requests before and this year just had follow up meetings R2K also picketed with the community before to put attention on the poor quality of the houses to discourage others from buying there.
Eastridge Community Forum Mitchell's Plain	Organise and empower community around service delivery and other relevant issues in the community	Organise a mass meeting in the community on SASSA grant deductions Liased with provincial parliament to follow up on SASSA deduction cases and assist communities Monitor the payment of SASSA Grants at paypoints They face challenges with safety in their community as a result of the gangsterism. The officials a the	Supported their mass meeting on SASSA Provide booklets, tabloids and information regarding SASSA grant deductions to the people from Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha who attended the workshop Assisted with media coverage to raise the profile of the R2k supported pickets at local

		SASSA counters do not facilitate recourse for the complaints of the thousands of grant deductions in the area.	SASSA stations which has caught the attention of the media and then all leaders from all sectors of society began to speak out against it.
I AM and the LGBTI groups in Thambo and other areas	Women and gender based issues in various communities. Popular education and supporting the movements around Gender based violence and Patriarchy	So far the different groups and structures have done workshops in 3 different areas to identify the cause of the issues around women and children abuse. Also we are aiming at educating people around LGBTI to eliminate the myths around these groups. We are currently struggling to get through the male groups and other communities are still not clear on the issue of the LGBTI.	We have mobilised people to participate on the workshops. We have also issues out and informed people of their rights and have explained the use of the manual on Right 2 Protest
SLF(Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation) Working in Delft	Establishing how to create sustainable communities through eliminating fraudulent activities amongst leaders and to have communities engaging on the local issues and structures within their communities. Empowering the youth through skills development	Generating workshops to educate and empower women and the youth. Creating platforms for dialogue between community leaders and structures with the community	We have engaged in the workshops and have shared R2K's material. Siphos is also participating on the process of creating Pop Ed material to help with addressing these issues.
Elsenburg Community Forum, youth women and girl children	Orientation meeting on R2K with community Forum In November 2017 Facilitated camp with girl children group of Elsenburg in a camp that the organised in Fishoek	Two community meetings have been helped and the girls project has taken off with the young girls starting community project interventions right after the camp.	Right to Know facilitated a session on access to information based on the concerns that community members have with pensions as well as their title deeds to their houses. Right to Know had been requested to assist with uncovering information about the money that was promised for ensuring ownership of the houses of the residents of Elsenburg.
Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee	Issues that is faced by Blikkiesdorp Community are access to decent housing, uncertainty about their future of tenure. and lack of meaningful engagement by the city. There is a high commitment among the team to take forward the needs and interests in the community.	Challenges are social cohesion within the group and lack of A big challenge is the lack of meaningful engagement by the City of Cape Town with the Joint Committee Since 5 years ago of R2 Intervention, there has been substantial progress in the demands that the Joint Committee had won, their growth as a team, social responsibility injection that they got from the Airports Company based on acknowledgement as equal partner.	On Wednesday 27 September 2017, the organiser had a workshop with focus on Leadership Development with Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee. They brainstormed the different leadership challenges in the committee and chose to focus on how to run effective meetings. They were divided in two groups and each group had to portray an ideal meeting and the other an example of a bad meeting. The groups were tasked to critique what they see in each other's plays and the lessons for the Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee was taken out of both groups. Some of the lessons were to allow all the voices to anticipate equally, to plan meetings properly beforehand, to follow meeting procedures and to put the

			interest of the community that they service first above the interest of the individual.
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APPENDIX 4: Litigation, PAIA & policy submissions

1. legal cases

1. SOS & OTHERS V SABC & OTHERS 81056/14: 76343/15

2. PAIA submissions

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