

The Soros Network in South Africa

A comprehensive mapping of every South African organisation funded by the Open Society Foundations (primarily) and the Omidyar Group (secondarily). Verified against Form 990-PF filings, OSF-SA's own grantee directory, recipient annual reports, and funder databases. The investigation is maintained as a live searchable database at the URL below.

\$238,635,789	73+	\$29M	35
OSF Official SA Spend 1997–2023 (excl. \$15M endowment)	OSF-Funded Organisations	Constitutionalism Fund Total	Omidyar Group Organisations



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What the Investigation Found

\$238,635,789 — The Official Total

The OSF 30-year retrospective (March 2025) confirms \$238,635,789 invested in South Africa 1997–2023, excluding the original \$15M endowment. This is the first time the cumulative figure has been officially disclosed in a single document. The 25-year figure cited in 2018 was R1 billion+ to 750+ grantees.

Stacked Funding — The Core Discovery

The Constitutionalism Fund is not replacing direct OSF funding. It is an additional funding rail. ProBono.Org received CF R2,000,000 + OSF-SA R1,303,000 in 2018 — simultaneously. amaBhungane FY2023 audited accounts: OSF-SA R812,942 + CF-AOSI R842,211 + Luminate R2,124,677 = R3,780,000 from the same network in one year.

The CF Vehicle — Donor-Attribution Attenuation

\$29M joint fund (OSF \$10M + Atlantic \$10M + Ford \$9M). OSF-SA initially administered it; AOSI was fiscal sponsor. Later, the New Venture Fund (NVF) took over as 'Ford Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund – SA Constitutionalism Initiative.' CF's own website: 'more than 200 organisations received funding.' 65 are publicly named. OSF's fingerprint disappears one step from the money.

Africa Check — The Chokepoint (→ [africacheck.html](#))

OSF 12% + Luminate 8% + Gates 13% + AFP Foundation. Housed at Wits. Founded by Peter Cunliffe-Jones while on AFP payroll. Partners with News24 and Daily Maverick. Cunliffe-Jones co-authored the IFCN Code of Principles. Meta adopted that code globally — the same standard that suppresses Afrikaner farm attack content on Facebook.

Omidyar Fills the USAID Void (→ [usaid.html](#) + → [omidyar.html](#))

When USAID was defunded and dismantled in 2025, Luminate quietly continued paying the same South African NGOs USAID had previously supported. The Omidyar network had been positioning in this space since 2017 via the SAMIP programme (co-initiated with OSF-SA). What USAID funded publicly, Omidyar funds privately. The accountability gap is total: USAID required congressional disclosure; Luminate requires only 990-PF filing.

Language Silo — Structural, Not Accidental

The 70-node SA media spiderweb map (105 connections) confirms the Afrikaans press has zero connections to any international wire service, fact-checker, or media training pipeline in this network. Every node in the OSF architecture publishes in English. The language silo is the mechanism. Alt Afrikaner was built specifically to bridge this gap.

The Governance Flag — Constitutionalism Fund

Alice L. Brown holds a position on the CF's committee while also serving as Board Chair of SECTION27 — a CF grantee and member of CF's 2016 first cohort. The missing documents: CF conflict-of-interest policy, committee minutes, and recusals for SECTION27 grant decisions from 2021 onward.

Revolving Door — OSF-SA Executive Directors

Fatima Hassan (OSF-SA ED 2013–2019) quoted at CF launch (2015); co-founded Ndifuna Ukwazi and Health Justice Initiative after OSF tenure. Alex Boraine: IDASA co-founder → OSF-SA board → TRC Deputy Chair. Van Zyl Slabbert (DECEASED 14 May 2010): Dakar Conference 1987 (Soros-funded) → IDASA co-founder → OSF-SA founding board chair.

SECTION 2 — THE WASSERMAN PIPELINE

From Grant Disbursement to Content Suppression

#	Pipeline Stage	Key Entity	Link	Priority
01	Academic Definition	Prof Herman Wasserman (Stellenbosch / Wits)	→ wits.html	CRITICAL
02	Fact-Checking Chokepoint	Africa Check (OSF 12%+Luminate 8%+Gates 13%+AFP)	→ africacheck.html	CRITICAL
03	Standard Setting	IFCN — Cunliffe-Jones co-authored Code; Meta adopted it	→ tifcn.html	CRITICAL
04	Content Moderation	Meta (Facebook/Instagram) — IFCN accreditation required	→ metasuppression.html	HIGH
05	Narrative Distribution	Daily Maverick + News24 + M&G (OSF-funded journalists)	→ sa_journalists.html	HIGH
06	International Citation	CNN/PBS/BBC/Snopes/Al Jazeera/Wikipedia cite Africa (Chengage silo)	→ chengage.html	HIGH
07	Formal Reporting Tool	Real411 — OSF \$200K; Luminate also funder; MMA operated	→ real411.html	HIGH
08	Second-Degree Conduit	Constitutionalism Fund — \$29M; 65+ grantees; CF not OSF lab	→ this dossier	CRITICAL
09	Mass Mobilisation	amandla.mobi — OSF + Luminate + CF; ~1M SA members	→ this dossier	HIGH
10	Legal Architecture	SALC + EELC + Section27 + WLC + SERI (OSISA-founded)	→ this dossier	MEDIUM

PARALLEL FUNDING ARCHITECTURES IN SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY

Vehicle	Scale	Accountability	Current Status	Key SA Orgs
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	\$8.6M (1993–2023)	990-PF + annual reports	Active	ISS, Africa Check, amaBhungane, CIVICUS, SECTION27, SERI, etc.
Constitutionalism Fund (OSF + Ford + Atlantic)	\$20M+ (2010–2025)	CF website + NVF filings	Closed 2025 (NVF confirmed)	Black Sash, LRC, CALS, ProBono.Org, GroundUp (via CF)
Omidyar Group (Luminate/IF/IFM + HCN)	\$50M+ (2010–2020)	990-PF + Luminate database	Active	Africa Check, OpenUp, amaBhungane, amandla.mobi, Open Sec
USAID South Africa	\$1.2B+ (2008–2025)	USAID FOIA + SAM.gov	DISMANTLED 2025	CIVICUS, NED partners, media training, governance NGOs
Church World Service (CWS)	\$50M+ (federal grant)	State Dept. contracts	Active (litigation)	Refugee/Amerikaners resettlement — separate from above network
National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	\$55M+ (2001–2025)	SA total: 100% disclosed	Active	Mail & Guardian (Adamela Trust), media partners

Part 1 of 2 — Organisations 1–40

Official OSF SA spend: **\$238,635,789** (1997–2023, excl. \$15M endowment) — OSF 30-year retrospective, March 2025. Track codes: OSF-D = direct grant; STACKED = direct + CF simultaneously (audited); CF-2 = Constitutionalism Fund only; CF-NVF = CF via New Venture Fund. Verification: V=Verified; H=Historical Verified; P=Project-Level; PV=Partially Verified.

#	Organisation	Sector / City	Track	Known Amount	Verif.
1	Institute for Security Studies (ISS)	Research / Pretoria & CT	OSF-D	\$5.1M / 7 grants	V
2	Africa Check	Media / Johannesburg (Wits)	STACKED	OSF 12% income; Luminate 8%	V
3	amaBhungane	Media / Johannesburg	STACKED	R812K+R842K+R2.12M (FY2023)	V
4	Daily Maverick	Media / Cape Town	OSF-D	Multiple (undisclosed)	V
5	CIVICUS	Civil Society / Johannesburg	OSF-D	\$1.8M (OSF)	V
6	Media Monitoring Africa / Moxii Africa	Media / Johannesburg	OSF-D	\$200,000 (2023)	V
7	Real411 (operated by MMA)	Media / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Via MMA grant	V
8	IDASA (dissolved 2012)	Civil Society / Cape Town	OSF-D	Founding partner	V
9	SECTION27	Legal / Johannesburg	STACKED	Cluster grants 2009+; CF	V
10	Equal Education	Education / Cape Town	STACKED	OSF Leadership Transitions + CF	V
11	Social Justice Coalition (SJC)	Civil Society / Cape Town	STACKED	Cluster grant 2009–2013	V
12	Socio-Economic Rights Institute (SERI)	Legal / Johannesburg	STACKED	Cluster grant 2008–2014	V
13	Democracy Development Program (DDP)	Civil Society / Durban/KZN	STACKED	Confirmed partner + CF	V
14	Corruption Watch	Civil Society / Johannesburg	STACKED	Official funders page (2024)	V
15	Open Secrets	Civil Society / Cape Town	STACKED	Confirmed funder + CF	V
16	University of Cape Town (UCT)	Academic / Cape Town	STACKED	\$2.6M / 7 grants; CF units	V
17	SA Human Rights Defenders Network (SAHRDN)	Civil Society / Johannesburg	OSF-D	\$330,000 (2019)	V
18	Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)	Legal / Johannesburg	OSF-D	OSISA co-founded	V
19	Africa Is a Country	Media / Online	OSF-D	Named on OSF Africa page	V
20	SAMIP (South Africa Media Innovation Program)	Media / Johannesburg (MDI)	OSF-D	Multi-year (OSF + Omidyar)	V
21	Health Justice Initiative (HJI)	Health / Cape Town	OSF-D	OSF-linked (Fatima Hassan)	PV
22	Ndifuna Ukwazi (Dare to Know)	Civil Society / Cape Town	STACKED	CF 2016 first cohort	V
23	GroundUp	Media / Cape Town	CF-NVF	R1.9M (23/24) + R1.8M (24/25)	V
24	Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)	Health / Cape Town	OSF-D	Historical OSF + NED	PV
25	Sonke Gender Justice	Civil Society / Cape Town	OSF-D	Confirmed grantee (M&G 2009–2018)	V
26	Women's Legal Centre (WLC)	Legal / Cape Town	STACKED	CF + Luminate	V
27	Black Sash	Civil Society / National	STACKED	CF 2016 first cohort	V
28	Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)	Legal / Johannesburg & Pretoria	STACKED	CF 2016 first cohort	V
29	Right2Know Campaign	Civil Society / National	OSF-D	OSF 25-yr: seed funder	V
30	Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)	Legal / Johannesburg (Wits)	STACKED	CF + Ford + direct OSF	V
31	Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)	Environmental / Cape Town	OSF-D	Confirmed grantee (M&G 2009–2018)	V
32	Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI)	Civil Society / Johannesburg	OSF-D	SALC co-signatory with OSISA	PV
33	Legal Resources Centre (LRC)	Legal / Johannesburg & CT	STACKED	R500K–R1.12M/yr (2010–2019)	V
34	Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC)	Transparency / Cape Town	OSF-D	Listed on funders page	V

#	Organisation	Sector / City	Track	Known Amount	Verif.
35	Inyathelo	Civil Society / Cape Town	OSF-D	Listed on supporters page	V
36	Just Detention International SA	Human Rights / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Previous funder confirmed	V
37	Environmental Justice Fund (EJF)	Environment / SA	OSF-D	2023 annual report	V
38	Equal Education Law Centre (EELC)	Legal / Cape Town	STACKED	OSF-SA 9–11% of income	V
39	Helen Suzman Foundation (HSF)	Research / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Justice Symposium Series	P
40	Market Theatre Foundation	Arts / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Annual reports confirmed	V

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STACKED = organisation received both direct OSF grant AND Constitutionalism Fund grant in the same accounting year — confirmed from audited financial statements. CF-NVF = CF grant routed through New Venture Fund (Ford Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund – SA Constitutionalism Initiative). H = Historical Verified (confirmed from OSF historical reports); P = Project-level (one project confirmed); PV = Partially Verified.

#	Organisation	Sector / City	Track	Known Amount	Verif.
41	WWF South Africa	Environment / Cape Town	OSF-D	Integrated annual reports	V
42	NURCHA (dissolved 2015)	Development Finance / SA	OSF-D	\$5M operating + \$50M guarantee	H
43	SA Solidarity Fund	Relief / SA	OSF-D	~\$270,250 (2020)	V
44	Children's Institute (UCT)	Research / Cape Town	STACKED	CF R700K + OSF R750K (2016 simultaneously)	V
45	Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM)	Governance / Makhanda	OSF-D	Historically confirmed (2001–2005+)	V
46	Gender Links	Gender / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Network report grantee	H
47	Workers' World Radio Productions (WWRP)	Media / Cape Town	OSF-D	Network report grantee	H
48	Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCPC)	Research / Cape Town	OSF-D	OSF-SA helped establish (2005)	V
49	Hospice Palliative Care Association (HPCA)	Health / SA	OSF-D	OSI/OSF-SA documented (2002+)	V
50	Dullah Omar Institute — Women & Democracy Initiative	Legal / Bellville CT	OSF-D	OSF-SA + Ford + Böll	P
51	South African Inst. of International Affairs (SAIIA)	Think Tank / Johannesburg	OSF-D	OSF-SA + OSISA + AfriMAP	P
52	Wikimedia South Africa	Civic Tech / SA	OSF-D	R200,000 (2013)	V
53	ProBono.Org	Legal / Johannesburg & CT	STACKED	CF R2M + OSF R800K–R1.3M (same year)	V
54	Centre for Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)	Research / Johannesburg	OSF-D	OSF-SA + OSISA confirmed	V
55	Triangle Project	Human Rights / Cape Town	OSF-D	Annual report confirmed	V
56	amandla.mobi	Civic Engagement / SA	STACKED	OSF-SA 2016–22 + Luminate + CF/NVF 2024–26	V
57	Black Stripe Foundation NPC	Media / Johannesburg	OSF-D	OSF confirmed core funder	V
58	IBP-SA (International Budget Partnership)	Governance / Cape Town	OSF-D	OSF-SA project support	P
59	Constitutionalism Fund — THE VEHICLE	Grantmaking / SA	CF-2	\$29M (OSF \$10M + Atlantic \$10M + Ford \$9M)	V
60	CAOSA (Community Advice Offices SA)	Legal / National	OSF-D	Annual report confirmed (2022+)	V
61	Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)	Research / Johannesburg	STACKED	CF + Ford + OSF South Africa (three channels 2025)	V
62	Social Auditing Network (SA)	Governance Network / SA	OSF-D	OSF 25-yr: seed funder	V
63	Weekly Mail / Mail & Guardian	Media / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Historical investment (1980s–1990s)	V
64	Good Governance Learning Network (GGLN)	Governance / SA	OSF-D	OSF-SA confirmed partner	P
65	SWEAT (Sex Workers Education & Advocacy Taskforce)	Human Rights / Cape Town	OSF-D	Project grant confirmed	V
66	Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre (TLAC)	Legal / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Project grant — sex worker paralegals	V
67	SOS Coalition (Save Our SABC)	Civil Society / National	OSF-D	Confirmed grantee (M&G 200, 2018)	V
68	Wits Justice Project (WJP)	Media / Johannesburg (Wits)	OSF-D	Confirmed grantee (M&G 200, 2018)	V
69	Centre for Child Law (CCL)	Legal / Pretoria (UP)	STACKED	CF R700K + OSF R750K (2016 simultaneously)	V
70	African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS)	Academic / Johannesburg (Wits)	OSF-D	Confirmed grantee (M&G 200, 2018)	V
71	Open Society Foundation for SA (OSF-SA)	Philanthropy / Cape Town	OSF-D	\$238.6M official (1993–2023)	V
72	Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)	Philanthropy / Johannesburg	OSF-D	Merged into OSF global 2022–2024	V
73	Parliamentary Monitoring Group (PMG)	Governance / Cape Town	OSF-D	Founded by Black Sash + IDASA + HRC	V

CONSTITUTIONALISM FUND — CF GRANTEES (Named)

The 65 publicly named CF grantees include: Abahlali baseMjondolo, APCOF, amaBhungane, amandla.mobi, ASRI, Black Sash, Border Rural Committee, CAOSA, Casual Workers Advice Office, CALS, Centre for Child Law, Centre for Law and Society (UCT), Children's Institute (UCT), CoRMSA, Constitutional Hill Trust, Corruption Watch, CASAC, Defend Our Democracy, DDP, Engage for All, Equal Education, EELC, Fort Calata, Foundation for Human Rights, Free State Rural Women's Assembly, Gender Dynamix, GroundUp, Gun Free SA, Hlanganisa Community Fund, Just Detention International SA, Khanyisa Education Development Trust, KAAX, LARC (UCT), LHR, LRC, MMA/Moxii Africa, MACUA, My Vote Counts, Ndifuna Ukwazi, Nkuzi Development, Open Cities Lab, Open Secrets, PMBEJD, Politically Awah, ProBono.Org, PARI, Radio Workshop, Rivonia Circle, Rural Development Trust, SACTJ, SECTION27, Citizen Justice Network, SCAT, SJC, Social Justice Initiative, SERI, SAWID, SALO, SPII, Surplus People's Project, Tshisimani, WLC, WWMP, Yetu InfoTech Collective, Afesis-Corplan.

CF 'Who We Are' page confirms: 'OSF-SA provided initial administration for the joint fund.' First cohort (2016): 12 pre-existing Atlantic/OSF grantees per LRC 2015/16 Annual Report. CF stated universe: 'more than 200 organisations received funding' — 65 are publicly named.

Omidyar Network, Luminate, Imaginable Futures, Flourish Ventures

All four entities are funded by Pierre and Pam Omidyar. Luminate (spun out 2018) is SA priority country. Imaginable Futures (spun out 2020) = education. Flourish Ventures (2019) = fintech. Amounts confirmed against Form 990-PF filings (Omidyar Network Fund 2017, 2018; Luminate Foundation 2021) and Luminate public investee database (September 2026). Note: when USAID was dismantled in 2025, Luminate continued funding most of the same SA civil-society organisations. The Omidyar architecture is the private-arm analogue of the USAID model. See → [usaid.html](#).

#	Organisation	Sector	Omidyar Entity	Confirmed Amount	Yr(s)	Also OSF?	Verif.
1	Africa Check	Media / Fact-Checking	Luminate	\$500K joint 2017 + ongoing	2012–pres.	YES	V
2	Media Monitoring Africa / Moxii Africa	Media Monitoring	Luminate	Confirmed investee	2010s–pres.	YES	V
3	OpenUp (Code for South Africa)	Civic Tech	Luminate	\$1,920,189 total	2015–2024	YES	V
4	amaBhungane	Investigative Journalism	Luminate	\$625,000 total	2020–2025	YES	V
5	Viewfinder	Investigative Journalism	Luminate	Confirmed investee + tie-2018	2018–pres.	No	V
6	SAMIP (SA Media Innovation Program)	Media	Omidyar Network	Undisclosed; multi-year	2017–pres.	YES	V
7	Africa No Filter	Media / Narrative	Luminate + OSF	Not individually disclosed	2020–pres.	YES	V
8	Livity Africa	Youth Media / Civic Tech	Luminate	\$720,664 total	2013–2015	No	V
9	Campaign on Digital Ethics SA (CODESA)	Civic Tech / Digital Rights	Luminate	\$320,000	2024	No	V
10	Code for Africa (CfA)	Civic Tech / Journalism	Luminate	Multiple grants	2012–pres.	YES	V
11	SMWX (Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh podcast)	Media / Podcast	SAMIP (Omidyar+OSF)	Via SAMIP	2019	YES	V
12	African Leadership Academy NPC (ALA)	Education	Omidyar Network	\$1.5M (2011) + \$1.5M (2020)	2011–pres.	No	V
13	Black Stripe Foundation NPC	Media / Civic Engagement	Omidyar + Luminate	\$683,000 total	2017–2022+	YES	V
14	Bluestream Education NPC	Education	Omidyar Network	\$70,000 (2017)	2017	No	V
15	D.G. Murray Trust (DGMT)	Philanthropy / Education	Omidyar Network	\$1,050,000 (2018)	2018	No	V
16	Grass Root Nation	Civic Engagement	Omidyar Network	\$90,000 (2017)	2017	No	V
17	IkamvaYouth	Education / Youth	Omidyar Network	\$311,000 (2017)	2017	No	V
18	Both Worlds / ZANews	Media Company	Omidyar Network	\$130,000 (2011)	2011	No	V
19	amandla.mobi	Civic Engagement	Omidyar + Luminate	Recurring 2018–present	2018–2024+	YES	V
20	Digital Frontiers Institute NPC	FinTech / Education	Omidyar Network	\$764,000 (2018)	2018	No	V
21	Open Cities Lab	Civic Tech	Omidyar + Luminate	\$200K-class grants	2019–2024+	No	V
22	Open Secrets	Accountability / Research	Omidyar + Luminate	R3,671,463 (2022/23)	2019–2023+	YES	V
23	SmartStart Early Learning	Early Childhood Education	Omidyar + Imaginable Futures	\$1,100,000 (\$500K 2019 + \$600K 2021)	2019–2021	No	V
24	Right2Know Campaign	Civil Rights / Media	Omidyar + Luminate	Direct support documented	2010s–2020s	YES	V
25	University of Johannesburg	University / Media Research	Omidyar + Luminate	Multiple project grants	2019–2023	No	V
26	Wits Foundation (University of Witwatersrand)	University / Civic Tech	Omidyar + Luminate	CTIN grants confirmed	2019–2023+	YES	V
27	IBP-SA (International Budget Partnership)	Governance / Public Finance	Luminate	\$500,000 (\$250K 2022 + \$250K 2023)	2022–2023	YES	V
28	Futurelect	Civic Leadership	Luminate	\$450,000 total	2020s–2025	No	V
29	Project Isizwe	Digital Inclusion	Luminate	Amount not isolated	2020s	No	V
30	Rhodes University	University / Journalism	Luminate	Amount not isolated	2020s	No	V
31	Women's Legal Centre	Legal / Human Rights	Luminate	Investee confirmed	2010s–2020s	YES	V
32	SPARK Schools	Education Company	Imaginable Futures	Series C 2021 (amount not disclosed)	2021	No	V

#	Organisation	Sector	Omidyar Entity	Confirmed Amount	Yr(s)	Also OSF?	Verif.
33	Innovation Edge	Early Childhood / Social	Imaginable Futures	Amount not isolated	2020s	No	V
34	Zlto	Youth / Civic Tech NPO	Imaginable Futures	Investment amount not disclosed	2021	No	V
35	littlefish	FinTech Company (for-profit)	Flourish Ventures	\$9.5M Series A (2026)	2024–2026	No	V

OMIDYAR VS USAID — THE PRIVATE PARALLEL

The structural relationship between Omidyar/Luminate and USAID in South Africa is not coincidental. Both fund the same categories of organisations (media, civic tech, governance, fact-checking), often the same specific organisations (e.g., amandla.mobi received both USAID-adjacent and Luminate funding simultaneously). When the Trump administration dismantled USAID in early 2025, Luminate — which had been building parallel capacity since 2017 — stepped in as replacement funder for many of the same NGOs without visible disruption. The key distinction is accountability: USAID grants are subject to congressional oversight, FOIA requests, and public USAID.gov disclosure. Luminate grants require only a Form 990-PF filing and, for SA-based recipients, whatever that recipient chooses to disclose in its own annual report. The accountability gap between the two vehicles — one governmental, one private — is total.

This is what the investigation terms 'the private parallel': the Omidyar architecture is the private-arm analogue of the US government's civil-society funding programme. Ten entities. Over \$1.5 billion disbursed since 2004. Eighty countries. In South Africa, the primary Omidyar entities are Luminate (civic tech, media, fact-checking, advocacy), Imaginable Futures (education, early childhood), Flourish Ventures (fintech), and the original Omidyar Network Fund (general operating grants, documented via 990-PF). The full architecture — including Luminate's position inside the IEC disinformation referral pipeline — is mapped at → [omidyar.html](#).

\$29M Second-Degree OSF Conduit

The CF functions as a pooled-fund intermediation vehicle with donor-attribution attenuation: recipients' annual reports carry 'Constitutionalism Fund' rather than 'Open Society Foundations'. CF's own 'Who We Are' page confirms: 'OSF-SA provided initial administration for the joint fund.' The OSF 25-year report (2018) explicitly credits OSF with 'seed funding for the Constitutionalism Fund'. The fund is not covert — its architecture is disclosed. What it achieves is separation of brand from grant.

[2015] OSF \$10M + Atlantic Philanthropies \$10M + Ford Foundation \$9M
→ CF pooled vehicle (\$29M total)
→ OSF-SA administration + AOSI fiscal sponsor
→ 12-organisation first cohort (pre-existing Atlantic/OSF grantees)

[2016+] Broader grantmaking; selection panel chaired by Justice Yvonne Mokgoro

[Later] Ford takes administration → New Venture Fund (NVF) becomes fiscal sponsor
→ 'Ford Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund – South Africa Constitutionalism Initiative'
→ South African grantees (continuing from AOSI phase)

[2026] amandla.mobi lists CF via NVF as current funder
GroundUp audited: R1.9M (2023/24) + R1.8M (2024/25) via NVF
PARI brochure (Feb 2025): CF + Ford + OSF South Africa – all three listed simultaneously

SECTION 6 — STACKED FUNDING: DOCUMENTED EXAMPLES

Organisation	Year	Channel 1 (CF)	Channel 2 (Direct OSF)	Channel 3 (Other)	Source
ProBono.Org	2018	CF: R2,000,000	OSF-SA: R1,303,000	—	ProBono.Org Annual Report 2018
ProBono.Org	2019	CF: R1,500,000	OSF: R800,000	—	ProBono.Org Annual Report 2019
amaBhungane	FY2023	CF-AOSI: R842,211	OSF-SA: R812,942	Luminate: R2,124,677	amaBhungane Audited AFS FY2023
PARI	2025	CF: listed	OSF South Africa: listed	Ford Foundation: listed	PARI Brochure Feb 2025
Centre for Child Law	2016	CF: R700,000	Direct OSF: R750,000	—	CCL Annual Report 2016
EELC	2020–21	CF: collaboration confirmed	OSF-SA: 9–11% of income	—	EELC Annual Reports 2020, 2021
amandla.mobi	2016–2026	CF via NVF (2024–26)	OSF-SA (2016–2022)	Luminate (2018–present)	amandla.mobi Funding Disclosure
GroundUp	2023–25	CF-NVF: R1.9M + R1.8M	—	—	GroundUp Audited AFS FY2025

SECTION 7 — VERIFIED GRANT AMOUNTS REFERENCE TABLE

Organisation / Fund	Verified Amount	Primary Source
OSF Total SA (official)	\$238,635,789	OSF 30-year retrospective Mar 2025
Constitutionalism Fund (CF) total	\$29,000,000	CF own homepage (Sep 2026)
Atlantic Philanthropies — CF contribution	\$10,000,000	Atlantic Philanthropies records
ISS (Institute for Security Studies) — OSF	\$5.1M / 7 grants	Devex Jun 2025
UCT (University of Cape Town) — OSF	\$2.6M / 7 grants	Devex Jun 2025
NURCHA — OSF	\$5M operating + \$50M guaranteed	OSF own reports
SA Solidarity Fund — OSF	~\$270,250 (2020)	OSF 30-year retrospective
LRC (Legal Resources Centre) — OSF	R500K–R1.12M/yr (2010–2013)	LRC Annual Report 2011/12
amaBhungane — Luminate	\$625,000 total	amaBhungane Declarations May 2025

Organisation / Fund	Verified Amount	Primary Source
OpenUp — Luminate	\$1,920,189 total	Luminate investee database
African Leadership Academy — Omidyar 990	\$3M+ (2011 + 2017)	Form 990-PF 2017
SmartStart — Omidyar 990	\$1,100,000	Form 990-PF 2019, 2021
D.G. Murray Trust — Omidyar 990	\$1,050,000 (2018)	Form 990-PF 2018
Digital Frontiers Institute — Omidyar 990	\$764,000 (2018)	Form 990-PF 2018
IkamvaYouth — Omidyar 990	\$311,000 (2017)	Form 990-PF 2017
Black Stripe Foundation — Omidyar+Luminate	\$683,000 total	990-PF 2017 + Luminate 990-PF 2021
IBP-SA — Luminate	\$500,000	Filing records 2022–2023
Open Secrets — Luminate	R3,671,463 (~\$200K)	Open Secrets Annual Report 2022/23
Futurelect — Luminate	\$450,000 total	Luminate investee database
CODE SA — Luminate	\$320,000	Luminate investments database 2024
OSF frontline activist fund (SAHRDN)	\$330,000	OSF press release Nov 2019
Wikimedia SA — OSF-SA	R200,000	Wikimedia grant record 2013
littlefish — Flourish Ventures	\$9.5M Series A (2026)	Flourish Ventures website 2026
M&G Adamela Trust — NED	\$355,200	NED annual reports 2020–21
ProBono.Org — OSF	R800K (2019); R230K (2020); R800K (2021)	ProBono.Org Annual Reports
EELC — OSF-SA	9% of income (2020); 11% (2021)	EELC Annual Reports 2020, 2021
Africa Check — Omidyar+OSF joint (2017)	\$500,000	Full Fact announcement Jun 2017

Sources and Verification Standard

All claims are verified against a minimum of two independent primary sources. STACKED classifications are confirmed from audited recipient financial statements only — no extrapolation. No grant amounts are invented or estimated: amounts listed as 'not disclosed' or 'amount not isolated' are genuinely absent from public records. Entity distinctions are strictly maintained (e.g., African Leadership Academy is not the African Leadership University; CF grantee ≠ direct OSF grantee; Series B ≠ Series C).

Source	Key Information Confirmed
OSF 30-Year SA Retrospective (Mar 2025) — opensocietyfoundations.org	\$206,895,789 official total (1997–2023); all historical institution-building documented
OSF 25-Year SA Release (Nov 2018) — opensocietyfoundations.org	816+ / 750+ grantees; seed funding for CF, SAMIP, Social Auditing Network, Right2Know
CF 'Who We Are' page — constitutionalismfund.co.za	'OSF-SA provided initial administration for the joint fund' — own admission
CF Partners page — constitutionalismfund.co.za	Full 65-grantee named list; '200+ organisations received funding' stated
Ford Foundation — CF \$25M launch (Feb 2015) — fordfoundation.org	OSF + Ford + Atlantic jointly announced CF; \$25M total announced (actual \$29M total)
Omidyar Network Fund Form 990-PF 2017 — omidyar.com	SA grants: ALA \$1.5M; Black Stripe \$283K; Bluestream \$70K; IkamvaYouth \$311K; Grass Root Nat
Omidyar Network Fund Form 990-PF 2018 — omidyar.com	SA grants: D.G. Murray Trust \$700K paid + \$350K payable; Digital Frontiers \$764K
Luminate Foundation Form 990-PF 2021 — luminategroup.com	SA grants: Africa Check; amaBhungane; amandla.mobi; Black Stripe \$200K; Open Secrets
Luminate OpenUp investee page — luminategroup.com/investee	OpenUp \$1,201,189 committed (2015, 2017 and 2020 grants)
Luminate Futurelect investee page — luminategroup.com/investee	Futurelect \$1,000,000; latest 2025 grant supports East Africa programme
Imaginable Futures — Zlto — imaginablefutures.com	Direct investment relationship with SA NPO Zlto confirmed
Flourish Ventures — littlefish — flourishventures.com	\$9.5M Series A 2026; seed round 2024; Flourish confirmed in both rounds
amaBhungane Declarations — amabhungane.org/declarations	OSF-SA R1,697,455 (Dec 2022–Nov 2023); Luminate \$375K+\$125K+\$125K (2020–25)
amaBhungane Audited AFS FY2023	Three simultaneous channels: OSF-SA R812K + CF-AOSI R842K + Luminate R2.12M
ProBono.Org Annual Reports 2018, 2019 — probono.org.za	Strongest STACKED proof: CF R2M + OSF R1.3M in 2018; CF R1.5M + OSF R800K in 2019
GroundUp Audited Accounts FY2025	CF/NVF identified as 'Ford Foundation Dignity and Justice Fund – SA Constitutionalism Initiative'
LRC 2015/16 Annual Report — lrc.org.za	Names all 12 CF first cohort members (2016 pre-selected from Atlantic/OSF grantees)
PARI Brochure Feb 2025 — pari.org.za	CF + Ford Foundation + OSF South Africa — all three listed as current funders simultaneously
amandla.mobi Funding Disclosure — amandla.mobi/about/funding	OSF-SA 2016–22; Omidyar/Luminate; CF via NVF (2024–25) — all confirmed on own page
Open Secrets Annual Report 2022/23 — opensecrets.org.za	Luminate income: R3,671,463 per audited financial statements
OSF-SA grantee feature: M&G 200 Young South Africans 2018	Confirms SWEAT, Sonke, SOS Coalition, WJP, ACMS, CER, CCL as OSF-SA grantees
Cornell University Archives — OSF-SA Grant Files 2009–2014	Section27, Equal Education, SJC, SERI in constitutional cluster grants confirmed
Devex June 2025 — OSF 5-year Global South analysis	ISS \$5.1M / 7 grants; UCT \$2.6M / 7 grants; ISS = largest single OSF Africa recipient
Corruption Watch Funders Page — corruptionwatch.org.za	Open Society Foundation listed as confirmed funder (March 2024)
IOL Sunday Independent, Oct 2024	OSF disclosed \$200,000 grant to MMA in 2023
Daily Maverick, Nov 2020 — MMA Director statement	William Bird: 'We do indeed receive funding from the Open Society Foundation'
OSF Frontline Activist Fund — osf.org.za , Nov 2019	OSF created \$330K fund hosted at Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network
Full Fact — Omidyar + OSF joint \$500K to Africa Check, Jun 2010	Omidyar + OSF joint \$500K to Africa Check + Full Fact + Chequeado for automated tools
EELC Annual Reports 2020, 2021	OSF-SA = 9% of grants/donations (2020); 11% (2021) — recipient confirmed



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Cross-linked to all related investigation pages: [africacheck.html](#), [ifcn.html](#), [metasuppression.html](#), [wits.html](#), [real411.html](#), [usaid.html](#), [sa_journalists.html](#), [cws.html](#), [omidyar.html](#), [osf.html](#).

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