

Community partners



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**A SMALL NOT-FOR-PROFIT
COMMUNITY GRANT MAKER
OPERATING IN THE EASTERN
CAPE PROVINCE: SOUTH AFRICA**



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SWIMMING UPSTREAM

Ikhala Trust, a community grant maker for existing community based organisations operating within the Eastern Cape, was established in 2002.

Ikhala Trust works on the principle of sowing where people have already laid a foundation. Put another way our grants (small) reinforce and build on communities existing assets i.e. physical, natural, social, human and financial.

Asset Based Community-Driven Development (ABCD)

“Start with what you have – build with what you know”

ABCD approach diverges from mainstream development paradigms that are deficit oriented and needs based that often undermines what communities have already done for themselves and treats them as passive recipients in need of HELP and FIXING.

“Let’s talk about what is strong in a community and not with what is wrong as our starting point”

Cormac Russell – Nurture Development

What we believe ABCD is and what it is not?

ABCD is not a quick fix to systemic issues of poverty, inequality and injustice but

rather an approach to development that seeks to UNLOCK and UNBLOCK opportunities and possibilities as a means to bringing poverty, inequality and injustice to an end. For ABCD to succeed it requires all partners to understand their strengths, capacities and capabilities – it is not something you do for others but what we do together that will lead to success.

The ABCD course offered by Ikhala Trust in association with our partners seeks to explore the following:-

ABCD as a Paradigm (this is the most critical 1st step and central to Ikhala Trust’s approach)

ABCD as a Process (focussing on unlocking assets)

ABCD as a Practice (how to apply the tools and methods)

In our many years of experience facilitating these workshops it has become clear that it is both a personal and an organisational development process.

Some comments we receive from participants

I now believe that I have gifts, talents and skills that I can use to craft my own future!!

I have learnt that I am not the expert in the community and need to learn to listen more and speak less

What we can offer to other partners including donors

- We are able to provide an effective mechanism for channeling resources to communities where the greatest need exists.
- Capacity building interventions with learning partners, ensuring that appropriate programmes are delivered to the intended community partners and that donor funds are properly managed and accounted for.
- Preparation and timeous submission of reports and audited financial statements
- Administration of donor funds for third parties.
- Facilitation of ABCD workshops and Project Management & OD including mentoring and coaching
- More than 20 years of experience with grassroots communities in the Eastern Cape Province.