

MAHLANGU



Education in South Africa is for subservience. At SOMAFCO schooling is designed for liberation and to meet the needs of a future free South Africa. Contrary to Bantu education under apartheid, SOMAFCO provides for all its students a full academic programme, which qualifies them for further training at universities or technical level in Africa or abroad. Emphasis is laid on teaching development of societies and the history of the struggle for freedom in Southern Africa. By integrating academic and vocational training, we aim to bridge the gap between mental and manual labour.

Initially conceived as a secondary school, SOMAFCO now comprises five educational sectors: secondary, primary, nursery, adult education and a student orientation centre. In primary education much emphasis is laid on English, the language of instruction at the school, and on creating a consciousness of our cultural heritage and resistance to apartheid. Adult education concentrates on literacy classes, to enable unschooled ANC members to play a more useful role in the community and to improve their skills. New arriving students are received and assessed for entry to SOMAFCO in the student orientation centre, based at the new ANC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE DAKAWA, 50 km from SOMAFCO. The students live in tents and classes are held in the open.

