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**1. From the Director's Desk**

Dear Friends

Greetings from PACSA

Summer has eventually arrived and we find ourselves in the midst of the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence. A number of our community partners are engaged in various activities associated with the 16 Days. Our feature article focusses on how this campaign can be revamped and really contributes to eradicate gender-based violence in South Africa.

We hope you find this edition interesting.

Regards

**MERVYN ABRAHAMS**  
PACSA Director

**2. PACSA News**

**• Organisations Reflect on Organisational Practice**

Mada Mtine and Julie Smith from PACSA participated in a 'Bread for the World' Organisational Learning Project Workshop held in Nakuru, Kenya, from 17th to 21st November 2014. The workshop brought together Bread for the World Partner organisations from Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe and South Africa.



[Read the full article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)

**• Roundtable Discussion on a National Strategic Plan to end gender-based violence**

PACSA, Sonke Gender Justice & Gender Links and the Commission for Gender Equality jointly hosted a roundtable discussion on the current state of the National Council and National Strategic Plan on gender-based violence.



[Read the full article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)

· **PACSA and Community Partners Network Forum meeting**  
PACSA and its partners met in a Partners Network Forum on the 20th of November 2014 to review our collaborative relationship and discuss common actions. The main issues that emerged were that the relationship between PACSA and partners is growing in depth and beneficial to both.



[Read the full article here](#)

· **A National Right to Food Dialogue**

The National Right to Food Dialogue was held in Berea, Johannesburg from 29th to 30th November 2014. PACSA represented by Julie Smith with Ntombifikile Khanyile and Sebenzile Shoba, representing the Food Justice Collective, were involved in the dialogue.



[Read the full article here](#)

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### 3. October 2014 PACSA Food Price Barometer

· **October Report 2014**

In October 2014 we rebased and reweighed our food basket that provides the research data of the PACSA Food Price Barometer. PACSA reweighs its data from time to time to ensure that the foods and the volumes tracked are reflective of changing food expenditure patterns of working class poor households. The new weights are based on conversations held with women, in Pietermaritzburg from June to August 2014. The cost of the reweighed basket at the end of October was R1557.63.

[Read the full article and read the report here](#)

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### 4. PACSA in the Media

1. **Print Media**

· Supermarkets' supposed hold on potatoes' supply chain sees farmers, customers feel the pinch, *The Witness*, 21 November 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

· Veggie garden in city centre, *The Witness*, 21 November 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

2. **Radio**

· 21 November 2014, Radio 786, October Food Price Barometer

3. **Television**

· 20 November 2014, 1KZN Television Channel 206, Gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy

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## 5. Feature article

### • **16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence: Time to Reshape the Campaign**

Each year we greet the '16 days of Activism to end violence against women and children' with the usual mixed feelings. This is the dilemma - without it, there would be less awareness-raising on the issue. Yet the campaign is woefully inadequate. It has become co-opted by the establishment...



[Read the full article here by Frank Meintjies](#)

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