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1. From the Director's Desk

Dear Readers

Greetings from PACSA

World Food Day is a major event on the PACSA calendar. In this edition of the eNewsletter we present some of the activities that we and our partner organisations engaged in. We also report on the 2014 PACSA Food Price Barometer and our work to highlight the difficulties that households face in procurement of sufficient and nutritious food due to low household incomes.

We hope that you find this newsletter of interest. Please feel free to write to us on your views of the materials we present.

Regards

MERVYN ABRAHAMS
PACSA Director

2. PACSA News

• The 2014 PACSA Food Price Barometer

We released the 2014 PACSA Food Price Barometer on the 15th October 2014 at a media briefing, to coincide with World Food Day on the 16th October. The media briefing was attended by 23 journalists from various media houses and which ranged across all media platforms; print media, radio and television. See the media coverage and reach of the report in the *PACSA in the Media* section of the newsletter further below.



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

• "Sharing what we have" - World Food Day at Gezubuso, KZN

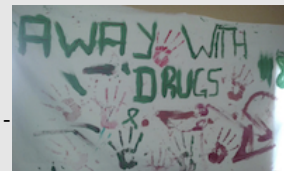
The Food Justice Collective recently celebrated World Food Day at Enathi Primary school, eMvundlweni in Gezubuso, KZN and was themed "Sharing what we have". The theme originated from the idea that we all bring something. We all have something to contribute no matter how small. It is through sharing these things that we have that enables us to all have what we need.



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

• Peer Educators Campaign against teenage pregnancy

Peer educators from Mthoqotho High School in the Nxamalala community launched its awareness campaign against on the 2nd October 2014 at Mthoqotho High School. More than 400 learners and 15 educators were part of the launch which was also attended by 3 other local high schools - Shayabanatu, KwaMpande and Mtholangqondo.



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

• PACSA Seeks to employ a Practice Development Manager

PACSA (Pietermaritzburg Agency for Community Social Action) is an independent, faith-based, social justice NGO working in the uMgungundlovu District in KwaZulu-Natal. PACSA's core practice is process facilitation and it acts in solidarity and support of 18 self-organised and autonomous local community groups/organisations in their self-defined social justice and development struggles. PACSA is looking to employ a Practice Development

Manager, who will form part of the organisational management team, to support the Director and the practice team in strategic visioning, and leading the development of the organisational practice and its implementation in our work in the world.

[For more information, click here](#)

3. Upcoming Events

· Provincial Roundtable on a National Strategic Plan to end Gender-based violence



Pietermaritzburg Agency for Community Social Action (PACSA), Sonke Gender Justice and Gender Links invite you to a:

PROVINCIAL ROUNDTABLE ON A NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Date: 13th November 2014

Venue: Imperial Hotel, 224 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg
Parking is available from the Burger Street entrance

Time: 09h00 - 13h30. A light lunch will be served.

RSVP: Thulani Mthlale on thulanim@pacsa.org.za by 10 November 2014

4. PACSA in the Media

1. Print Media

NERSA increase will affect PMB working class, *ECHO*, 14 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Growth in retail sales slows slightly in August, *Business Day Live*, 15 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Wage hikes needed to avoid food riots, *IOL News*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Affordability crisis 'worsening', *IOL News*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Staple food prices rise 9% - study, *fin24*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Food prices hurt nutrition, *The Witness*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

Food price increase hits hard, *ECHO*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

2. Radio

Food pricing has increased: NGO, *EastCoast Radio*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

SAFM Business Report interview with Mervyn Abrahams, *SAFM*, 21 October 2014

[Read or listen to the interview here](#)

3. Television

Many South Africans feeling the pinch on World Food Day, *eNCA*, 16 October 2014

[Read the full article and watch the videoclip here](#)

4. Social Media

The 2014 PACSA Food Price Barometer (October 2014), *polity.org.za*, 17 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

AMCU, FAWU and Numsa to strike for 1% pay rise, *Agri Handbook Blog*, 21 October 2014

[Read the full article here](#)

5. Feature article

- **The Medium-term budget presented by the minister of Finance undermines South Africa's future social and economic growth prospects**

The following is a media statement PACSA issues in response to the medium-term budget presented by the Minister of Finance to parliament.

PACSA is deeply concerned about the lack of commitment to South Africa's social and economic growth in Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene's inaugural medium-term budget statement released last week. Against the views of analysts who reportedly described the budget as "tough but fair", our organisation believes the approach reflected in the budget contradicts the social and economic vision of South Africa. Core to our social and economic growth lies in investing in our people, particularly the working class poor, through addressing inequality.

[Read the full article here](#)
