

The MORE-Southern African project works to build better relations within and among and between Southern African ethnic groups. Our mission is to facilitate and support action to help Southern African societies reconcile from the historical violent ethno-regional trauma that erupted before, during, and after colonialism. The ultimate vision is for all Africans and their kin in the diaspora to unite and tackle racism as a united front.

The Southern African project is taking an innovative approach to anti-racism by understanding that a reconciled Africa can add a more robust, relevant, effective, and efficient voice to the diasporic call for racial healing, reconciliation, and, ultimately, reparations.

The poor economic atmosphere in Southern Africa can potentially push the region to a fragile state. Millions of youths from Zimbabwe and Lesotho flee their countries to become illegal immigrants into Botswana and South Africa. Sometimes xenophobic tensions escalate to heart-wrenching levels where migrants are targeted and killed in these cross-border crises.

Although violent conflicts seem like random acts of violence to settle grievances over diminishing economic resources, other hidden triggers lurk in the dark. Blatant hostile tribalism stemming from historical, ethnic enmity from old wars hasn't dissipated in some instances. Opportunities to heal these ancient hurts abound.

Our approach is simple but meaningful. We work with grassroots organizations and traditional tribal leaders who are acknowledged to have a poorer level of social development, lower levels of political engagement, and social cohesion in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. Our format is to hold **knowledge-sharing events and engage in dialogue with representatives of a cross-section of the mentioned societies** to address the lack of understanding and respect for varying groups and procure reconciliation and peace.