

# SOUTH AFRICA'S LONG WALK TO MEDICINE ACCESS



There have been major victories over the past 20 years to ensure access to HIV treatment, however, the battle is far from over. It is important that we stop for a moment to reflect on what at the time seemed revolutionary and was deemed impossible by many. But over time, a group of activists and their global allies stood together to overcome intense international pressure from the pharmaceutical industry and rich governments. Today, South Africa has the largest ARV programme in the world.

This is our story.

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Come and join the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) and SECTION27 to reflect on the past 20 years at the launch of our publication **“Standing Up For Our Lives”** that documents the history of the access to medicines movement in South Africa.

As much as we need to celebrate victories, the reality is that today many people across the world still are unable to access the medicines they need. Now more than ever, we need to strike at the root of the injustice. We need a system that puts people before profits. Thousands of lives depend on it.

Join us to reflect and plan the next phase of the struggle!

**TUESDAY 24TH JULY, 5.30PM – 6.30PM**  
**Treatment Networking Zone, Global Village**  
**Wine and snacks will be provided!**