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### Introduction

This article comments on the recent large-scale de-registrations of South African nonprofit organisations and suggests practical steps on the way forward.

More than 85 000 nonprofit organisations were registered in terms of the Nonprofit Organisations Act (NPO Act) at the end of March 2012. From October 2012 until January 2013 more than 23 000 organisations were de-registered by the Directorate for Nonprofit Organisations which falls under the auspices of the Department of Social Development. In addition, more than 35 000 organisations were marked as ‘non-compliant’. In contrast, during the 2011 financial year only 468 organisations were de-registered. All organisations were, in the wake of a public outcry, reinstated and reflected as re-registered during February 2013. Organisations have been given a six-month period to become compliant....

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## RIDE FOR HOPE

Ricardo will be joining the team of Connect Network Riders taking on the **Ride for Hope** challenge in the Cycle Tour on 10 March 2013 to **raise funds for children at risk in Cape Town.**

Connect is a network of NPOs and churches collaborating to transform communities by helping women and children at risk. Network members are currently working with 310,000 people, mainly women and children but this figure includes more than 25,000 men. The network was founded in 2004 and comprises of 115 organisations involved in five main areas of concern to families in the Greater Cape Town area: Violence, orphans and vulnerable children, limited education, sexual exploitation and crisis pregnancy.

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