

As townships are often sealed off during police raids and unrest, people in the townships have hardly any access to emergency treatment by health professionals.

An alternative way to meet the needs for emergency treatment during times of crisis is to train members of communities in first aid and life-saving and in management of medical emergencies such as blunt trauma, bullet wounds, tear gas injuries, burns, etc.

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Resolution of the American Psychiatric Association

RESOLUTION AGAINST APARTHEID

It is the belief of the American Psychiatric Association that when discrimination is practiced by governments in an organized fashion, the mental health of all of its citizens is affected, not only those against whom discrimination is directed.

Be it resolved, therefore, that the American Psychiatric Association strongly opposes the South African government's policy of apartheid as being discriminatory and damaging to the mental health of the South African people and further urges the Society of Psychiatrists of South Africa and the World Psychiatric Association to voice opposition to this policy and to launch a vigorous protest against all aspects of discrimination in that country.

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