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The Federal Government's efforts towards the strengthening of assistance to colonial territories and peoples under alien domination and foreign subjugation in Africa have so far been in the form of moral and material support to the liberation movements in southern Africa. While assistance sometimes goes direct to the liberation movements, much of it takes the form of direct contributions to the OAU Liberation Committee, which co-ordinates and administers all liberation funds and aids from member nations to various liberation movements in southern Africa.

A new element in the Federal Government's assistance to the peoples under minority régimes in southern Africa was created with the launching, on 17 December 1976, of the Southern Africa Relief Fund, which is intended to promote Nigeria's commitment to the total liberation of Africa from colonial domination and exploitation. The Fund, which has now reached a level of well over N7 million (\$US 10 million), is being used to assist refugees from southern Africand to alleviate suffering and promote the education, health and general welfare of the peoples under minority régimes in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

In this regard, there are now well over 500 Soweto students in different educational institutions in Nigeria. We are also helping countries such as Lesotho and Botswana, which have recently suffered an influx of refugees as a result of the aggression of South Africa and Rhodesia.