

The Football Transformation Forum (FTF) was a coalition of South African football administrators and stakeholders established to drive significant changes within the South African Football Association (SAFA). Formed in the late 2000s, the FTF aimed to promote inclusivity, enhance governance, and improve the overall performance of South African football.

In 2009, during a period of internal conflict within SAFA, the FTF supported Kirsten Nematandani's unexpected rise to the presidency after prominent candidates withdrew. This leadership change was seen as a move towards unifying and transforming the sport in the country.

However, by 2011, criticisms emerged regarding the effectiveness of the FTF-backed leadership. Observers noted that, despite initial promises, the anticipated improvements in governance and football performance had not materialized, leading to calls for a comprehensive reassessment of strategies to achieve meaningful transformation within SAFA.

The FTF's journey highlights the complexities and challenges inherent in transforming football governance and performance in South Africa.

The FTF prided itself on upholding 100% principles and 0% personalities. However, it was manipulated by Dr Daniel Jordaan to serve his personal interests above all else, using it as a tool to impose his will at any cost.

- Finally, Dr Danny Jordaan's Presidency started in September 2013 and has remained intact to date.
Throughout his tenure, only he has been consistently retained while appointing different Vice Presidents in every election to ensure no one challenges him.
- He deliberately surrounds himself with 'pawns' who hero-worship him and do not question his decisions.
- Each election, he brings in a new group of individuals who are not allowed to express contrary views.
- Currently, he is not on speaking terms with his Vice Presidents, as he has already identified a **new set of 'disciples' to serve as Vice Presidents in 2026**.

Overview of SAFA's Current Situation

(Dr Danny Jordaan's Manipulation & SAFA's Financial Crisis)

Danny Jordaan (DJ) is manipulating SAFA Regions and Local Football Associations (LFAs) to secure a fourth term despite facing fraud charges for defrauding SAFA. Below is a clear summary of the current situation for all SAFA members:

1. Abuse of SAFA Funds & Manipulation of Processes

- Ms. JF accused DJ of rape, not the SAFA President. However, DJ hired a PR service provider (Grit Communications) at SAFA's cost to cleanse his image for the 2018 Presidency campaign.

- DJ unilaterally appointed Grit Communications, violating SAFA's internal procurement processes, without NEC approval.
- Grit Communications has never submitted any report on their services despite costing SAFA over R1 million.

2. SAFA Audit Irregularities

- On **10 July 2019**, PwC Incorporated (one of the top 2 audit firms in SA) resigned as SAFA auditors.
- The resignation letter was never tabled before the Audit & Risk Committee or NEC.
- On **16 March 2020**, PwC reaffirmed their resignation after attempts to persuade them to withdraw.
- Instead of appointing another top audit firm, **Sondlo Chartered Accountants** (a middle-tier firm) was illegally appointed by Mxolisi Sibam, violating SAFA's procurement policies.
- PwC never reported any major financial errors, but Sondlo claimed SAFA made accounting mistakes in 2019, conveniently "correcting" them to make SAFA's books look better.

3. Financial Mismanagement & Fraudulent Activities

- DJ and the CFO are currently **facing fraud charges** for defrauding SAFA but continue to hold their positions.
- SAFA's funds have been **misused** to defend DJ and cover legal costs related to his corruption allegations.
- DJ misused **R22 million borrowed from FIFA**, which was meant to settle historical debts but was instead spent on legal fees.
- **FIFA Forward Project Funds** have been mismanaged, with missing funds for a **Merchandise Store project**.
- The last tranches of the **2010 FIFA World Cup Legacy Trust funds** were abused, failing to procure the promised **52+9 Isuzu bakkies**.
- **Regional grants (28-month backlog), provincial league subsidies, and club prizes remain unpaid**.

4. Detailed Security Report & Fraudulent Security Contract

- The Financial & Procurement Committee conducted a security report uncovering fraudulent activities in security service procurement.

- The Chairperson of the illegal Security Committee (which is not in SAFA's Statutes) fraudulently appointed Fortico Security at an inflated price of R5.4 million.
- Fortico Security was fraudulently registered, and its selection violated procurement policies.
- The report recommended charging the Chairperson of the illegal Security Committee.
- The report was submitted to the NEC, but Danny Jordaan and Mxolisi Sibam opted to put the matter in abeyance instead of taking action.

5. Collapse of SAFA Governance Structures

- **The SAFA Ethics Committee collapsed** as all members, including the Integrity Officer, resigned due to internal corruption.
- The **Hawks raided SAFA House**, investigating financial misconduct. DJ used SAFA funds to legally challenge the raid.
- **SAFA Regions were manipulated** into writing off 50% of what was due to them, with a false promise of lump sum payments that never happened.
- **DJ bullies Regional Congresses** into supporting him, appointing interim structures in violation of SAFA statutes.

6. Financial Crisis & Insolvency Risk

- **Current Ratio (2024): 0.29** → For every R1 of liabilities, SAFA has only 29c in assets, indicating **serious liquidity problems**.
- **Debt Ratio (2024): 1.07** → SAFA has **more debt than assets**, making it heavily leveraged and financially unstable.
- **Debt/Equity Ratio (2024): -14.7** → A negative ratio due to **negative equity**, showing that liabilities far exceed assets, highlighting potential insolvency.
- In **December 2023**, the Minister of Sports & Recreation **bailed out SAFA with R5 million** to cover unpaid bonuses for Bafana Bafana and Banyana Banyana.
- SAFA's **Current Liabilities (2024): R197.7 million**, while **Current Assets** are only **R56.5 million**, reflecting a deep financial crisis.

7. Failures in Football Development

- **No Schools Football Leagues** as resolved in 2018.
- **No Inter-Provincial Tournaments (IPTs)** on the annual competition calendar.
- **SAFA Boys Academy lost FIFA funding** due to mismanagement.

8. Summary of DJ's Failures Over Three Terms

1. **Exploited SAFA resources** for personal enrichment.
2. **28-month backlog** on Regional Grants.
3. **Unpaid subsidies** for provincial leagues & club prizes.
4. **No football development programs** (schools' football, IPTs).
5. **Abused R22M FIFA loan** meant for historical debts.
6. **Misused last tranches of the FIFA Legacy Trust funds.**
7. **FIFA probe into SAFA financial mismanagement.**
8. **Legal challenges against the Hawks raid & fraud charges** at SAFA's expense.
9. **Ethics Committee collapse** due to corruption.
10. **Loss of FIFA funding for SAFA Boys Academy.**
11. **Illegal appointment of Fortico Security** for R5.4M, despite fraud allegations.
12. **Financial & Procurement Committee's recommendations ignored** to protect corrupt officials.

Call to Action for SAFA Members

- **Reject DJ's Manipulation:** He is abusing SAFA funds and power to force a fourth term despite fraud charges.
- **Hold Leadership Accountable:** Demand full financial transparency and an end to corruption.
- **Stop the Abuse of SAFA Funds:** No more using football money for DJ's personal legal battles.
- **Restore SAFA's Credibility:** Ensure leadership is chosen based on integrity and commitment to football development, not personal interests.

⚠ It's time for real football transformation – not just for one man's power! ⚠