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Welcome to the second issue of ESR Review in 2020, the second in a series of five special issues focusing on access to justice. It comes at a time when countries worldwide are grappling with the coronavirus and the need to protect socio-economic rights is more important than ever before.

Our first feature article, by Soraya Beukes, examines how adequate the courts are in the protection of the right to housing against sales in execution. The second feature, by Ebi Achigbe Okeng, looks at the judicial contribution to constitutional obligations in the delivery of basic services in post-1996 South Africa. The author argues that the failure to redistribute resources defeats the realisation of a broader concept of access to justice.

In the third feature, Donna Hornby and Laurel Oettle examine how record-keeping can assist in the realisation of the land and socio-economic rights of farm dwellers on commercial farms. They argue for an approach that engages civil society where the state is functionally absent. This could aid the organic development of local practices that challenge the status quo and lead the way for national policy.

In the Events section, Robert Doya Nanima reports on the community leaders training workshop held in Cape Town in March this year. In the Updates section, Paula Knipe offers insight on a recent statement by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on Covid-19 and its human rights implications.

We thank our anonymous peer reviewers as well as guest contributors, and trust readers will find this issue stimulating and useful in the advancement of socio-economic rights.

Robert Doya Nanima
Guest Editor