



**2016
LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS
MANIFESTO**



**TOGETHER ADVANCING
PEOPLE'S POWER
IN EVERY COMMUNITY**

**Local government
is in your hands**





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow South Africans,

The 2016 local government elections take place in the year that marks the 60th Anniversary of the women's march to the Union Buildings in 1956. We remember and celebrate the invaluable contribution of these heroines to the struggle. The liberation struggle and women's struggles cannot be separated. We thus continue with our programmes of advancing women in all sectors of society.





Fifty-five years ago, Umkhonto we Sizwe was formed. We salute all those brave men and women who took up arms to advance our struggle. We shall continue to assist them with their reintegration and to improve their quality of life.

We are also commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the 1976 Soweto student uprisings. We proudly remember those young, gallant and politically conscious fighters. In their memory, we shall ensure that our municipalities focus on the youth, while also reaching out to other sectors such as the farm workers, the rural masses, urban and jobless workers and middle strata.

South Africa celebrates twenty years since the adoption of the Constitution in May 1996. The Constitution is grounded in the Freedom Charter, which continues to be the foundation of democratic South Africa. The Constitution enjoins all of us to build local government that has the capacity to:

- *Provide democratic and accountable government for local communities.*
- *Ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.*
- *Promote social and economic development.*
- *Promote a safe and healthy environment.*
- *Encourage involvement of communities and community organisations on matters of local government.*

In line with the Constitution, our country holds regular elections. Regular free and fair elections give people the opportunity to choose those who represent their aspirations in parliament, provincial legislatures and municipal councils. With their vote for the ANC, our people have continued to elect and mandate the ANC to ensure that local government works better for the people. We shall work with the people to continue giving effect to their constitutional rights and thereby advancing people's power to determine their own destinies.

We have ensured that those deployed in municipalities are capacitated and have the requisite skills to do their work. In cases where some ANC councillors did not perform well, we encouraged communities to hold them accountable and report their concerns. We have acted on these concerns by replacing some councillors and strengthening others.

The ANC remains the people's movement. It puts people at the centre of its activities. For this reason, we have involved communities in the process of nominating candidates for the forthcoming 2016 municipal elections. This has helped in choosing the best candidates to be ANC public representatives.

We believe that councillors must sign performance agreements. They must also report regularly to communities on their work. This will give power to the people in holding their representatives accountable and making local government work better.

Our country, our continent and the world are experiencing slow economic growth. This is impacting on our ability to address the challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality

facing our country. The ANC has a concrete plan to address slow economic growth and create jobs where our people live.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to create a better life for all. We will continue to consolidate people's democracy and increased transparency and accountability. In this regard, we undertake to deepen the promotion of access to information and improved services through openness throughout local government, and through public participation and the use of technology.

South Africa's blueprint for development, the National Development Plan (NDP), urges all South Africans to unite behind a country's programme to tackle unemployment, poverty, inequality and other challenges facing our country.

The ANC is presenting our programme for advancing people's power in and through local government in this Manifesto. We remain at the service of the people and communities. The ANC remains best placed, together with the people, to make qualitative change in people's lives.

Vote ANC!

Jacob G Zuma
President of the African
National Congress

INTRODUCTION

Before 1994, there was a fragmented system comprising over a thousand local authorities for white people, Africans in urban areas, African communities in homelands, and Indian and coloured communities. The arrangement was designed to systematically divide the people. Over the years ANC government has fundamentally changed this by establishing a coherent, functional and stable structure and system of local governance. Unlike the apartheid system of local governance, our democratic system of local governance seeks to unite people and build better communities.

The ANC reaffirms its commitment to building a non-racial, non-sexist, united, democratic and prosperous society. We remain guided by the Freedom Charter, which contains a declaration that “South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white”. This declaration also finds expression in the preamble of the country’s Constitution. This preamble articulates our collective belief that “South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our diversity”. Great strides have been made in uniting our people, but there are still some challenges.

Building all-embracing and inclusive municipalities and communities is a collective responsibility and starts in our neighbourhoods. Building our nation means that the people have both rights and responsibilities and all South Africans must be steadfast in taking responsibility for advancing our democracy.

Local government is the sphere of government in which communities have direct contact with the government.

Therefore, our communities must have a say in who leads them, how they are led and what developments must take place in their areas. This exercise of people’s power must happen in a respectful, peaceful and democratic manner.

We encourage all people to be active in the affairs of the country and join the ANC in building better communities where all people enjoy political freedom, have access to basic services and contribute to uniting the country and its people.

Together with communities, the ANC will:

- Build on achievements made in delivering basic services to the people.
- Improve access to municipal services and reduce outsourcing in municipalities.
- Further improve public participation and accountability of councillors.
- Enhance the capacity of the local state to deliver on its mandate.
- Develop and strengthen local economies, create jobs and promote job placements, especially for the youth.
- Intensify the fight against fraud and corruption in local government and social fabric crimes in communities.
- Promote education as the apex priority in local communities.
- Improve health in urban and rural communities.
- Help municipalities adapt to the changing climatic conditions.
- Build spatially integrated communities.
- Promote nation-building and socially cohesive communities.

We call on our people to exercise their democratic right to vote.

A vote for the ANC is a vote for delivery of quality services, development of local economies and integration of communities in urban and rural areas!



WORKING TOGETHER WE HAVE BUILT BETTER COMMUNITIES AND BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT

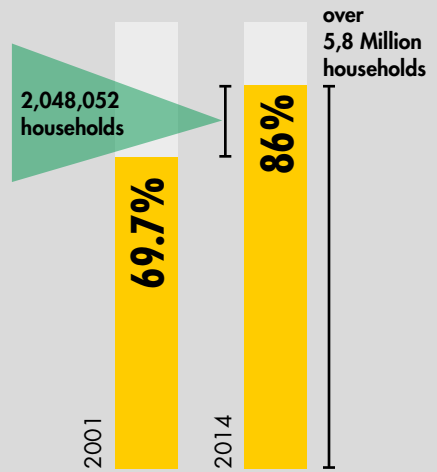
Together with communities, we have established a strong, accountable, transparent and resilient system of local governance. Local communities are involved in all developmental initiatives in their respective localities. We have ensured that our councillors hold report back and feedback meetings with their communities. In rural communities, councillors work together with traditional leaders. We are, however, aware that there are communities that still experience challenges with regard to public participation.

ELECTRICITY

We have electrified households in urban, peri-urban and rural areas. The percentage of households that are connected to electricity supply increased from 69.7% in 2001 to 86% in 2014. This amounted to over 5,8 million households in 2014 and figures show that 2,048,052 households benefited from indigent support systems for electricity in 2014.

Millions of people no longer rely on candles for lighting their residential dwellings. The ANC government has reduced the chance of fires in informal settlements in towns and cities, which often destroy people's belongings. Many rural women are relieved of the burden of fetching firewood from faraway forests.

INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLDS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY



WATER

Significant progress has been made in increasing the number of households with access to water infrastructure. Between 2001 and 2014, the percentage of households with access to piped water increased from 61.3% in 2001 to 90% in 2014. The proportion of households benefiting from free basic water services increased dramatically between 2007 and 2013. Households receiving free basic water services increased from 7,225,287 in 2007 to 11,794,526 in 2013.

By bringing water facilities and water closer to communities, we have improved the quality of people's lives. Our people, including rural communities, have access to clean and potable water. This means that we have reduced the chances of exposure to diseases such as diarrhoea and related illnesses. Women in many informal settlements in cities and towns do not have to ask their neighbours for water. Far fewer rural women have to travel far distances to reach wells, dams and rivers to fetch water for their households.

PIPED WATER TO HOUSEHOLDS

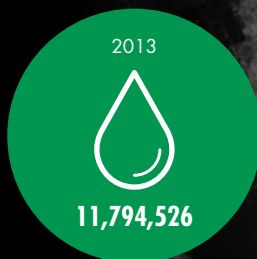
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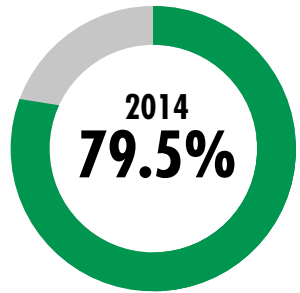
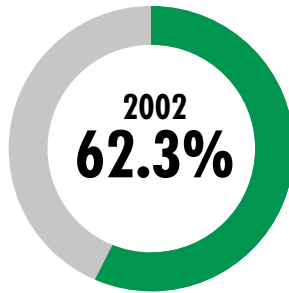
FREE BASIC WATER INCREASE





SANITATION

Between 2002 and 2014, the ANC government increased access to basic sanitation services from 62.3% to 79.5%. The significant increase in access to these services across all provinces has ensured that many more people live a dignified life.

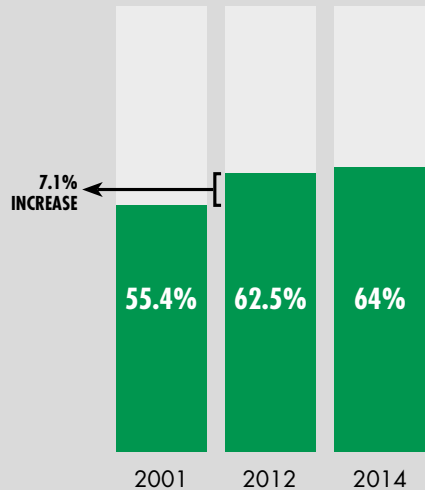




REFUSE REMOVAL

In 2001, 55.4% of households had access to refuse removal and collection. By 2012, households having access to these services increased by 7.1% to reach 62.5% and further increased to 64% in 2014. Progress has been made in cleaning our towns and cities. This has contributed to creating healthy and hygienic work and residential spaces.

REFUSE REMOVAL AND COLLECTION





PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

The ANC government has expanded access to primary healthcare services to more people. This has contributed to improving the health status of our people in urban and rural areas.

The life expectancy of South Africans is increasing. Average life expectancy increased from 53.4 years in 2004 to

62.5 years in 2015. The increase in average life expectancy is matched by a fast decreasing infant and children-under-five mortality rate. For instance, in 2002, the infant mortality rate was 51.2 babies per 1,000 live births. In 2015, infant mortality rate decreased to 34.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.



HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The ANC government has made strides in providing shelter to millions of our people. We have provided about 3,7 million subsidised housing opportunities and thereby giving a home to about 12,5 million South Africans!



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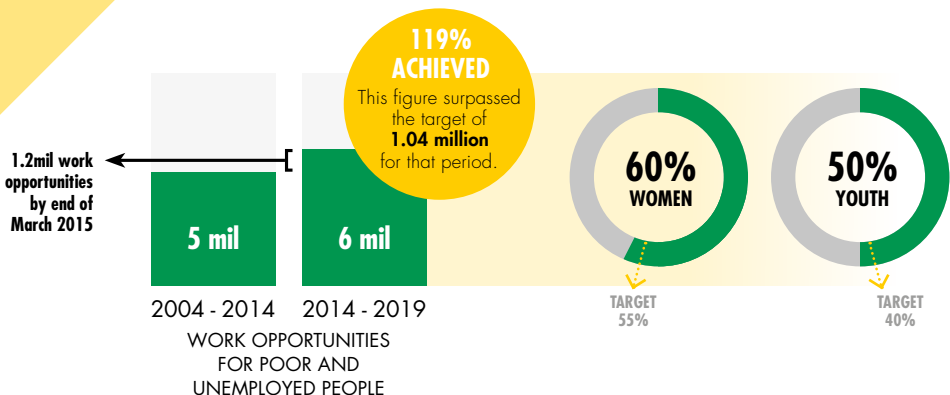


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THE EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP)

Between 2004 and 2014, the EPWP created over 5 million work opportunities for poor and unemployed people. Of the target of 6 million between 2014 and 2019, 1.24 million work opportunities were already created by the end of March 2015. This figure surpassed the target of 1.04 million for that period. This is 119% achievement. Most importantly, the EPWP has surpassed its target of 55% and 40% for women and youth respectively, with 60% of participants being women and 50% being youth. With this tremendous achievement, we have alleviated the social and economic living conditions of many struggling families in the country.





MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We have also made significant strides in providing transport, improving roads and bridges across municipalities to facilitate access to services and economic development. We made these strides in municipal infrastructure with the assistance and technical support of the national government. Fifty engineers and town planners assisted 120 municipalities with infrastructure planning, implementation and maintenance. We also created opportunities in infrastructure projects for young graduates, apprentices and experiential learners.



FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

We have registered tremendous achievements in the fight against fraud and corruption in the country. The ANC government initiated investigations into 203 corruption cases involving 1065 persons. A total of 234 government officials were convicted for corruption related offences since 2014.

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OTHER BENEFITS FROM SERVICE DELIVERY

In areas where water and electricity have been delivered, there are massive residential developments. Many of our people have taken advantage of water and electricity infrastructure to further improve the quality of their lives. We will continue to create conducive conditions for a better life for all.





This photograph was captured by Legacy Project

IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE:

- Increased the voice of communities in structures of local government.
- Improved municipal responses to petitions and complaints from communities.
- Expanded community works programmes from 45 municipalities in 2011 to 196 in 2015 and increased the number of participants from 100,000 to more than 200,000.
- Broadened access to adequate education and training, healthcare, roads, economic and social infrastructure, storm-water drainage, sanitation and public recreational facilities.
- Ensured that a larger number of indigent households are registered with municipalities.
- Upgraded 95,000 households in informal settlements.
- Delivered more houses and service stands to poor people.
- Increased the number of municipalities reporting on their performance.

In delivering basic services to our people, we were promoting people's socio-economic rights contained in the country's Constitution. The Constitution requires government to provide basic services to the people. Any attempts to separate delivery of basic services to our people from upholding the Constitution are mischievous. We shall continue to uphold the Constitution of the republic by implementing all its provisions, including those relating to delivery of basic services to improve the quality of people's lives.



KEY COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

BASIC SERVICES

Together we shall build on the achievements made in the delivery of basic services by:

- Expanding the electrification programme to the remaining areas and rolling out solar energy in certain areas.
- Enhancing the capacity of municipalities to accelerate upgrading and integration of informal settlements.
- Increasing the capacity of existing dams, building new dams and improving water treatment infrastructure.
- Cleaning public sanitation facilities in towns and cities and rolling out sanitation facilities in informal settlements and rural municipalities.
- Intensifying cleaning campaigns in towns and cities and increasing households with access to refuse removal.
- Ensuring that tarred roads are maintained and gravel roads are graded.
- Addressing challenges related to billing systems and enhancing the system to protect indigent households.
- Mobilising funding for rehabilitation, refurbishment and replacement of ageing infrastructure.



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**Together we shall improve
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reduce outsourcing by:**

- Ensuring that municipal services remain the core function of municipalities.
- Discouraging municipalities from outsourcing the basic services they are able to render themselves.
- Building delivery capacity in municipalities with a view to reducing outsourcing of municipal services.
- Developing sound regulatory and monitoring mechanisms for outsourced municipal services in those municipalities without capacity to render services themselves.
- Engaging with municipalities and organised labour on the introduction of flexible shifts to promote greater access to municipal services.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Together we shall continue to improve public participation and accountability through:

- Strengthening public participation to ensure that all communities participate in municipal programmes and activities.
- Further improve accessibility and accountability of ANC councillors through regular report back and feedback meetings in communities.
- Requiring councillors to sign performance and accountability agreements.
- Strengthening partnerships with community organisations and other forums of people's participation.
- Rolling out the Batho Pele Standards Framework for local government to improve service delivery.
- Ensuring that all municipalities conduct consumer satisfaction surveys

TOGETHER WE SHALL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MUNICIPAL CAPACITY

Together we shall improve and enhance institutional capacity of municipalities by:

- Enhancing the existing skills and capabilities and recruiting officials with requisite technical skills, administrative knowledge and experience.
- Strengthening local partnerships with the private sector, trade unions and community based organisations to enhance service delivery.
- Strengthening and consolidating relations between councillors and traditional leaders to improve service to traditional communities.
- Bringing additional engineering, project planning and financial management skills to urban municipalities.
- Building capacity to undertake long term planning with a view to ensuring coordination and integration of strategies for growth and development.
- Developing programmes for youth councils in municipalities.
- Strengthening internal capacity of municipalities to monitor work of municipalities, including early warning mechanisms to identify areas where challenges may arise.
- Promoting education and training of municipal officials through skills development initiatives.
- Providing additional national and provincial support to further improve the capacity of local government to deliver services.
- Developing capacity to address challenges related to non-payment of bulk suppliers and recovery of money owed to municipalities by communities, government departments and businesses.





LOCAL ECONOMY AND JOB CREATION

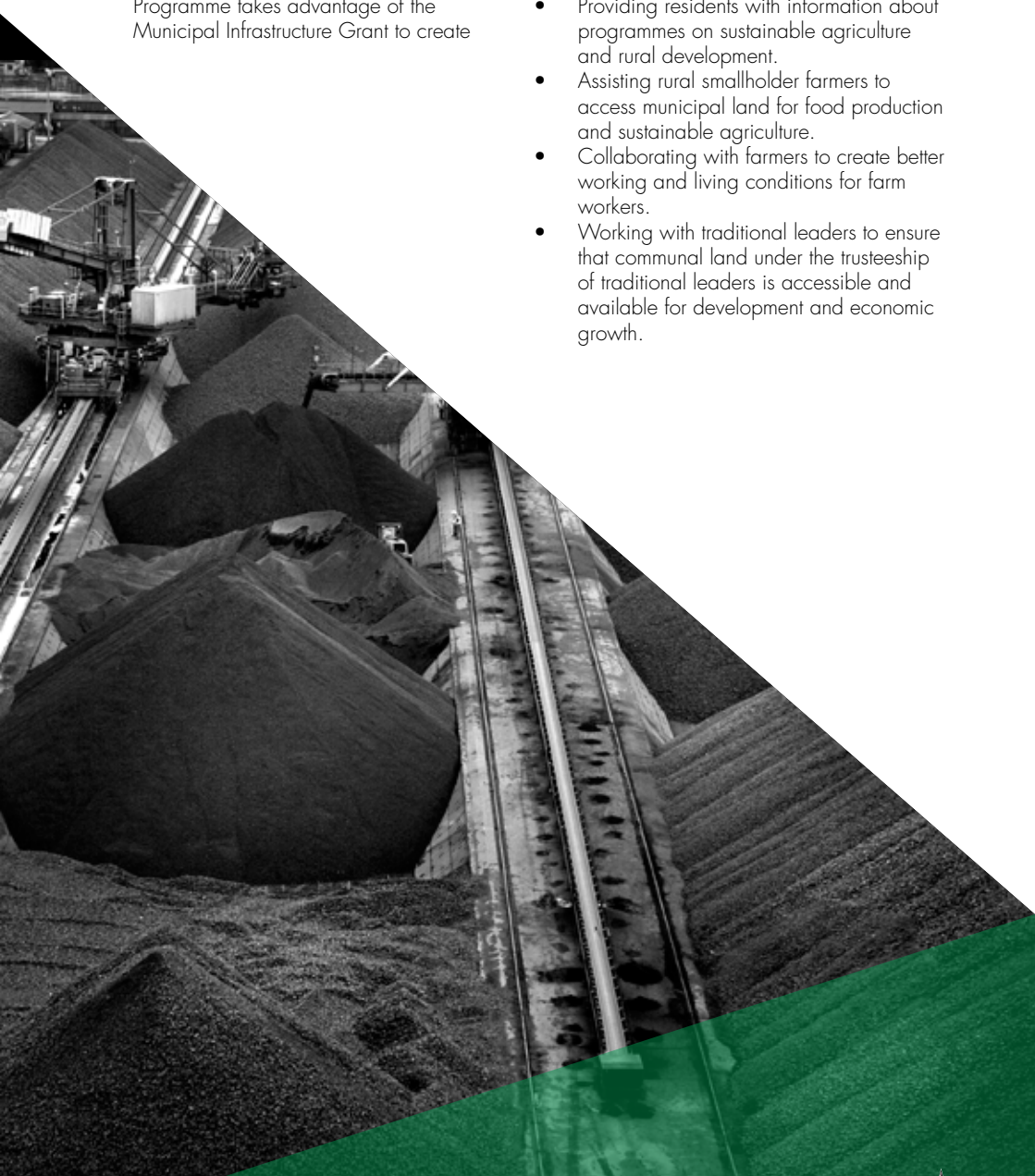
Together we shall develop and strengthen local economies, create jobs and promote job placements, especially for the youth through:

- Reorientating local economies to become effective centres of production, information processing and economic and spatial development.
- Strengthening structures of Local Economic Development.
- Developing sports and recreational facilities to grow local economies.
- Ensuring that municipalities incorporate science and technology into their programmes as catalysts for local economic development and deploy innovations such as the hydrogen fuel cell technology.
- Upscaling cooperatives to mainstream economic development.
- Ensuring that all municipalities develop special programmes targeting youth cooperatives and enterprises.
- Developing the productive and creative skills of young people for economic projects and activities in municipalities.
- Promoting local procurement of goods and services to increase local production.
- Encouraging the growth of SMMEs and cooperatives through centralised government procurement.
- Maintaining all municipal infrastructure and facilities.
- Encouraging local businesses to target young people and to take advantage of programmes to promote youth employment.

- Upscaling the Community Work Programme to provide initial exposure to work opportunities to unemployed young people.
- Ensuring the Expanded Public Works Programme takes advantage of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant to create

labour absorbing activities and work opportunities.

- Expanding broadband access in local government, including through free Wi-Fi areas.
- Providing residents with information about programmes on sustainable agriculture and rural development.
- Assisting rural smallholder farmers to access municipal land for food production and sustainable agriculture.
- Collaborating with farmers to create better working and living conditions for farm workers.
- Working with traditional leaders to ensure that communal land under the trusteeship of traditional leaders is accessible and available for development and economic growth.



TOGETHER WE SHALL INTENSIFY THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD AND CORRUPTION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Together we shall intensify the fight against fraud and corruption in local government by:

- Vigorously implementing anti-corruption programmes to identify and deal effectively with cases of fraud and corruption.
- Ensuring that all ANC councillors abide by the ANC's code of conduct.
- Preventing municipal officials and councillors from doing business with municipalities.
- Holding corrupt municipal officials and councillors liable for the losses incurred by the municipality as a result of their corrupt actions.
- Pursuing action against companies involved in bid rigging, price fixing and corruption in procurement.
- Ensuring there are consequences for municipal councils' illegal decisions.
- Implementing recommendations emanating from forensic investigations conducted in municipalities.
- Mobilising communities to play an active part in fighting fraud and corruption.



CRIME IN COMMUNITIES

Together we shall fight crime in communities by:

- Strengthening the community safety forums and forming street committees as part of community efforts against crime.
- Improving street lighting and signs in towns, townships and villages.
- Encouraging municipalities to enter into partnerships with business against crime, community based organisations and NGOs.
- Strengthening the enforcement of municipal by-laws on anti-dumping, maintenance of a healthy environment and prevention of illegal trading.
- Embarking on massive campaigns against drug and substance abuse and illegal trading in our communities.
- Working with all sectors to end violence against women and children.
- Involving traditional leaders in crime fighting efforts in rural communities.
- Strengthening municipal courts to service communities effectively.



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EDUCATION IN COMMUNITIES

Working together to promote education as the apex priority in local communities through:

- Promoting better collaboration between government departments, communities and stakeholders to accelerate the development and support of early childhood development facilities.
- Working together with parents, teachers, students and relevant stakeholders to take the Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign to communities.
- Implementing programmes that promote community ownership of schools, colleges, universities and other public education facilities.
- Speeding up the provision of libraries and library resources to a further 800 schools.

TOGETHER WE SHALL PROMOTE HEALTH AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES



COMMUNITY HEALTH

Together we shall promote health and primary healthcare in our communities through:

- Promoting health, preventing diseases and strengthening the delivery of primary healthcare.
- Working with the provincial and national departments to deliver ideal clinics through Operation Phakisa, to speedily improve health infrastructure, services, especially in National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot sites.
- Ensuring that clinics are built, maintained and equipped appropriately to provide affordable quality health services and to be ready for the implementation of the NHI.
- Strengthening programmes and campaigns on healthy lifestyle in communities.
- Encouraging people to screen annually for non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension, eye problems and cancers.
- Strengthening programmes against tuberculosis (TB) in highly affected communities, especially among prisoners, miners, ex-miners and their families; and in selected villages, metros and towns, early childhood development centres, schools and correctional facilities.
- Working with the provincial and national departments to intensify prevention initiatives and expand the treatment programme of HIV and AIDS.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Together we shall help all municipalities adapt to changing climatic conditions by:

- Encouraging all municipalities to work with national departments to embark on research on changing climatic conditions and possible risks to their adaptation and sustainability.
- Ensuring that municipalities work with national and provincial government in the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.
- Strengthening municipal plans that are aimed at reducing the negative impact of changing environmental conditions and taking advantage of new opportunities that may be presented.
- Establishing and developing municipal capacity to manage disaster risks that may be presented by changing climate.
- Introducing innovative technologies and energy sources that are free of harmful emissions such as hydrogen fuel cells, solar power and wind energy.
- Undertaking youth initiatives as part of municipal efforts to adapt to changing climatic conditions.
- Defining the role of communities in municipal efforts to adapt and remain sustainable under changing environmental conditions.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES

Together we shall build spatially integrated communities by:

- Ensuring that municipalities develop integrated and coordinated planning and development strategies to deal with social exclusion, environmental threats, economic inefficiencies, decaying infrastructure and impact of new technologies.
- Promoting connected and better coordinated cities and rural towns for sustainable growth and development.
- Forging integrated forms of settlements, transport and social and economic areas.
- Availing state owned land to respond to rapid urbanisation, economic development and settlement of communities.
- Ensuring that our people have access to social and economic services and opportunities.
- Enhancing capacity of the local state and citizens to work together to promote and achieve spatial and social integration.
- Requiring municipalities to approve developments that integrate communities and bring developmental facilities to these communities.



SOCIAL COHESION AND NATION BUILDING

Together we shall promote social cohesion and nation building in municipalities through:

- Ensuring that municipal programmes respond to the socio-economic needs of all citizens.
- Ensuring that municipal programmes strengthen the social fabric of our communities.
- Honouring and celebrating collective heritage sites in municipalities.
- Building commonly shared sites and venues for worship to accommodate diverse cultural and religious activities.
- Upgrading community arts centres and libraries in all municipalities.
- Organising sport and recreational activities that are aimed at promoting nation building.
- Promoting a culture of dialogue as part of efforts to build a social compact for local growth and development.
- Organising cultural activities where people from diverse backgrounds express their cultural identities and belief systems.



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CONCLUSION

Working together, we shall continue with our journey towards a better life for all by building on the great achievements we have already made. We shall continue to intensify implementation of the Back to Basics programme to ensure local government structures serve our communities better. Our focus will remain on:

- **Putting people first and engaging with communities.**
- **Delivering basic services in a more efficient and effective manner.**
- **Strengthening and improving on good governance and accountability.**
- **Ensuring sound financial management, thereby improving on delivering on the mandate of municipalities.**
- **Building capabilities by attracting a highly skilled and professional local government administration.**



Moreover, we shall ensure that all our municipalities continue to contribute towards building a growing and inclusive economy. This includes creating sustainable work opportunities for all people, especially youth and women.

We shall continue to make local government responsive and advance people's power to build caring and inclusive communities.

We call upon all South Africans to renew the mandate of the ANC to govern municipalities for a better life for all.



**VOTE ANC,
THE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT!**

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