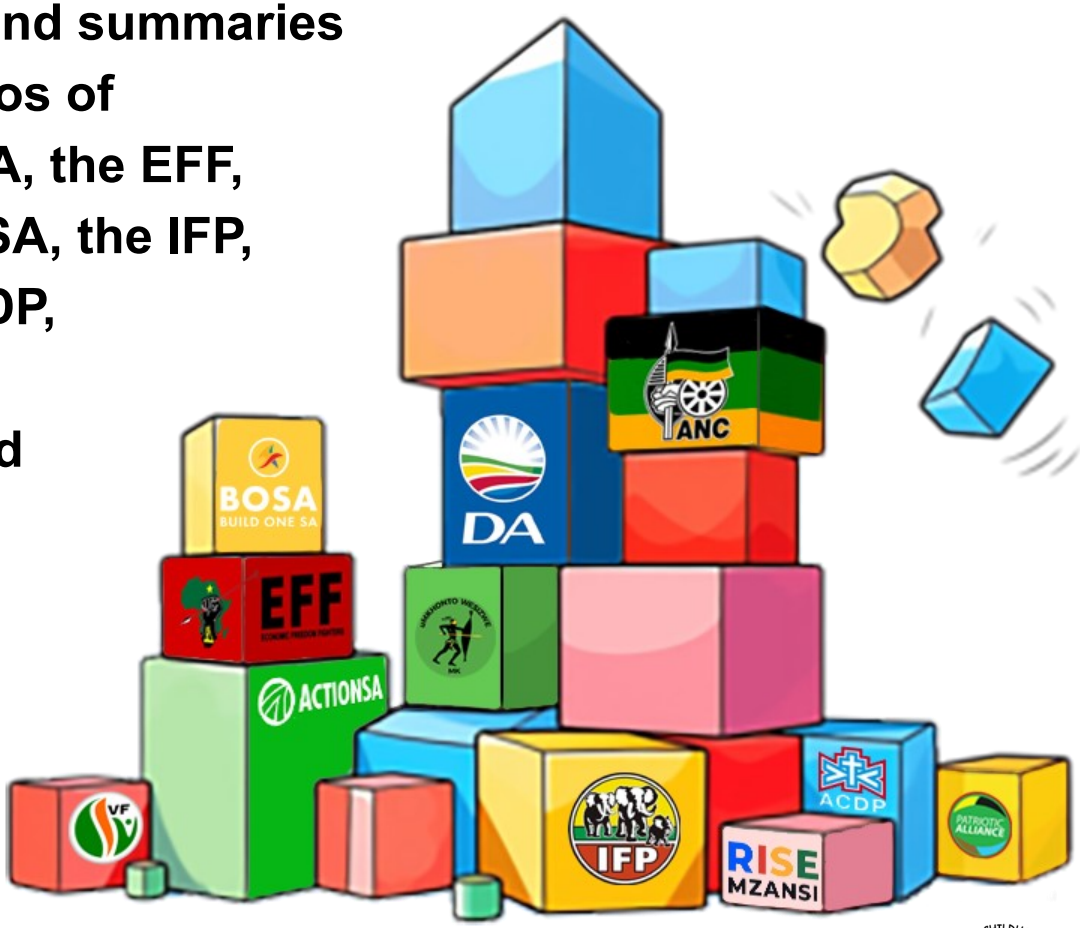
THE MAIN ELECTION PROMISES WITH REGARDS TO YOUNG CHILDREN

Extracts from and summaries of the manifestos of the ANC, the DA, the EFF, Action SA, BOSA, the IFP, the PA, the ACDP, Rise Mzansi, the FF Plus, and the MK Party.

On issues that affect young children directly and indirectly.



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NUTRITION

The DA plans to prioritise the eradication of hunger and malnutrition through several initiatives:

- **Expanding the basket of essential food items** exempt from VAT, aiming to provide relief to poor and low-income families by reducing taxes on essential food items.

- **Promoting food gardens** to empower communities to independently improve household food security, well-being, and sources of income. This initiative aims to encourage self-sufficiency and resilience in food production at the household level.

- **Utilising food hubs** to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition. Food hubs are organisations or businesses that aggregate, distribute, and market locally sourced and regionally produced foods.

EARLY EDUCATION

The DA outlines initiatives to enhance education outcomes in South Africa:

- Ensuring each child receives **210 full teaching days** per year.

- Devoting the first two hours of each school day in the Foundation Phase (Grade R to Grade 3) to developing **reading and writing skills**, and one hour each day to **numeracy skills**.

- Improving access to and the quality of **Grade R** to ensure all children are **school-ready** by Grade 1.

- Promoting **STEM education** by identifying learners with aptitude and accommodating them in **specialist schools**.

- Implementing a plan to provide **internet access and free digital content** in all schools.

- Upholding the constitutional right to **Mother Tongue Education** where parent communities opt for it.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- Strengthening support for **learners with disabilities** by equipping the District Office with appropriate staff and finding optimal solutions for their needs.

- Addressing poor-quality teaching by **testing teacher competence**, introducing national tests, establishing targets for schools, involving parents, tailoring interventions, ending trade union control of teacher appointments, and ensuring timely delivery of **textbooks and learning materials**.

- Improving school **governance and accountability** mechanisms.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- The DA proposes to **increase the child support grant** to align with the official food poverty line, raising it from R510 to R760 per month per child. This aims to address the financial strain faced by families and improve child nutrition.

- The DA advocates for extending the child support grant to **cover pregnant mothers** to support child nutrition goals, recognising the heightened vulnerability of women and their unborn children during pregnancy. This extension would provide pregnant women with access to nutritious foods and essential healthcare services.

- The DA emphasises the need to ensure an adequate number of **social workers** with access to necessary resources and improved remuneration packages to make the profession more attractive. This would enhance the effectiveness of **social welfare services** and support vulnerable individuals and families more effectively.

HEALTHCARE

The DA proposes an **alternative to the NHI** which includes lowering private healthcare costs and guaranteeing a minimum package of services. The plan focuses largely on **private healthcare**, rather than improving access and quality of public healthcare.

NUTRITION

Prioritise **food security**, including through VAT exemption on essential items, **land reform**, support for community and home gardens. The ANC commits to acting **against price fixing**.

EARLY EDUCATION

- Invest in the capability of people by **improving access to and the quality of education** and health.

- Guarantee **universal access to high-quality early childhood development** by 2030.

- Promote a culture that emphasises **reading, numeracy**, and technological proficiency.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Strengthen **income support** and comprehensive **social security** through several strategies:

- Utilise existing social grants, such as the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grants, to gradually phase in a **basic income support grant**.

- Enhance **social assistance** programs to provide comprehensive social security.

- Ensure that the **National Minimum Wage** increases in line with inflation and enforce compliance.

- Protect the value of social grants for **vulnerable groups** including children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities

HEALTHCARE

Strengthen health services and implement the **National Health Insurance (NHI)** to make quality health care affordable and available to all.

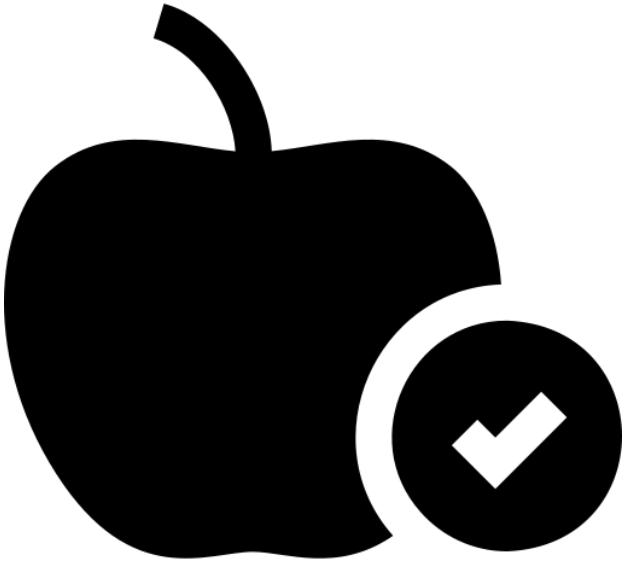
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Increase efforts in **combating crime and ensuring community safety**, including measures against drugs, organised crime, gender-based violence and femicide, infrastructure theft and vandalism, extortion, and gang-related activities.

RISE MZANSI

NUTRITION

Address hunger and **improve access to affordable, nutritious food** for disadvantaged South Africans through various measures, including providing government **income grants**, offering **food discount vouchers for grant recipients**, increasing access to piped water in rural areas, facilitating access to land for personal **food production**, and supporting **small-scale farming** initiatives, all aimed at **enhancing food security**.



RISE MZANSI

EARLY EDUCATION

- **Provide childcare and Early Childhood Development (ECD) facilities in every community.** Recognising that women often bear the responsibility of caregiving in their families, making it challenging for them to maintain employment.

- The plan involves investing in the **training of ECD practitioners** and childcare providers.

- Community facilities will be **kept open for 12 hours** (6am to 6pm) to accommodate working parents.

- A **tax rebate system** will be implemented for single mothers and other guardians in similar circumstances, whose earnings fall below R500k per annum.

- **Overhaul the education system** to improve outcomes for all students. This reform will cover various aspects of education, such as governance, teacher training, curriculum modernisation, integrating technology, assessing teacher effectiveness, and providing diverse pathways for post-school opportunities.

- Prioritise **school safety** by eliminating **pit latrines** and implementing increased **security measures** in schools facing risks.

NUTRITION

There will be an expansion of **VAT-free basic food staples**, and efforts will be made to provide **concessions and discounts** for older persons, families, and individuals with low income on products or services offered by the government and its partners.

EARLY EDUCATION

- The EFF will ensure **universal access to free early childhood development** (ECD) programs, mandating **free enrollment for children** aged three and above in ECD facilities.

- The EFF will establish a **standardised ECD curriculum** emphasising nutrition programs, literacy activities like book reading and storytelling, and outdoor activities to enrich children's understanding of their environment.

- Under EFF leadership, **all ECD practitioners will be employed full-time by the government**, receiving full pay and pension contributions.

- The EFF aims to **train an additional 40,000 ECD practitioners** by 2027, with at least 50% of them being women and young people.

- The EFF plans to **enhance the integration of information and communication technology** (ICT) into teaching practices, targeting universal computer literacy by 2026.

- Each student will be provided with a tablet containing essential study materials, tutorials, and educational videos under the EFF's initiative.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- **Indigenous methods** of teaching, learning, and development will be prioritised.

- **Free, decolonised education** will be introduced for all, integrating subjects related to indigenous knowledge, sovereignty, and economic empowerment into the curriculum.

- The EFF government intends to **criminalise parents** who fail to ensure their children attend school.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The EFF plans to significantly **raise social grants** for various groups:

- The Care Dependency Grant will increase from R2,090 to R4,180 per month.

- The Foster Care Grant will increase from R1,130 to R2,260 per month.

- The **Child Support Grant** will increase from R510 to R1,020 per month.

- The EFF government will **ensure efficient** adoption, foster care, co-parenting, and guardianship **services** and centres to receive those in need.

- Under the EFF government, all children living in **child-headed households** will be placed into foster care.

HOUSING

- **High-quality, spacious housing** with a minimum of three bedrooms will be provided for all citizens. These houses will be in **sustainable human settlements** equipped with **essential amenities** such as water, electricity, sanitation, schools, shopping centers, sports facilities, and parks.

- The EFF will guarantee that all houses have **flushing toilets** by investigating innovative onsite sanitation technologies that do not necessitate connection to sewer lines.

HEALTHCARE

- The EFF will prioritise primary healthcare, aiming to achieve **universal health coverage** and **reduce infant mortality rates** while expanding access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive, maternal, child, and adolescent **health services**.

- **Specialised hospitals** will be constructed, including a pediatric facility, to address specific disease categories.

- Attention will be given to **childhood developmental and cognitive health**, with a focus on providing comprehensive support. **Screening** for visual, hearing, and mobility challenges will be implemented for both children and adults to **facilitate participation** in education, work, and social activities.

- Health professionals will **screen for food insecurity** as part of clinical care to improve patient outcomes and support management of communicable and non-communicable conditions.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- The focus will primarily be on **strengthening the police service** through enhancing human resources, physical infrastructure, and overall capacity.

- Regarding interventions for children, the EFF will ensure that every police station is staffed with **officers possessing specialised skills** to address cases involving sexual violence and abuse **against women and children**, providing crucial support to victims.

- **Counseling services** will be made available at police stations to assist women and children who have experienced abuse.

NUTRITION

Work with NGOs, the private sector, and faith-based organisations to create effective programs to **feed the most impoverished individuals** who cannot afford their own meals.

EARLY EDUCATION

- Establish an **independent ombud** for accountability.

- **Equip social workers** to work more closely with ECD centres to be able to identify **home-based obstacles** to children's learning collaboration.

- Ensure that ECD centres are **stimulating environments** that encourage creativity and learning.

- Increase **school security**, violence prevention, and trauma counseling.

- Conduct **skills audits and provide training** for underperforming teachers.

- Implement an **Annual National Assessment** for teacher evaluation.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Ensure that **communities** are safe and secure.

EARLY EDUCATION

Implement a **skills-first strategy** to address market demands and align education with the economy's needs.

HEALTHCARE

Ensure **healthcare facilities** are accessible, well-staffed, and well-resourced, including **alternative medicine** options.

NUTRITION

- Ensure **food security** for South Africans. All **staple foods** in poor households must be **exempt from VAT**.

- Address **child malnutrition** by supporting families who cannot afford to feed their vulnerable children, with food relief through a **SASSA voucher programme**.

EARLY EDUCATION

- Implement **free basic education** for poor and low-income families.

- Roll out **free scholar transport** and efficiently **run nutrition schemes** in all public schools.

- Address underfunding by **restructuring the education budget** to improve **infrastructure and resources** in schools.

- **Prioritise Early Childhood Development** (ECD) programmes for a strong foundation, ensuring that **all children have access to ECD programmes**.

- Enhance access to quality education for **learners with disabilities** or special educational needs.

- Ensure the development of high-tech classrooms-of-the-future by **promoting the use of technology** (e-books and eLearning) while ensuring that all schools have **access to the internet**.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- Review all grant categories and **increase grants** where necessary. The Old Age Grant and **Child Grant** will be increased.

- Ensure **greater support for NGOs** that look after the most vulnerable in our society.

- **Respond to the rise in baby abandonment** by legalising BabySavers, also known as baby boxes, so that NGOs can protect lives and support mothers experiencing crisis pregnancies.

HOUSING

- **Subsidise housing** for citizens who cannot afford homes.

- Ensure that the **qualifying income for fully subsidised houses will be changed** from R0 – R3,500 per month, to R0 – R5,500 per month.

HEALTHCARE

- Champion **universal health coverage**. Everyone in South Africa must have equal access to **equitable, accessible, quality, state-sponsored health services**.

- Ensure that there is at least one **regional hospital** in each of the 52 health districts and at least one **tertiary hospital** in each province.

- **Expand clinic services** in disadvantaged communities.

EARLY EDUCATION

- **Adopt a world-class education system** such as the Cambridge system.

- **Repeal the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill** (BELA) provisions relating to home-schooling, the closing of rural schools, criminalisation of parents, limitation of the powers of School Governing Bodies (SGBs), and ministerial over-reach which infringes on the rights of parents.

- **Introduce training programmes** in schools to improve the standard of reading and writing.

- Provide for **special education needs** through special and mainstream schools.

- Have **smaller classes** and enhancement of **mother tongue education**.

- **Prioritise learners' health and safety** in terms of school infrastructure, nutrition and transport, and ban gangsterism, firearms and drugs in schools.

- **Ensure Grade R and Early Childhood Development facilities are available** in all areas.

- Ensure that all schools have **flushing toilets to replace pit-toilets**.

ACDP

HOUSING

Eradicate informal settlements by prioritising permanent solutions over temporary; and **replace communal toilets** with bulk water and sanitation infrastructure.

HEALTHCARE

- **Repeal government's proposed expropriation of private health care** through the National Health Insurance legislation and launch a **national dialogue** on access to universal health care.

- **Improve public health facilities and services**, and the waiting time for diagnosis, procedures and treatments by increasing the numbers of doctors, nurses and administrative staff and ensuring sufficient stock of medicines and other medical supplies.

- Increase the number of **24/7 health care facilities** close to vulnerable communities.

EARLY EDUCATION

- Offer **mother-tongue education** up to the highest possible level.
- **Subsidise learners** rather than schools.
- **Establish community schools** with support from the relevant authorities.
- **Replace the BELA Bill.**
- Maintain a high standard of education that is **internationally competitive**.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- **State funding of non-profit organisations**, like children's homes and homes for the elderly and people with disabilities, should be increased.

- Offer **community-based social services** to eradicate poverty.

HEALTHCARE

- **Stop the NHI bill.**
- Upgrade public healthcare **infrastructure**.
- Focus on **preventive primary healthcare**.

NUTRITION

Nutrition is essential to maintaining physical and mental health. An ActionSA government will **foster partnerships** with food producers, retailers, and food banks to **increase access to nutritional food** for those struggling with **food insecurity**.

ACTIONSA

EARLY EDUCATION

- **Expanded support for ECD**: We will enable the Departments of Social Development and Health to ensure that our **ECD centres** provide comprehensive services to support children from **indigent households**.

- Action SA will **support ECD** by:

- Increasing the **budget allocation for ECD** and increasing **funding for ECD centres** so that parents of young children have affordable options for childcare and can participate in the economy productively. This will include **funding for nutrition programmes** (feeding schemes) to ensure that young children receive adequate nutrition in their formative years.
- Removing **bureaucratic hurdles to ECD registration** so that more ECD centres can legally register and access formal support and funding from the government.
- Ensuring that there is adequate **alignment between formal ECD initiatives** so that children begin their learning journeys as young as possible.
- Providing further **training opportunities to ECD practitioners**, especially for those working in **informal ECD centres**.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- Expanding **partnerships with the private sector** to allocate more resources **to ECD centres** in indigent areas.

- **Access to schools**: No child should be prevented from getting an education because of financial or geographic limitations. We will implement **learner transport programmes** to ensure children spend no more than an hour travelling to school, and we will further invest in the **development of boarding houses** so that children from remote areas can access quality education.

- **Learning materials**: ActionSA will ensure that learners whose families are unable to provide learning materials are not left behind in their educational journeys and are provided with the **necessary educational resources**. ActionSA will streamline the **delivery of study materials** to ensure that learning and teaching schedules are not delayed unnecessarily.

- **School infrastructure**: Children deserve to attend safe and well-resourced schools that foster an environment conducive to learning. We will **eradicate pit toilets and mud schools** by providing safe and **dignified bathrooms in all educational institutions**. We will also invest in **broadband internet access** for all learners and ensure that all schools have running **water and electricity**.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- Teacher support: ActionSA will aim to **reduce the teacher-to-pupil ratio to 1:25** across South Africa's public schools by supporting the growth of the educational workforce to improve the quality of teaching. This will be accomplished by **reintroducing teacher training colleges** that provide Bachelor of Education courses and further training for teachers.

- Ethical education: Children should be encouraged to **adopt moral values and ethical behaviour** in school to break the culture of crime and corruption in South Africa. ActionSA will ensure that schools provide time at the start of each day for learners to **practice quiet reflection and prayer**.

- Numeracy is an essential skill that needs to be fostered at the Foundation Phase. We will introduce **training** to improve the ability of existing Foundation Phase teachers **to teach numeracy at age-appropriate levels**, and we will implement **evidence-based teaching methods for numerical skills development**.

- Allocate a **sufficient budget for reading interventions and resources** in Foundation Phase classrooms.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- Ensure that **Foundation Phase teachers receive training** on teaching children how to **read meaningfully** at least once every quarter.

- Provide access to **parental reading training initiatives** to empower parents to help their children read for meaning.

- Create a **culture of reading** by launching **community reading programmes**.

- Curriculum reform for Foundation Phase (grade R – grade 3): The current **Foundation Phase curriculum will be reviewed** to ensure that there is adequate focus placed on language, reading, basic numerical skills, and creative subjects.

- Special education: Disability should not hinder any child from the opportunity to receive a quality education. We will increase **investment in special education** for students with learning challenges and special needs. We will also **provide appropriate specialised support** for blind and deaf children.

ACTIONSA

SOCIAL WELFARE

- Universal Basic Income Stimulus (UBIS): We will introduce a **Universal Basic Income Stimulus** to alleviate poverty and support vulnerable citizens' participation in the economy. We will provide **cash payments** to all South Africans who register to receive the UBIS to invest in their economic empowerment and **stimulate economic growth**. The UBIS, which is linked to poverty bands, will initially be paid for **a period of three years** through monthly cash transfers consisting of R790 in the first year, R1,101 in the second year, and R1,622 in the third year.

- Social grant expansion: We will **increase existing social grants** alongside the introduction of the UBIS, to **protect the most vulnerable in society** from the effects of poverty.

- We will support the development of strong South African families by **educating fathers on the important role they play in the family unit**; and we will extend support to the women who carry the burden of care for their children, families, and elders.

- We will invest in establishing **social support groups** to provide safe spaces for victims of crime and people struggling with drug and substance addiction, including their families.

HOUSING

- Affordable urban housing: We will **accelerate public housing developments** in our cities, especially high-rise buildings in urban centres. This will ensure that everyone has access to affordable housing that is close to employment opportunities and quality services.

- **Resilient housing**: South Africa must be prepared to handle the consequences of rising temperatures caused by climate change. One of these consequences may include the onset of natural disasters that cause damage to housing and infrastructure. ActionSA will ensure that urban and rural settlements are built to be **resilient against the effects of natural disasters**.

- **Homelessness**: People who are homeless are especially vulnerable in society and require increased social support. We will transform unused and neglected state-owned properties to **provide dignified shelter** for people struggling with homelessness.

ACTIONSA

HEALTHCARE

- **Oppose the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill**: ActionSA opposes the implementation of the NHI Bill in its current form because the NHI is not aligned with the realities of South Africa's public healthcare system, and its implementation may destabilise the provision of healthcare across the country. An ActionSA-led government will rather **prioritise fixing the public healthcare system** by eliminating corruption, streamlining management and administration, and increasing investment into primary healthcare facilities.

- Quality public healthcare: There is a distinct division in the quality of healthcare received by those who rely on the public healthcare system and those who pay for private healthcare services. We will address this inequality by **building more public hospitals** and clinics and **training and appointing more medical professionals**.

- Medical aid: The private healthcare sector has the power to alleviate the strain placed on the public healthcare system, but it must be more accessible. We will **review the private healthcare insurance industry to increase access to affordable comprehensive medical insurance**, expand minimum benefits, and improve oversight over the profit-driven aspects of healthcare, like price gouging.

HEALTHCARE (CONTINUED)

- Expanded support for mothers: We will introduce **VAT exemptions for essential child-rearing products** including nappies and formula.

- **Increased medical support**: People with disabilities often require increased access to **specialised medical support**. ActionSA will make it easier for people living with disabilities to access these healthcare interventions, including occupational therapy and mobility support services.

- **Sign language usage in healthcare facilities**: ActionSA will work towards ensuring that all health departments in public hospitals and clinics employ at least one healthcare professional who is competent at sign language communication. We will **allocate resources for** the training and certification of existing healthcare staff in sign language to ensure that clinics and hospitals can comply with this provision.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Increased police presence: The presence of police in vulnerable communities acts as a powerful deterrent to crime. We will **reduce the government's expenditure on VIP protection and reallocate these funds towards crime prevention** and visible policing.

- Expand police stations: An ActionSA-led government will invest in the construction of **more police stations**, and we will introduce **mobile police infrastructure** so that more people have access to police services in remote areas. This will increase the capacity of our police service to prevent and investigate crime more effectively.

- Specialised crime units: Combatting different types of crime requires specialised tactical approaches and expertise. We will establish **more specialised units** to combat crime. These will include investigative units specialising in rural safety, anti-gangsterism, financial crimes, organised crime, and economic sabotage.

- Harsher criminal punishment: Violence has become widespread and normalised across South Africa. An ActionSA-led government will **increase penalties for violent crimes** to deter future acts of violence in our society. The crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault, narcotics manufacturing and trafficking, human trafficking, and armed robbery will receive **longer prison sentences**.

EARLY EDUCATION

- **Religious principles** need to be reintroduced to the education system, which is producing children who have forgotten the Ten Commandments, including honouring and obeying one's mother and father so that you can live a long and full life.

- There is a need to **build more schools**, especially high schools, in long-deprived areas such as those found in traditionally coloured communities.

- Ensure that schools offer **nutritious meals daily** to learners.

- **Principals** must meet minimum **criteria and specifications** and must be employed on **strict performance contracts**.

- **Teachers** will be subjected to **independently administered tests** to ensure that they are capable of doing their jobs and sent on remediation if they are found wanting.

- Programmes will be developed to **identify talented individuals from every school** who exhibit above average intellectual or sporting ability. Programmes must also be developed for those with lower abilities, so that they can be granted the best chances in life.

EARLY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- The PA would be willing to explore **public-private partnerships in the education sector** as affordable private schools have been found to produce good results. **Private schools who do well can be subsidised by government**, allowing them to charge pupils much less or nothing at all. A scale can also be developed to regulate how such subsidies are distributed to ensure **greater equality in society**.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- The PA will **recognise the role of local leaders**, including in rural settings where **royal leaders** retain authority and have an interest in the wellbeing of their communities. To this end, the PA will establish a **department of royal and community affairs** at national level to recognise and fund the wealth of leadership and wisdom in local communities.

- The PA advocates for **more financial support to local leadership** at all levels, from royalty (kings, queens and chiefs) to recognised churches as organisations that have long played a central role in unifying communities, promoting positive values and doing charitable work and supporting the indigent. These organisations can also play a central role, along with other NGOs, in setting up and running shelters for the homeless as well as drug rehab centres.

- **People living below the poverty line** should be supported by government.

- **Social grants are necessary** for certain categories of people, particularly the disabled, the very poor and the elderly. All other people **should be prepared to work** and the taking of social grants should be discouraged. If there is not enough employment available to poor people, they should be entitled to social grants.

HOUSING

- The PA will continue the current programme of **upgrading informal settlements**, but a date will have to be set after which the building of any other informal structures will not be allowed.

- All informal and semi-formal settlements will have to be **enumerated and mapped** comprehensively to **criminalise the erection of any further informal settlements**.

- Once people are moved into formal housing, their informal structures will be demolished, and if possible, should be used productively or protected from further incursions and land grabs.

- **More land** needs to be made available for people to build their own homes with the **full support of municipal servicing**.

- **Council-owned affordable flats and social housing apartments** are required on an enormous scale to supplement the limitations of RDP housing, which is targeted only at very poor households.

- More **efficient systems of sanitation** with improved access to **electricity and water** will be a top priority for the PA.

HEALTHCARE

- South Africa urgently needs more **mental health institutions** as part of managing and reintegrating people affected by personal and social psychological challenges.

- It is important that residents always have access to a **24-hour clinic**.

- The PA must **improve the performance of public hospitals** and work to ensure better services.

- The PA will put local communities and experts in charge of improving the performance of public hospitals by creating **community-controlled hospital boards** that will manage hospital budgets by instilling a "patient-care first" policy.

- The PA will explore going in to more **public-private partnerships** in order to raise the level of public healthcare to similar to that being enjoyed by those in private healthcare.

- The PA will introduce **drug-related healthcare centres** in all areas of the country that are struggling overwhelmingly with the scourge of drugs.

HEALTHCARE (CONTINUED)

- The PA will establish more **mobile clinics in rural areas** and ensure that mobile clinics already in service are deployed more frequently and reliably.

- The PA is not opposed to developing **a comprehensive state healthcare system**, such as the NHI, **but** the state must first prove that it is able to use the resources already allocated to it before demanding more.

- The supply of **life-saving chronic medication** must be maintained at all public healthcare facilities and a system to ensure supply must be maintained.

- 100% of **HIV-infected people** must have access to **treatment**.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- We will bring back the **death penalty** for certain classes of offences including murder especially of women by men, “muthi killings”, the rape of children and murders committed in jail.

- It is also known that so-called blood feuds between gangs and gang leaders are driven by the need for personal vengeance in the face of a state that has abandoned responsibility. The death penalty will therefore send a message that **the state remains the ultimate authority**.

- It is essential that **community halls and sports fields** be built, upgraded and equipped as state-of-the-art facilities, including AV systems, so that the youth and community have safe world-class spaces to commune.

- Improve the **professionalism and detection services** by bringing back **specialised officers and detectives** who deal with specific kinds of crimes, for example establishing and bolstering a **missing children’s unit** and a **sexual offences unit**.

- The police should work more closely with the public so that the **public becomes a partner in fighting crime**.

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This resource presents summaries and extracts from the manifestos of eleven political parties taking part in the 2024 national elections of South Africa. Inclusion was determined by the results of the Ipsos poll conducted at the end of 2023 and the recent by-elections.

Direct extracts are presented where possible, alternatively summaries are presented for ease of reading.

These manifestos should be read in full and can be accessed via this link https://shorturl.at/bqBGT. Alternatively each political party's manifesto can be accessed by clicking on the parties' logos below: