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OUR FOUNDATIONS ARE ROOTED IN OUR PAST

IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome to the weekly **#SIYAVUMA** newsletter. In this edition we take a look at the ongoing struggle to build a more equal society, as well as how to build ANC branches that are rooted in the real **needs of the people**. While tremendous progress has

been made in many avenues of our society, great challenges remain. Overall emphasis needs to be towards development of **long-term productive assets**, and benefits of growth must be more equitably shared among all South Africans.



This **#TamboFriday** we focus on the **Class of '76** and pay tribute to the thousands of youth who stood up in protest against the Apartheid regime. We are challenged and inspired by their courage to fight for change and a South Africa that reflects the values of OR Tambo.



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OVER THE NEXT 4 WEEKS – SUBSCRIBERS TO OUR NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN A DVD OR A BOOK!

WIN a copy of the book *Freedom in Our Lifetime* by Anton Lembede, or the DVD, *Kalushi: The story of Solomon Mahlangu*.



HOW TO WIN: Subscribe to our **#Siyavuma** newsletter and you will automatically be entered into the draw. Winners will be notified via email.

We have copies of this collection of writings by and about **Anton Lembede** and his contribution to the freedom struggle up for grabs. Lembede may not have lived to see freedom in his own lifetime, passing away at the young age of 33, but this activist and founding president of the ANC Youth League has been described as “the principal architect of South Africa’s first fully-fledged ideology of African nationalism.”

We also have copies of the DVD *Kalushi: The story of Solomon Mahlangu* available to win. Described by Oliver Tambo as towering “like a colossus, unbroken and unbreakable, over the fascist lair”, the wrongfully accused Mahlangu had his life taken from him on the gallows, aged just 22, in 1979.

As we enter the month of the adoption of the Freedom Charter, we remember that the campaign to collect demands from all South Africans was given to amavolontiya (volunteers) by Chief Albert Luthuli.



BUILD BRANCHES THAT ARE ROOTED AMONG THE PEOPLE

Members of the ANC must be like the amavolontiya of the past – servants and organisers of the people, outstanding cadres able to explain our policies and programmes to the people.

The volunteers spoke with pride about their role. One *volontiya* described a volunteer as “a person who actually takes the initiative. A person responsible for talking to people, who knows how to speak, who understands how people feel. They are persons dedicated to do the work of the organisation, unsupervised.”

The ANC continues to carry the hopes and embody the aspirations of the overwhelming majority of South Africans. Our movement remains the most effective instrument for achieving a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous SA.

In order to transform SA the ANC needs to win elections. We do not seek office merely for its own sake: we seek it so that we may lead the process of fundamental economic and social transformation.

We are aware that delivery of essential services depends on the election of capable, humble, disciplined individuals with the interests of communities at heart. We are committed and determined to occupy the moral high ground and deal decisively with fraud and corruption.

The ANC cannot take for granted the support of the people – we must earn their confidence and win their support through exemplary work.

We now have nearly two decades’ experience of democratic local government. From the disarray of apartheid local government we forged a coherent local government framework that is appropriate to SA’s conditions and developmental needs. We have made tremendous progress in delivering water, electricity, sanitation and refuse removal to millions.

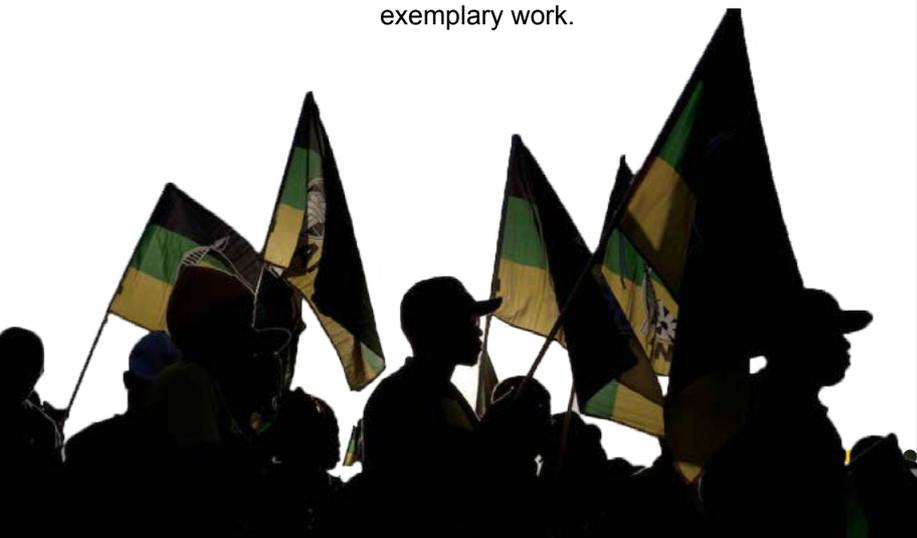
We have built roads, parks, community centres, clinics, public transport nodes and many other forms of social infrastructure. However, there are still areas of great concern, which are challenges that ANC branches must understand, be able to explain, and show how the ANC is dealing with them.

We must treasure, preserve and deepen our proud traditions of close and consistent engagement with our people, who need to own the programme of social transformation. The ANC must continue to live among the people, and our branches and local leaders must attend to day-to-day issues that affect them.

We are still engaged in a political struggle between those who would reverse the gains of our democracy and those who seek fundamental transformation of our society. We are engaged in a struggle between those who seek power as an end in itself and those who seek power as a means to improving the lives of our people.

We have to work hard to ensure that the ANC connects with and remains attractive to the people, even in the face of hostile opinion from detractors. As long as the ANC lives and ANC branches thrive, we can guarantee our people a dignified life free from want.

Extract from address by Cyril Ramaphosa at the ANC OR Tambo region election volunteer programme, 6 December 2015



THE STRUGGLE FOR A MORE **EQUAL** SOCIETY



As we grapple with the **CHALLENGES** of the present, we tend to forget how far we have come since the **ACHIEVEMENT** of democracy.

SOUTH AFRICAN CENSUS FIGURES between 1996 and 2011

SOUTH AFRICANS WITH MATRIC increased from **23% to 41%**

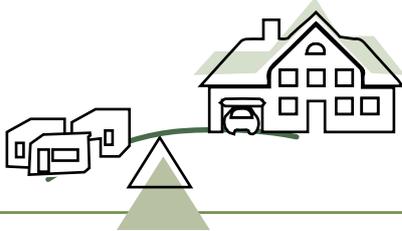
South Africans living in **FORMAL DWELLINGS** increased from **58% to 77%**

Households with **PIPED WATER** increased from **61% to 73%**

ELECTRICITY access increased from **58% to 84%**

HIV and TB treatment and prevention increased life expectancy **56 years** | **60 years** in 2009 | in 2011

Despite this progress, massive **POVERTY** and severe **INEQUALITY** REMAIN

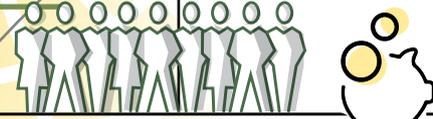


Our sense of justice should be **DEEPLY OFFENDED** by a society in which **islands of wealth** are surrounded by a **sea of poverty**. It is not tolerable, nor sustainable



2008

Before the **GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS** of 2008 the South African economy had experienced **sustained growth**



OUR ECONOMY

CREATED half a million new jobs every year

REDUCED budget deficit and the cost of servicing public debt

THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN provides an overarching programme to **eliminate poverty** and **reduce inequality** in SA by 2030

shift the **emphasis of investment** towards the development of **LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVE assets**

stimulate economic activity

create jobs

attract and retain investment

reduce cost of doing business in SA

SA's **infrastructure investment programme** will



We need to achieve a **COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE** of measures that **incentivises employment of YOUNG PEOPLE** without undermining the rights and working conditions of those already in employment

Improve **EMPLOYMENT** and **EDUCATION outcomes** so youth will have **skills** that the economy needs

Education relies on effective **MANAGEMENT, improved working CONDITIONS, with active involvement** of parents and communities

We need to ensure that the **BENEFITS OF GROWTH** are more **EQUITABLY SHARED** among **all South Africans**, including **poverty alleviation measures** by Extended Public Works Programmes, access to social grants, and provision of free basic services

We will not be able to defeat **poverty** without significantly **FASTER GROWTH**

We will not be able to defeat **inequality** without **CHANGING THE STRUCTURE** of the economy



SOWETO YOUTH UPRISING

16 JUNE 1976

“The 1976 generation confronted a system that had been described by the nations of the world as a crime against humanity. Against all odds, the youth prevailed.” – Cyril Ramaphosa