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STOP THE SUFFERING.

GOOD PARTY MANIFESTO:
2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION



GOOD's VISION FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

GOOD was formed on the basis of clean and ethical governance, the eradication of corruption, and a commitment to the following founding pillars that inform our policy:

- **Social justice.**
- **Economic justice.**
- **Spatial justice.**
- **Environmental justice.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A R999 Basic Income Grant for all
- A pathway out of poverty
- Appropriate other forms of social security, including re-envisioned old age grant
- Quality, equal and affordable basic services
- Education reform and skills development
- Safer, happier lives for the LGBTQIA+ community
- Addressing GBVF and crime to build safer communities

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- Inclusive economic growth
- Job creation
- Income equality

SPATIAL JUSTICE

- Eradicating the spatial legacy of apartheid
- Land reform
- Housing for all
- Quality, affordable public transport

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Stop climate change
- End load-shedding with renewable energy

GOOD's vision is for a fairer and just South Africa, where nobody is excluded from the good that it has to offer. Nobody is homeless. Nobody lives in poverty or hunger. Nobody feels the lingering effects of apartheid as they wake up each morning for their daily struggle. Everyone shares in the spoils of the wonders and opportunities that this rich and beautiful land has to offer.

If we achieve this and implement the proposals that we have outlined in this Manifesto, then South Africa can start making progress.

Then South Africa will be a safe and prosperous place for everyone.

There will be justice for the wronged.
There will be freedom from our past.
And, finally, peace in our society.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice means that we should create a fair and equal society, where everybody's basic human rights are protected, and resources are allocated in the interests of the many, not the few.

In South Africa it means ensuring that basic services are available and affordable to all, and ending poverty.

A R999 BASIC INCOME GRANT (BIG)

- GOOD proposes, as solution to existing poverty and to support the millions of unemployed people, that we need to implement a **BIG of R999 per month.**
- The BIG is aimed at ensuring that those living below the poverty line can meet their basic human needs, while they search for employment and a **longer-term path out of poverty.**
- **Our country can afford a BIG** and it can be implemented through allocative efficiency, restructuring government, professionalising the public service, cutting out corruption and some tax reforms.

BROADER SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

- **GOOD will raise other grants** to meet the rate of inflation seen in recent years.
- The social security system needs to be reformed and restructured. For example, the **Old Age Grant should work more like a typical pension fund**, with funds invested into a Universal Pension Fund that earns interest, allowing more beneficiaries to access the grant and receive more money.

A PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY

Social security is just an interim measure. We need to **create a more sustainable pathway out of poverty by:**

- Pursuing measures that lead to **inclusive economic growth,** meaning **more jobs** for more people.
- **Reforming education and skills development programmes** to ensure that more people are able to benefit from an expanded job market.
- **Increasing labour-intensive employment opportunities** in the public sector.

QUALITY, EQUAL AND AFFORDABLE PUBLIC SERVICES

- GOOD will upgrade core public infrastructure, and ensure that the **same, quality standard of public services are available in all communities**.
- Basic services like electricity, water and sewerage must be affordable and, in some cases, free.

EDUCATION REFORM AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Early childhood development learning lays the foundation for education and skills later in life. GOOD will **invest more in the formative stage of our children.**
- We support funding to create more **early childhood development centres.**
- We will **urgently bring all school infrastructure up to standard,** including the full eradication of pit toilets.
- Most importantly, will ensure **equity in standards** across all public schools.
- We will improve the quality of **teaching in key subjects** and the full availability of learning tools and technology.
- We will provide social **services in schools** for learners and teachers.
- Free tertiary education for those who qualify academically but can't afford it.
- Increase the availability, and standard, of **vocational and artisan skills training.**

SAFE, HAPPIER LIVES FOR LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

- We need to create a **culture of love** towards people of all genders and sexual orientations.
- We will give access to **healthcare and psychological support** among LGBTQIA+ people.
- We propose to implement a plan aimed at **addressing bullying of LGBTQIA+ people in schools.**

ERADICTING CRIME TO BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES

- It is obvious that we need better policing, but we also need to **address the conditions that make crime prevalent in South Africa:** poverty and inequality.
- In many cases, heavy-handed policing is not the answer – such as in minor drug offences. We need **more psychological support** for people who are suffering with substance abuse, mental health and economic stress.
- We will ensure that law enforcement officers are properly trained, professional,demilitarised and community-centric.
- We will s**upport programmes for ex-convicts** as they leave prison, or during their years of parole to ensure that they are properly reintegrated into communities, become employable and pursue crime-free lives.

ADDRESSING GBVF

- We must address the scar of Gender-based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) through the **societal education** of young men.
- Police need to **investigate domestic violence reports promptly,** and work with social workers to fast-track interventions.
- We encourage communities to break the silence through campaigns like GOOD's "Don't Shut Up Speak Up" campaign.
- We will **support victims** through health and psychological support, providing them with the platform for safe and meaningful **reporting of domestic abuse.**

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Economic justice means that everyone should be able to benefit from opportunities and institutions that make an economy, so that everyone can have access to financial prosperity.

In South Africa, it means correcting the structure of the economy and the unfairness caused by apartheid that benefitted a few. It also includes growing the economy to create jobs.

INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

For more jobs to be created, we need economic growth and investment. Economic growth means more economic activity and money circulating in the economy, and therefore more job opportunities.

GOOD will grow the economy in a way that uplifts everyone, by:

- **Ending load-shedding** through the rapid introduction of renewable energy.
- **Urgently upgrading the critical infrastructure** that makes the economy work, like energy, roads, transport, ports – and bring township infrastructure up to the same standard as wealthy suburbs.
- **Removing the red tape** and providing access to funding, especially for SMMEs, that are the barriers to growth of entrepreneurship.
- The **strategic investment by government into key job-creating industries** like green energy, tourism, manufacturing, ICT and infrastructure.
- **Implementing a labour-intensive comprehensive urban management programme** which aims to provide massive employment opportunities and at the same time develop a skills base in critical areas of maintenance and urban management.

For example:
- Cleaning of parks, river banks, beaches and recreational areas.
- Cleaning of roads, pavements, stormwater drains and culverts.
- Upgrading and maintenance of sidewalks.

CREATING JOBS

Unemployment is the greatest barrier on the pathway out of poverty. Because of low economic growth millions of people are suffering and rely on social grants to survive.

GOOD propose to decrease the number of unemployed persons by:

- Implementing our **inclusive economic growth plan.**
- Implementing our **education reforms and skills development programmes.**
- **Targeted government investment** in labour-intensive sectors.

REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY

South Africa has the highest levels of income inequality in the world. We will reduce this by:

- Enforcing fair wages within corporations and government, to **radically reduce the income inequality** between the CEO and the worker.
- According to the World Economic Forum, women in South Africa earn 23-35% less than men for the same work. GOOD will eradicate this **gender pay gap** through a range of measures such as forcing pay transparency from corporations.
- We will fight for **equal pay for equal work.**
- Land reform policies should address **gender disparities in land ownership**, taking into account the high proportion of female-headed households in South Africa.

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SPATIAL JUSTICE

Spatial justice means redressing the original sin of colonial and apartheid spatial planning which excluded people of colour from prime land and economic opportunity.

ERADICATING THE SPATIAL LEGACY OF APARTHEID

- **Making more land available for subsidised and affordable housing** in areas that are well-located, close to city centres.
- An **integrated and affordable public transport system** that connects people to the economy.
- When there is an opportunity to **bring jobs to the people,** we will do it. This would include integrated mixed-use developments in historically underinvested and poorer communities.
  For example, government department buildings can be built in poorer areas, as a catalyst for crowding in other investments. This means we not only bring people close to jobs but we also bring jobs closer to people.
- **Build high density and well-located housing.**

LAND REFORM

- **Public land** includes land and immovable property in the custody of national, provincial and local governments and their entities.
- **Public land must be used for public good.**
- Public good includes socio-economic objectives, land reform, black economic empowerment, alleviation of poverty, job creation and the redistribution of wealth.
- We must provide **proper restitution for the victims of apartheid** through appropriate land and/or monetary compensation.
- All publicly owned land, national provincial and local, must be used for land redistribution purposes, housing and farming projects.

HOUSING FOR ALL

Human dignity starts with a **safe, affordable place to call home.**
GOOD will realise the constitutional right to housing by:

- Increasing the supply of **Social and Community Housing.**
- Housing must be adequate, **connected to critical infrastructure** and meet all basic human needs.
- **Releasing well-located land** and make it available for affordable housing. We will use inner city public land, or state acquired land, to develop higher-density, mixed-income, mixed-use, rental homes in the inner city.
- We will **improve access to title deeds** for those who already live in homes by **a)** transferring ownership of government-owned rental stock to long-standing tenants and, **b)** regularising the informal title transfers that have been occurring within the RDP/BNG housing market.
- **Urbanising informal settlements into formal settlements,** upgrading infrastructure and ensuring proper tenure for dwellers.
- Providing **suitable temporary housing** for people experiencing homelessness, combined with proper health and support services, until permanent housing is arranged.

QUALITY, AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A properly functioning public transport system is the backbone of any society, and is a fundamental means of accessing the economy for middle- and lower-income earners.

We will get our public transport back up and running again by:

- Establishing a **single local government transport authority** in each city to ensure a governance structure that gives effect to a singular, integrated transport operations timetable and **single ticket system** that is focused on enhancing the service experience received by commuters.
- Public transport must be universally accessible and able to accommodate persons living with disabilities.
- We will **integrate land use and development with public transport** networks, by uplifting the infrastructure surrounding the transport network to accommodate increased development.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental Justice means justice to our planet, and justice for us and all the future generations that will live on it.

It means accepting the science of climate change and the moral obligation to act.

In the South African context, it means the preservation and fair distribution of natural resources, and just transition to a green economy.

STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

- The science of climate change gives us a **moral obligation to take action to mitigate rising global temperatures** and adapt to the realities that climate change will bring. As we adapt, we must ensure that the scarce **supply of critical resources like water and food remain available for all,** regardless of wealth.
- **The primary actions to mitigate climate change are in in the way we produce electricity** – which accounts for the majority of global carbon emissions. It also means that we must increase the speed of the **transition to electric vehicles.**

STOP LOADSHEDDING WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY

- The twin crises of climate change and loadshedding must be answered with the same solution: **the rapid transition to renewable energy,** in partnership with the private sector.
- Beyond the moral imperative, **green energy is the cheapest and most effective** form of energy production going forward.
- Some coal-fired power may be inevitable in the short-to-medium term, but a GOOD government **will not extend the life of our existing coal plants** beyond their scheduled retirement age.
- The **transition must be just:** workers in the coal industry, and communities that rely on this industry, must have their livelihoods protected, and wealthy countries who caused the problem through rapid industrialisation must pay for the transition in the developing world.

OTHER CORE POLICY POSITIONS

FOREIGN POLICY

- GOOD's **foreign policy is an extension of its domestic policy.** In other words, GOOD will pursue social, economic, spatial and environmental justice in the international sphere.
- We will **demand a fairer, more inclusive world order** that reduces global inequalities, corrects past injustices and pursues peace above all.
- GOOD calls for reform of the United Nations Security Council and the Bretton Woods Institutions – the IMF and World Bank – to enable **more representation and influence to the voices of the Global South,** and fairer, more inclusive and less monopolised global financial system.
- On the War in Gaza, GOOD calls for an **immediate ceasefire and the implementation of the two-state solution.**
- GOOD is of the view that the root cause of the conflict is the **illegal occupation of Palestinian territory** by Israel and the denial by Israel of the rights of Palestinian people to self-determination, statehood and sovereignty.

CORRUPTION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Eliminating corruption is mainly about **ethical leadership** and the choices which we make as to who is fit to govern.
- Too often, corruption is discovered after it has been committed. Every department in government, in all three spheres of government, must put systems in place that can detect and prevent corruption.
- These measures should include Anti-Corruption Task Teams. These Task Teams will implement the **"detect and prevent corruption"** plan and work in partnership with the National Prosecuting Authority, the Hawks, the Financial Intelligence Centre and anti-corruption organisations.
- We will implement a **fully transparent digital public procurement system,** using technology like block chain, to ensure all government tender contracts are 'above board' and able be scrutinised by the public and any watchdog body for irregularities.
- We will give **more resources to the National Prosecuting Authority and Special Investigating Unit** to investigate and prosecute corruption.
- We will protect, incentivise and reward whistleblowers.

REVIEW AND REFORM GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES

Before South Africans can experience any change or improvement in government, the **structure of government will have to be reviewed and reformed.**

Nothing will change after the election while the current structure of government's administration remains the same.

- GOOD will **review the administrative structures of government,** including the ministries and departments, to ensure that the structure can implement our proposed plans.
- GOOD will **review the role, functions and size of provincial governments, legislatures and executives.**
- We must eliminate any inefficiency and incompetence in government by **professionalising the administration** and ensuring that we have the right skills and capacity. This means that political leaders should not be involved in the recruitment of a professional public service.
- For government to be effective it must implement its plans. The tendency to produce new plans without having implemented existing plans is wasteful and ineffective. Where government plans are not working, we must first seek to rectify them.
- Government must fill all vacant posts.
- Government must **increase its target for the employment of persons living with disabilities** to 5% of employees and ensure that the workplace is accessible and the tools of trade appropriate.

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CONCLUSION – GOOD'S 10-POINT PLAN TO STOP THE SUFFERING, AND FIX SOUTH AFRICA FOR EVERYONE

1. **INVEST FOR JOBS:**
Invest in public infrastructure: electricity, transport, water, housing, digital communications. This is the basis for real economic growth and will create jobs. Provide financial support for small businesses and reduce unemployment. Invest more in public employment programmes.

2. **IMPLEMENT BIG:**
A R999 per month basic income grant to those without jobs.

3. **MAKE BASIC SERVICES AFFORDABLE:**
Basic services like electricity, water and sewerage must be affordable. What use is an electrical connection if you can't afford any units?

4. **FIX APARTHEID SPATIAL PLANNING:**
Accelerate land reform, redistribute well-located land for more housing and socio-economic opportunities.

5. **PUBLIC LAND FOR PUBLIC GOOD:**
Public land belongs to the people of South Africa and should be used for the public good.

6. **RENEW ELECTRICITY:**
Accelerate development of renewable energy generation and end load-shedding in partnership with private sector.

7. **TRANSPORT:**
Prioritise and build quality public transport systems to affordably connect people to the economy.

8. **CORRUPTION:**
Put systems in place to prevent and detect corruption and put crooked state officials in jail and not in government.

9. **CRIME:**
Empower communities to assist the police in fighting crime and GBVF; and redress the socio-economic conditions.

10. **REFORM EDUCATION:**
Early childhood development learning lays the foundation for education and skills later in life. Invest more in the formative stage of our children.


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