

# MANIFESTO OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

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## 0. DEFEND THE POOR AND SOCIALIZE THE ECONOMY

South Africa is a beautiful country with unlimited mineral resources beneath and above the soil. It is the land that was taken by force by greedy, violent and merciless white people who first pretended to be good people. They launched vicious military attacks using advanced weaponry and conquered our Kings and Queens subjecting them and the whole South African natives into foreign way of life. This was followed by the introduction of labor system of the Capitalist mode of production. The African communalist society system was systematically destroyed through among other things; the use of the forced labor policy, urbanization, wealth confiscation and land grab from the natives.

It is the Capitalist system that subjugated the native African people of South Africa into squalor and poverty. For a long time South Africa was governed under Colonialism of a Special Type (CST) and Apartheid Capitalism. We were colonized by the people who were living with us in the same country. All of us were called South Africans.

Africans were inferior and Whites were superior. As time went on the CST created a human buffer by co-opting Indians and Coloureds. The tri-cameral parliament was formed. This tri-cameral system discriminated against Africans on political, social and economic spheres of life. Certain jobs could be done by all other race groups except Africans. Businesses in the Cities and towns were occupied by all other race groups except Africans. Education for the African child was inferior.

The 1994 strategic democratic break through did not bring about the economic ownership by the native South Africans in their land. The poor remains poorer albeit under the new environment of the same Capitalist mode of production. The more things change the more they remain the same.

**The democratic governments have tried variety of policies under Capitalism hoping to improve and change the status quo. All of these have failed and there are no signs of hope for improvement whatsoever.**

**There is no commitment by the representatives of the ruling party to drastically change the status quo. These representatives compete for resources with the same poor people they ought to be empowering for better life. Worst of all they steal from the poor and collude with foreign nationals to economically suppress South African small local businesses.**

We therefore call on our poor people and the revolutionary middle class to join, support, work for and towards a strong **PRM**, the movement of the people for building people rooted co-operative businesses for better life for all and socialized economy. Our poor people have been eaten by the rich for years. It is time that the rich contribute and plough back to the poor communities. The poor have to live a dignified life as is the rich. **PRM** is dedicated to the mission of ensuring that:

## **1. SOUTH AFRICA IS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS**

The majority of the people who vote for governments and local municipalities are African blacks South Africans. They are the majority in all spheres of life including poverty (but except the ownership of the means of production and the country`s wealth). Now is the time to introduce and implement easy concrete answers and solutions to the **Poor African Problem**. We shall do this in a very peaceful means as we vote the volunteer movement of the people, the **People`s Revolutionary Movement**.

Your association to the **PRM** confirms your dedication and commitment to **the drastic change of the status quo**. This status quo has undermined the poor and the workers for years since colonialism.

Many poor, employed and unemployed, women and youth, physically challenged and disabled, educated and uneducated have been undermined by the current government policies of the National Development Plan (NDP). The NDP says

people would have to wait for the year 2030 to be employed and have their lives improved.

It is unclear how this shall happen since all development projects are technology based and require high skills levels. These skills are imported from Europe and Asia (hence the Gupta). There is no law that protects the South Africans against abuse by the foreign skilled cartels. These cartels are for profit making and exploitation of our working people.

**The PRM shall introduce bridging policies, laws and by-laws that shall force the skilled business cartels to first offer in-service training skills for a period to local South African poor employees for the projects cycle and projects needs management.**

**When the training is concluded projects shall begin. Salaries and wages shall be at professional and skills rate.**

**The EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM (EPWP) shall be the point of entry to formal employment and or building of Sustainable Co-operative businesses for financial ownership and surplus finance resources investments.**

**Community based Capital projects shall be reviewed, converted and run directly by communities themselves as part of the people centered and people driven development.**

**Budget for these projects shall run concurrently with the government budgets.**

**Dedicated Managers and Supervisors shall be deployed to monitor and mentor the poor on these programs.**

Only South Africans whose parents were originally born and bred in South Africa (exceptional cases and circumstances with valid proof being considered) shall be priority for consideration for these programs. African population is a priority group and shall benefit wherever these projects are taking place.

## **2. DEFEND THE STREET TRADERS AND INFORMAL BUSINESSES**

During apartheid years the police would beat up, evict, confiscate goods and arrest the African street traders. Some of these things still happen under democracy government. The permits are not given to deserving poor traders. Some traders are sub-trading to big businesses which have access to permits.

Black South African traders trade in open air, rainy environment and sunny hot environment. The other race groups including foreign nationals trade in-house and in healthy environments.

**The PRM shall bring dignity to the businesses of Street traders and other informal Businesses which are owned by South African voters.**

**Permits shall be available upon submission of an affidavit by traders.**

**It shall be a criminal offence for a shop keeper to hold a permit and through the use of front methods.**

**For purposes of encouraging cleanliness and healthy environment, traders who keep their trading zones, pavements and surroundings clean shall receive rebates on rates and rent.**

**It shall therefore be the duty of the municipality working with traders to monitor and police their customers and clients against littering.**

**No foreign National shall access sites for trade as long as South Africans need a space for Trade.**

**The PRM shall push for the monthly penalties to land lords which let premises to foreigners without public adverts which will be for not less than three months to South Africans. These adverts shall be in all government centers, popular news papers which are accessible to the poor in townships, rural areas and informal settlement residents.**

**PRM shall do everything in its power to help organize small business traders to buy in bulks and at reduced prices.**

**Bulk stock trading businesses that discriminate against fellow South Africans shall be taxed times the number of customer goods bought by the small trader monthly.**

**The running and the administration of vegetables Markets shall reflect the high consumption population and demographics.**

**The markets shall be built in townships and owned by organized Small, Medium and Micro Entrepreneurs and Co-operatives Businesses with the assistance from government.**

### **3. CONVERT THE SECURITY GUARDS INTO FULL TIME WORKERS**

The safety and security of formal businesses, government and public institutions, mayors and councilors is the responsibility of the Security guards. Despite the existence of the Basic Conditions of the Employment Act and Regulations Act 75 of 1997 which protects the security guards from extreme exploitation, security guards are abused. These abuses continue without punishment to companies that do so. Owners of Security Companies apply for a security guards Certificate without proper experience and thereafter become Directors and owners of security businesses. This has to be reviewed.

**PRM shall work hard to influence that all security guards are employed directly by the clients as oppose to contract and tender processes or Guard themselves are formed into Co-operative businesses and run this work as their own.**

**The by-laws for ensuring the implementation of this program shall be passed and implemented.**

**Any institution and private business that does not adhere to the removal of the middle man shall be penalized equivalent to the amount that would be paid without a middle man.**

**While in the process of converting the security guards into full time employees, PRM shall support the penalization of companies that do not comply with the existing regulations.**

#### **4. R10 BILLION TO BE SET ASIDE FOR CO-OPERATIVE BUSINESSES**

The participation in the economy by the poor African people from the townships, informal areas and the rural areas has been neglected for years.

The big businesses are not helping to improve the lives of the poor. They invest in themselves and in foreign countries hence weakening the currency of our country and increase famine and poverty.

The weak currency is caused by among other things, unemployment and weak local investments.

**PRM shall as a start set aside R10 billion or reasonable budget in poor municipalities for local Co-operative businesses and local private business initiatives that encourage broad economic participation in the economy.**

**Budget shall increase with time and as more and more people are engaged.**

**Community services projects, cleaning projects, solid waste projects, comprehensive and sustainable agricultural initiatives, health and safety project, beautification, maintenance projects, arts and culture, and many others shall form part of the people centered and people driven development for co-operative businesses and local individual projects for economic participation and ownership.**

**We shall encourage and assist the creation of Co-operative banks for African markets and investments.**

**All co-operatives benefiting in government projects shall be paid through Financial Electronic Transfers (EFTs) of the banks owned by people themselves.**

**Revolutionary and disciplined accountants, auditors and chartered accountants shall be recruited for the fulfillment of this program.**

## **5. END CRIME AND CORRUPTION**

We live in a crime increasing society. This criminal disease is eating the morality of our society. Crime and corruption are in many instances inseparable. It is therefore time that we all act decisively to fight and end this scourge.

**PRM shall form local crime and corruption fighting network that shall inspect private and public businesses.**

**We shall form neighborhood social workers that shall visit and assist families who have problems in child upbringing.**

**We shall work with child care institutions and institutions that protect violence against women and children.**

**The provision of employment and assisting in the formation of co-operative businesses is another way of fighting and reducing interest in crime and corruption.**

**All businesses that benefit from government influence and provisions shall be audited by government and independent auditors. This shall include individual beneficiary accounts.**

**Life style audit shall be implemented.**

## **6. REPATRIATE ILLEGAL FOREIGN NATIONALS**

There are many illegal foreign nationals who find South Africa as a safe heaven. Businesses like panel beating and servicing cars on streets, prostitution, drugs trafficking and drugs abuse, controversial and questionable church businesses as well as gambling are causing headache since illegal foreign nationals came into South Africa.

The informal businesses that should be dominated by poor South Africans are now dominated by the illegal foreign nationals. The South African poor are not assisted and protected by governments that they put into power. The poor

businesses lack information on ways and means to buy goods and products at the cheaper prices for selling them at market prices.

**PRM shall engage in a campaign to revive and enforce operation Fiela in a more aggressive way and form.**

**Patriotic local people shall be recruited and trained in all necessary skills and shall work with the police to save our country, cities and residential places from invasion by the foreign nationals.**

**The priority personnel for this type of program are the police reservists who have demonstrated their willingness and love of defending communities.**

**Permits for trading on goods and items that could be sold by local residents shall be prohibited to foreign nationals and none South Africans.**

**No foreign national shall occupy business premises at the expense of local people.**

**Foreign nationals shall not be employed to perform any jobs which do not require scarce skills in South Africa.**

**All jobs shall be reserved for South African population especially the Africans and the unemployed poor working class.**

## **7. ELECTRICITY AND WATER MUST NOT BE MORE THAN R100 FOR THE POOR**

Our poor people are generally unemployed and cannot afford the high electricity and water tariffs. This has led to the increase of stealing of electricity and water. In the process of stealing electricity some people die of electric shocks. Many informal settlements have been burnt down causing more miseries to families.

**PRM shall drastically reduce water and electricity tariffs for the poor and unemployed to R100 a month.**



**In certain instances upon investigations and surveys poor families who may be living on grants shall be exempted from paying for water and electricity. This shall be monitored very closely and frequently to prevent abuse.**

## **8. INCREASE TAX AND RATES FOR THE RICH**

The people in the townships, informal areas and rural areas stay far from places of work. The majority of these are unemployed. Those who are employed earn very little. Half of their salaries and grants are spent on transport to and from work and cities.

**PRM shall increase tax and rates at market related value to rich residents. The new tax and rates system called Poverty Tax and Rates System shall be introduced.**

**If some poor residents are taxed by SARS and they are in the middle low income bracket they shall be exempted from rates increases.**

**All unemployed Title Deed owners who have been proven to have no form of income and savings, directly or indirectly shall not pay tax and rates.**

**Rates for the rich shall be by 2% above inflation if the rates are double digits. If the rates are single digit, rates increase shall be above inflation by 5%.**

**It shall be compulsory for all the rich people to pay yearly rates. Failure to pay yearly rates shall be criminalized and penalized.**

## **9. REVIEWAL OF TENDER SYSTEM AND CREATE EMPLOYMENT**

The tender procurement system which is a Margaret Thatcher/Ronald Reagan economic policy has failed workers and the poor all over the world. It entrenches and perpetuates exploitation of workers and the poor. It does not guarantee permanent employment to temporary workers. There are usually no benefits and security to employees.

The beneficiary to this policy is the tenderer who makes huge profits and pay workers whatever amount decided. The tenderer is also not guaranteed of future tender business. That is why most corruption is through this policy where tenderers bribe government officials and politicians for future opportunities (hence the State Capture).

**PRM shall identify jobs that could be done on permanent basis and remove them from tender policy system.**

**Projects such as cleaning of offices, verge maintenance, grass cutting, painting, security, road maintenance and construction, building of government subsidy houses and others shall be part of creating full time employment as oppose to tender and procurement policies.**

## **10. END LABOUR BROKERS**

Labor brokering has symptoms of making workers commodities. Employees are owned by the Agents. The agent pays the employee whatever amount after the employee has worked for the actual client who is the owner of the work. The employee has no benefits and security at work.

**PRM shall ensure that all government departments which use the labor brokers are exposed and labor brokers are done away with.**

**We shall assist in the efforts of ensuring that private companies do not undermine the labor relations regulations in so far as labor broking exist.**

**The PRM shall strive to influence the scrapping of the labor brokering.**

## **11. SUPPORT THE TAXI INDUSTRY**

Taxi industry is a viable business. Most African families own these businesses. This industry provides transport to workers and it is the most accessible mode to and from work. Transport provision is the responsibility of government.

**The PRM want to see the protection of the taxi industry. We say agreements between the taxi owners and the governments must be honored.**

**We believe that taxi permits must be renewed in every 10 years. The permits renewal system must be as efficient as the renewal of the driver`s license.**

**Road blocks have to be conducted during the day or inspections of the permits be conducted while the taxis are ranking and there is no busy transport schedule.**

**The taxi drivers are workers too. The PRM shall strive that all drivers enjoy benefits and protection.**

**We shall assist that all taxi drivers are unionized.**

**We shall devise strategies that protect communities and workers from striking taxi owners and drivers.**

**We respect the right to strike but that shall be legal strikes.**

**We shall build subsidize petrol garages for taxi businesses only. These garages shall be owned by co-operative businesses.**

**Taxi commuters shall be relieved from transport increases through the subsidized petrol system.**



*The tasks of the PRM structures working with Revolutionary Co-operatives Movement (RCM) and South African Revolutionary Allied Workers Union (Sarawu) shall have to discuss, identify and report on weaknesses and non compliance of sectors to programs. There shall be no reason to fight for positions when the task of the society is so huge. Let our neighbors fight for positions and tenders while we as principle revolutionary volunteers fight for the domination of the economy by the workers and the poor.*

**PRM urges every voter to consider seriously help the African person program to change life from poverty to prosperity and towards the ownership of the means**

of production. We can no longer fail ourselves. We have been promised better life but poverty and unemployment was and is still being delivered. Let us do it for ourselves. Let us do it for our children. Let us do it for our country.

When we meet like this next time after 5 years we wish to report and say we have drastically reduced poverty and unemployment. We wish when we meet to say African people are in control of certain zones and areas in the cities and towns. They have to be in charge and control of the whole of local economy and ready to occupy the huge chunk of the formal economy.

**VIVA PRM VIVA! Build Revolution From Below!**