

TRUTH.

AND SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

"THE PEOPLES' MOVEMENT. ROOTED IN TRUTH. DRIVEN BY JUSTICE. UNITED IN EQUALITY."

MANIFESTO

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They have a Right to Live with Dignity



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1. Preamble

We, the sons and daughters of South Africa, bound together by the sacrifices of those who came before us and by the unshakable hope of those yet to be born, stand united in a common struggle: to build a nation where freedom is lived, not just promised.

For too long, our people have endured the crushing weight of poverty and inequality. Too many mothers still put children to bed on empty stomachs. Too many fathers still leave their homes before sunrise, searching for work that does not exist. Too many young people, educated and full of potential, remain stranded on the margins of society - robbed of opportunities by corruption, nepotism, and broken leadership. Our elderly, who gave their strength to build this nation, live their final years in hardship, neglected by those sworn to serve them.

We cannot look away from the daily indignities our people face. Communities live without proper housing, clean water, electricity, or safe sanitation. Families are trapped in shacks that collapse with every storm. Crime and violence tear at the heart of our townships and villages, while justice remains far from reach. Public resources, meant to uplift the many, are looted by the few. Corruption robs our people twice - first of their wealth, and then of their hope.

But we declare: **South Africa deserves better.**

Our movement rises to restore dignity, rebuild trust, and return power to the people. We are guided by the timeless principles of truth, justice, and equality. We reject greed, arrogance, and abuse of power. We believe that leadership is not about privilege, but about service. We affirm that every person - regardless of race, gender, class, or background - has the right to live in dignity, to work, to learn, and to dream.

This manifesto is more than a political program; it is a **Covenant with the people**. It is our solemn pledge to fight for jobs, housing, safety, education, and healthcare. It is our commitment to root out corruption and to hold every leader accountable. It is our vision of a South Africa where no child goes hungry, where no family is homeless, and where no citizen feels abandoned.

We draw strength from the struggles of our past and courage from the possibilities of our future. Together, we will tear down the walls of injustice and build a society founded on fairness, opportunity, and dignity.

A new dawn is rising. A new South Africa is possible. And together, **we will build it.**

2. FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



My Beloved South Africans,

For decades, our beloved South Africa and its fallen heroes who gave their lives to eradicate Apartheid - has been betrayed by those entrusted to lead our country. We have witnessed a state that was meant to liberate our people - descend into a haven for corruption, criminality, and moral decay. Ministers with criminal pasts occupy the highest offices of our land. Those sworn to uphold justice and development - now enable destruction and despair.

President Ramaphosa, and his administration have chosen deliberate ignorance over decisive action. They allow criminals in power to operate with impunity, turning our institutions into tools of exploitation rather than engines of upliftment. After 31 years of supposed freedom, racism has mutated into an even more destructive form.

Our natural resources are plundered to enrich a handful of business elites - mostly white corporate interests - while millions live in abject poverty. Children go to sleep hungry and some towns face famine.

The state continues to wield Apartheid methods - *divide-and-rule tactics*, soft forms of genocide, and cynical policies such as the distortion of BBBEE to escalate inequality rather than erase it. The judiciary, once a pillar of integrity, collaborates in silencing whistleblowers and orchestrating their imprisonment. Those who expose the truth are criminalized, while those who commit the crimes walk free.

Foreign policy is shaped not for the benefit of the people, but for a narrow few. The illegal granting of citizenship to Zionist Jew operatives by the DA to manipulate Western Cape politics goes unchecked. The government's failure to act against the DA's plan to secede the Cape from South Africa threatens our national sovereignty. Officials implicated in murders for positions, tender fraud, and financial crimes remain unpunished. Fuel prices, taxes, and inflation rise without accountability, enslaving our citizens to pay billions in government loans that vanish without transparency.

Our skies - our food, and our health are not spared. Aircrafts fly under the cover of night spreading substances that make our people sick.

Unregulated mRNA-based products and contaminated crops are forced into our food supply, endangering the lives of our citizens, enriching pharmaceutical cartels, and feeding a global depopulation agenda. Foreign corporations dominate our industries while our own small businesses are strangled. Digital identification systems designed are now implemented for surveillance and control rather than safety.

This betrayal cannot continue. **The Truth & Solidarity Movement stands to end it.** We will protect whistleblowers, reform the justice system, and dismantle the machinery of corruption. We will end foreign manipulation of our sovereignty and place South Africa's wealth back in the hands of her people. We will restore accountability and transparency to government. We will uplift the poor, feed the hungry, and protect the vulnerable.

This is not merely a manifesto; it is a call to moral courage - not promises, but **our Covenant to the people of South Africa.** A nation built on lies, theft, and suffering cannot endure. South Africa deserves Truth. South Africa deserves Justice. **South Africa deserves Leaders who serve, not predators who plunder.**

Together - in solidarity, we will reclaim our country from those who have stolen it and build a future where every child is safe, where every family live with dignity, every voice is heard, and every South African is free.



3. INTRODUCTION

1. History and Founding Principles

Truth And Solidarity Movement (also known as “Truth”) was born out of lived experience, compassion, and a commitment to Justice. Our founding President, Mehmet Vefa Dağ, migrated to South Africa in 2001 and became a proud citizen of this nation. A polyglot who speaks seven languages, and a qualified PhD Economist and Chartered Accountant. He comes from a family deeply rooted in the struggle for freedom in his country of birth. From an early age, he was guided by duty, discipline, and education, shaped by both high academic achievement and social responsibility.

In South Africa, his entrepreneurial success as a leading wholesaler for the supply of computers and accessories - quickly revealed to him the challenges faced by the youth. Recognizing that the absence of technological literacy closed the doors to opportunity and job security, he transformed his business into a force for service to the youth - channeling 50% of his business rewards to uplift those who suffer. In 2005, he established a computer lab - opening the digital world to over 400,000 young people and brought food to thousands of homes daily.

His work expanded during the 2008 recession, when poverty deepened and inequality sharpened. Speaking passionately to South Africans through social media, he drew national attention to the conditions of the poor and called upon those with means to act. His message resonated with millions - generating 137 million views on Twitter alone, and his unwavering advocacy made him a respected voice for human justice.

Despite personal trials, including surviving a violent assassination attempt and the devastating loss of his family, he remained steadfast in his service to the SA people. The Truth and Solidarity Movement was founded out of a history of sacrifice, service, and resistance to injustice. Our president, having built one of the largest technology supply businesses in South Africa, was systematically excluded from the corporate and government sectors for posing a threat to those who enriched themselves by controlling South Africa’s natural wealth. Losing his business meant losing the means to support impoverished communities who had come to rely on his daily acts of service.

In 2023, he responded by establishing the Truth and Solidarity Movement as a political party, determined to challenge government corruption and the criminal abuse of state resources. His vision was, and remains, to free South Africans from the grip of exploitation, poverty, and inequality - this is how deep his love runs for beloved South Africans.

The years that followed tested his resolve. In 2025, he was unlawfully incarcerated for exposing child abuse within Zionist Jewish - Led private educational institutions, and while in Polsmoor Prison - survived a second attempt on his life. He has also faced attempts at poisoning, targeted harassment, and political persecution for speaking out on social media against the entrenched corruption of powerful officials and business elites. These trials have only strengthened his conviction.

His journey reflects the founding principles of this movement: solidarity with the poor, dignity through education, justice through equal opportunity, and the pursuit of a South Africa where no one is left behind. These principles remain the foundation of our party: to fight poverty, uplift the youth, protect the vulnerable, and ensure that the wealth of the nation serves all its people.

2. Mission

Truth & Solidarity Movement pledge to uphold ethical governance as a non-negotiable principle, ensuring that public resources serve the people and not private interests. In this, we commit to protecting children from abuse and exploitation, safeguarding their right to free quality education, safety, and opportunity.

Our mission extends to defending the dignity and rights of marginalized communities - including the poor, the unemployed, migrants, and those living in informal settlements - who have long been excluded from South Africa's progress. We strive to create an environment where equality of opportunity is guaranteed, social justice is advanced, and every person is empowered to live with dignity, security, and hope. At its core, our mission is to unite South Africans around truth, justice, equality and solidarity. We thrive on the premise that "There is no Racism" - ensuring that the wealth of the nation benefits all its people.

3. Our Vision for the South African Century

Our vision is to build cities and communities that embody resilience, innovation, and solidarity - the foundation of a new South African century. We aspire to shape municipalities that are disastrous – making it resistant and climate-ready, capable of withstanding global challenges while protecting the lives and livelihoods of our people.

We envision a society that is digitally adaptive and technologically innovative, ensuring that every citizen has access to the tools and knowledge necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Our future is environmentally sustainable and zero-waste aligned, safeguarding natural resources for generations to come.

We strive for communities that are inclusive and socially cohesive, where diversity is celebrated and no one is left behind. Rooted in heritage yet embracing progress, we honor the wisdom of the past while forging pathways to the future.

Economically, we see municipalities that are vibrant, locally developed, and value-producing - empowering small enterprises, fostering local industries, and creating opportunities that keep wealth within communities. Culturally, we aim for cities that are serene, aesthetically enriched, and alive with art of our painful history, creativity, and shared identity.

This is the essence of Truth and Solidarity Municipalism: a people-centered, transparent, and visionary approach to governance that restores trust, uplifts dignity, and builds the South Africa of tomorrow.

4. Core Principles and Ideology

1. **Justice for All:** We affirm that no one is above the law, and accountability must apply equally to every individual, regardless of status or power. Our commitment is to reform the justice system so that it is fair, transparent, and accessible - protecting the innocent, holding the guilty accountable, and restoring trust in the rule of law.
2. **Truth and Transparency:** We stand for honesty and openness in every sector of society - government, business, and civil life. Corruption thrives in secrecy, but trust is built through truth. Our commitment is to ensure that decisions, resources, and public affairs are managed transparently, so that South Africans can hold leaders accountable and participate meaningfully in shaping their future.
3. **Solidarity:** Standing with victims and marginalized communities. It is through solidarity across communities that we can overcome the divisions of the past and the inequalities of the present. Our movement is committed to breaking down barriers that divide us and to building a society rooted in mutual respect, shared responsibility, and collective progress.
4. **Child Protection:** Safeguarding children is non-negotiable. Every child has the right to safety, education, and dignity, free from abuse, exploitation, or neglect. We are committed to building strong protections in schools, communities, and institutions, ensuring that children are nurtured and empowered as the foundation of South Africa's future.
5. **Accountable Governance:** Leaders and institutions must answer to the people they serve. Decisions, policies, and the use of public resources must be transparent, ethical, and aligned

with the public interest. We are committed to creating systems where corruption is not tolerated, oversight is strong, and every citizen has the right to hold their government accountable.

6. **Ethical leadership at all levels:** Integrity, honesty, and moral courage must guide leaders at every level of society. We are committed to fostering leadership that prioritizes the public good over personal gain, acts with transparency, and sets an example for all citizens. Ethical leadership ensures that decisions are principled, accountable, and serve the long-term interests of the nation.
7. **Equality for All:** Truth & Solidarity Movement believe in the inherent equality of all people and in the power of unitedness as the foundation of a just society. Every South African, regardless of race, gender, origin, language, or belief, deserves the same dignity, opportunity, and protection under the law. Equality and unitedness are not abstract ideals - they are living principles that guide our policies, shape our actions, and define our vision for a South Africa where all people rise together.

5. Strategic Foundations for Transformation

1. Education

Reform the Inferior Education System

Overhaul South Africa's education system to close gaps in curriculum, teaching methods, and access to technology, while honoring cultural values of discipline, respect, and collective responsibility. Equip learners with practical life skills, digital literacy, and AI fundamentals through hands-on projects, coding, robotics, and problem-solving activities. Foster critical thinking, creativity, global awareness, and innovation at every grade level, preparing students to contribute to society, excel in their chosen fields, and thrive in a dynamic, technology-driven economy that blends traditional values with modern competencies.

Reform South Africa's early learning and kindergarten systems by introducing structured, skill-based curricula that develop literacy, numeracy, creativity, and critical thinking from an early age. Emphasize practical life skills such as gardening, cooking, basic crafts, and personal responsibility alongside discipline, collaborative learning, and habit formation. Provide teachers with specialized training and continuous professional development to implement these methods effectively. Integrate technology and community engagement to ensure equitable access, giving children strong cognitive, social, emotional, and practical foundations for success in primary school and beyond. We are committed to bringing the smart-brain training model to schools to

help children engage both the right and left brain centers effectively, supporting their healing from past challenges or victimization. This empowers them to grow with confidence and resilience.

2. Enhanced Child Protection

Establish Independent School Oversight Bodies:

Unlike traditional parent or school governing and parent bodies, these independent oversight bodies will operate free from school management or political influence. They will monitor school performance, curriculum quality, finances, and child protection, with the authority to investigate issues and recommend corrective actions. Their purpose is to ensure accountability, transparency, and safe, high-quality education for all students free of charge.

3. Implement Mandatory Reporting for Child Abuse:

Implement stringent regulations requiring all educators to undergo comprehensive psychometric assessments and obtain valid police clearances. Establish a structured reporting system that obligates school staff and community workers to report any suspected cases of abuse or neglect. Introduce clear protocols and strong protections for whistleblowers to prevent concealment, ensure accountability, and uphold the rights and safety of children.

4. Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments:

Create school environments that are physically secure, emotionally supportive, and inclusive of every child, irrespective of background or ability. Appoint qualified counsellors and social workers to deliver mental health care, conflict resolution, and targeted support for vulnerable learners. Implement firm, proactive measures to eliminate bullying.

5. Launch Awareness Campaigns for Parents, Teachers, and Communities:

Educate families, educators, and communities about child protection, rights, and safe practices. Promote awareness on recognizing abuse, reporting mechanisms, and the importance of a nurturing environment for every child's development. Create supervised skill-based play centres to keep children safe and engaged after school while parents or guardians are at work.

6. Justice & Anti-Corruption

- 1. Strengthen Independent Investigative Oversight Bodies:** establish and empower autonomous investigative agencies to operate free from political influence, school management

pressures, or external interference. These bodies will monitor institutional performance, investigate allegations of misconduct, and recommend corrective actions, ensuring accountability across all levels.

2. **Introduce Comprehensive Whistleblower Protection Programs:** implement robust legal and procedural protections for whistleblowers, safeguarding them from retaliation or harassment. Encourage the reporting of misconduct, abuse, and corruption by guaranteeing confidentiality, legal support, and secure reporting channels.
3. **Enforce Stricter Penalties for Abuse and Corruption:** ensure that abuse, corruption, and mismanagement are met with swift and proportionate legal consequences. Establish clear standards for accountability to deter misconduct and uphold the integrity, but not limited to - particularly in education, health, public service, and government institutions.
4. **Promote Judicial Transparency with Public Reporting:** mandate regular, accessible reporting on investigations, judicial proceedings, and outcomes to the public. A specialized channel will be established to feature high-profile cases - strengthening public trust in decision making - making processes transparent, ensuring citizens can hold institutions accountable, and reinforcing the rule of just law.

7. Economy & Jobs

1. **Support Small Businesses, Cooperatives, and Local Entrepreneurship:** We will drive inclusive economic growth by supporting small businesses, cooperatives, and local entrepreneurs with access to training, funding, and markets, empowering communities to thrive. We will create youth-focused job programs that equip young people with practical skills, digital literacy, and real employment opportunities. Workers' rights will be protected through fair wages, safe working conditions, and strong labour oversight, ensuring no one is exploited. We will promote ethical investment that prioritizes long-term community benefits, job creation, and sustainable development, building a resilient economy that works for all South Africans. Establish a channel to feature entrepreneurial success - also show-casing the youth to inspire others to start a business - under the guidance of a fool-proof mentorship program - aiming at effectively contributing to the economy.
2. **Ensure Fair Livable Wages and Labour Protection:** Enforce labour laws that guarantee fair wages, safe working conditions, and social protections for all workers. Strengthen regulatory

oversight to prevent exploitation, promote workplace equity, and protect vulnerable sectors, particularly informal and gig economy workers.

- 3. Encourage Ethical Investment in Communities:** Promote responsible and sustainable investment practices that prioritize long-term community benefits, environmental stewardship, and social impact. With the support of government - incentivize businesses and investors to reinvest in local economies, create meaningful jobs, and support infrastructure and social development initiatives.

8. Health, Welfare, and Sustainable Agriculture:

We will modernize health, welfare, and agricultural production using innovative technologies to ensure food security, sustainability, and nutritious supply chains. Strict policies will require franchisors and food producers to use locally sourced, healthy ingredients and eliminate poisonous substances in crops, supporting farmers while promoting a healthier society. By prioritizing nutrition, preventative care, and safe farming practices, we aim to strengthen public health, reduce hospital visits, and build resilient communities.

9. Environment & Sustainable Development

We will protect South Africa's natural resources and promote sustainable development through strict environmental regulations, renewable energy investments to reduce the pressure on the power grid and conservation programs. Communities, schools, and businesses will be engaged in eco-education initiatives to raise awareness, adopt sustainable practices, and reduce waste and pollution. Incentives will be provided for green innovation, clean technologies, and sustainable agriculture, empowering local entrepreneurs and farmers to contribute to a healthier planet. By integrating education, technology, and responsible resource management, we aim to combat climate change, safeguard biodiversity, and ensure long-term economic, social, and environmental resilience for future generations.

10. Governance & Transparency

We will transform government accountability by creating an integrated, citizen-accessible digital platform that monitors all public institutions in real time, from budgets and procurement to service delivery and policy implementation. Tender processes will be completely overhauled with transparent, technology-driven systems that prevent manipulation, detect irregularities, and hold offenders accountable. Regular independent audits, combined with AI-assisted monitoring and

predictive analytics, will detect corruption, inefficiency, and misuse of resources before they escalate. Anti-corruption campaigns and public accountability forums will empower citizens to hold leaders directly responsible, while participatory governance initiatives will embed civic engagement into every decision-making process. By fundamentally redesigning oversight and leveraging technology, we will eliminate tender fraud, ensure integrity in public procurement, and set a new standard for transparency and accountability in South Africa.

11. Authentic Municipalism and Local Governance

We will fundamentally transform South Africa's municipal system by establishing community committees in every town to work in collaboration with traditional ward councilors. These committees will act as the primary link between residents and local government, ensuring communities are actively involved in shaping policy, overseeing service delivery, and driving local development. Members will be selected based on merit, integrity, and community trust, with clear accountability mechanisms to prevent abuse or neglect of responsibilities. Committees will establish **regular community feedback forums**, resolve local disputes transparently, and propose development projects that reflect the priorities and needs of their communities. By embedding local voices directly into governance, we will create a system that is transparent, responsive, and collaborative, where municipal decisions are guided by the people, for the people, and where communities have real authority to shape the future of their towns.

Municipalism are Built on 13 Guiding Values

1. **Productive** - We turn every resource into results that uplift our people.
2. **Fairness** - Justice and equity guide every decision we make.
3. **Accessibility** - Opportunities must reach every hand, not just a privileged few.
4. **Visionary** - We see beyond today to build the future our children deserve.
5. **Compassionate** - Humanity stands at the heart of all our actions.
6. **Sustainable** - We protect resources so that tomorrow is never sacrificed for today.
7. **Innovative** - We embrace fresh ideas to solve age-old challenges.
8. **Developmental** - Growth is measured by how far we uplift the most vulnerable.
9. **Contemporary** - We remain relevant, modern, and in step with global progress.
10. **Strong** - Our resolve is unshaken, our will unbreakable.
11. **Inclusive** - Every voice matters, every person belongs.
12. **Dynamic** - We adapt swiftly, moving with energy and purpose.
13. **Patriotic** - Our love for this land fuels our service to its people.

Municipal Governance and Community Empowerment: We will build people-centered municipalities with true community power. Every municipality will have community oversight committees to keep leaders accountable, transparent budgets that residents can access, and annual performance reports the public can measure. Municipalities will drive child protection programs, create local economic initiatives to fight poverty and unemployment, and ensure officials are trained in ethics and accountability. This new system will place communities at the heart of governance, ensuring honest, responsive, and effective local government that delivers for the people.

12. Our Covenant to the People

We pledge a new social contract that restores trust, dignity, and accountability in South Africa by placing communities at the heart of governance. Government will serve the people - not itself, but through transparent institutions, accountable leadership, and active citizen participation. Municipalities will no longer operate through top-down bureaucracy, but through community oversight committees that monitor service delivery, keep leaders accountable, and ensure local voices shape policy. All municipalities will practice transparent budgeting and expenditure reporting, publish quarterly / annual performance reports that citizens can measure, and implement child protection programs to safeguard the vulnerable. Local governments will also drive economic initiatives to fight poverty and unemployment, while ensuring officials are continuously trained in ethics, governance, and accountability. Our goal is that no family should have to live in a shack. Step by step, we will work with communities, government, and partners to provide safe, affordable, and lasting convenient, spacious housing solutions. Through these reforms, we will protect every child, empower every community, end corruption, and return power to the people - building honest, responsive, and an effective government that delivers dignity, justice, and prosperity for all.

13. Call to Action

We call on all South Africans to rise together in the fight for justice, truth, equality, and the protection of our children. This is not only a political vision - it is a moral responsibility that belongs to every citizen: to defend the vulnerable, to reject corruption, and to stand against abuse in every form. **Our nation cannot wait for change - we must create it.**

You have given all political parties a chance, and still South Africans are waiting for real transformation. **Truth is the new “revolutionary kid on the block”, a fresh voice that has already shown - through social media and through our actions that we operate without**

favour or fear of anyone - we bring brilliant, bold ideas to change everything for the betterment of our people.

By voting for Truth & Solidarity Movement, you are choosing leaders who will be accountable to the people, who will put children and families first, and who will build policies shaped by the needs of our communities - and guided by communities. Together, we can end the culture of impunity and replace it with a culture of integrity, accountability, and service.

Every voice matters, and every vote has the power to shape our children's future. Stand with us, speak out boldly – your vote is sacred - use your vote wisely to secure a South Africa that is fair, honest, and safe for all.

The time for change is now to change everything - let us build this future together...

CASE STUDIES TO SUPPORT OUR MANIFESTO

1. Protect Our Youth - End the Cycle of Addiction

- Fight Drugs & Corruption

Ragmat Ruiters, a grandmother of 11 - struggles to feed her grandchildren alone daily - while their mother drowns in drugs due to the effects of divorce and hardship. In addition, she bears the weight of loss after her son was killed in a robbery on his way home from work.



Across South Africa, drug abuse has surged in recent years - a crisis driven not by choice but by pain, trauma, and a lack of opportunity. This epidemic hits young people hardest. Where jobs and hope are scarce, many trade their futures for a fleeting escape - and entire communities suffer. In places like the Cape Flats, gang involvement and drug markets grow where unemployment leaves few alternatives.

This is not just a social issue - it is deeply connected to corruption at the highest levels. Recent scandals have revealed that some government officials and the elite are tied to the drug underworld, using their positions for personal enrichment while turning a blind eye to the suffering of communities. Their greed allows addiction and crime to thrive, and they fail the very people they were elected to serve. We know these are not abstract numbers - they are the lives of neighbours, parents, and grandparents. When opportunity is absent and grief is heavy, too many turn to drugs to drown their sorrows and many turn to crime in pursuance to feed their habit. Their desperation is our call to action. Truth & Solidarity Movement will act with urgency, compassion, and measurable plans summarized below:

- 1. Immediate expansion of community treatment and harm-reduction services:** Scaling community-based programs in collaboration with the Department of Health including private stakeholders - so people can begin recovery without stigma and with practical help to rebuild their lives.
- 2. Youth employment and skills pathways:** Targeted job programs, apprenticeships, and enterprise hubs in hard-hit communities to provide real alternatives to the drugs-and-gang economy.
- 3. Strengthen social protection for families:** Support grandparents and caregivers, expand food security programs, and provide safe school and after-school options.

4. **Improve access and equity in treatment:** Invest in treatment centres in disadvantaged areas and remove barriers - including cost, transport, and stigma.
5. **Trauma-informed prevention and mental-health services:** Provide trauma counselling in schools, clinics, and community centres; integrate substance-use screening and referral into health services.
6. **Community partnerships and accountability:** Work with community leaders, NGOs, faith groups, and police to drive local solutions, funded transparently and measured regularly. Local people must lead the response; government should enable and support them.
7. **A Moral and Practical Commitment:** We refuse to accept a future where children are robbed of hope while officials enrich themselves. Our policy is simple: give people a real chance - jobs, care, treatment, and a safety net - and we reduce addiction, crime, and heartbreak. **To the “Ragmat’s” of our nation: we see you, we will stand with you, and we will deliver concrete help so grandparents can feed their grandchildren – and, where young mothers have a path back from the streets.**

“Vote for a plan that treats addiction as a health and social emergency - not a moral failing - and that builds sustainable opportunity for every community. Together we can save our youth, restore dignity to families, and rebuild communities where hope, not heroin or corruption, defines the future.”



On September 14, 2025, involving Australian pilot Timothy James Clark. He died in a plane crash in Brazil while smuggling approximately 200 kg of cocaine, valued at nearly R920 million. Clark had been a regular at Stellenbosch airfield and had connections to the Cape Winelands area. Investigations revealed that his aircraft, a modified Sling 4, was registered in South Africa and had been used for multiple international drug flights.

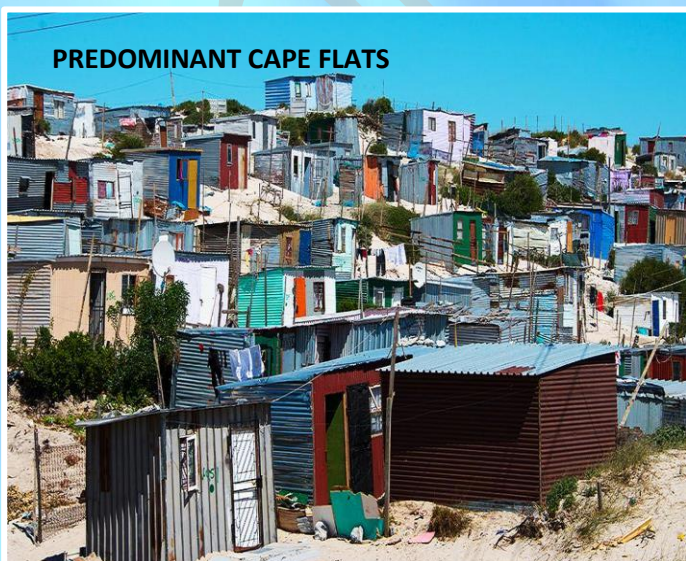
Cape Town on the Brink: Displacement, Gentrification, and Threats of Secession

Cape Town is changing - but not for its people. In the shadow of Woodstock, Salt River, and Observatory and some affluent in-land towns, working-class and impoverished families are being pushed out of neighborhoods they have called home for generations. Rising rates, skyrocketing rents, and luxury developments are forcing ordinary people to move farther away, into overcrowded and under-served areas of the Cape Flats. Families are losing more than homes - they are losing dignity, stability, and hope. This is modern day forceful removals echoing the injustices of Apartheid.

The city's policies, driven by profit over people, exacerbate inequality. Small, overcrowded tiny housing projects on the Cape Flats resemble concentration camps more than homes, offering no real opportunity for families to rebuild their lives. Meanwhile, elites benefit from the displacement, leaving ordinary South Africans to shoulder the cost of urban development.

Now, a new threat looms. Social media is flooded with talk of seceding Cape Town from South Africa - a move that would further isolate the city's working-class residents from resources, jobs, and social support. If implemented, this plan would plunge families already struggling with poverty into deeper hardship, making life in the city even more unaffordable and unattainable.

"Our communities are hurting, and their struggles are being overlooked. We will not accept a Cape Town that prioritises the wealthy while the majority are left behind. We are committed to advancing policies that safeguard families, expand access to affordable housing, and ensure that no South African is displaced from their home for profit. The future of Cape Town must be shared by all who live here - not reserved for a privileged minority."



Water is Life - Protect, Preserve, Provide

Water is the lifeblood of our communities, our farms, and our cities. Yet too many South Africans live with uncertainty - unreliable supply, polluted rivers, and infrastructure that fails those who need it most. Access to clean, safe water is not a privilege; it is a human right.



We pledge to ensure that every household, school, and clinic has consistent access to clean water. We will invest in sustainable water infrastructure, repair broken systems, and protect our rivers, dams, and aquifers from pollution and overuse.

No family should have to queue for water, and no child should fall sick from drinking unsafe water. By managing our water wisely, we secure not just health and livelihoods, but the very future of our nation. Water is life - and we will fight to make sure every South African can live it fully.

Areas Most Affected

1. Northern Cape

- **Key issues:** Arid climate, low rainfall, over-reliance on underground aquifers.
- **Impact:** Agriculture suffers; some rural communities struggle with reliable access to water.

2. North West Province

- **Key issues:** Droughts and poor infrastructure in rural communities.
- **Impact:** Farming communities, especially small-scale farmers, face crop failures. Some urban areas experience intermittent municipal supply.

3. Free State

- **Key issues:** Drought, irrigation challenges, and declining river flows.
- **Impact:** Agriculture-dependent towns and communities in the Vaal river basin struggle with water shortages.

4. Eastern Cape

- **Key issues:** Poor water infrastructure, contamination, and frequent droughts.
- **Impact:** Rural communities face limited access to clean water; towns like Mthatha and areas in OR Tambo District often have water delivery problems.

5. Western Cape

- **Key issues:** Urban water stress and periodic severe droughts (e.g., Cape Town's "Day Zero" crisis in 2018).
- **Impact:** Even urban areas face strict restrictions during droughts. Water scarcity disproportionately affects informal settlements and low-income neighborhoods.

6. Gauteng

- **Key issues:** Urban demand is high; infrastructure struggles to meet population growth.
- **Impact:** Johannesburg, Soweto, and surrounding towns experience occasional supply interruptions, with informal settlements hardest hit.

7. KwaZulu-Natal

- **Key issues:** Variable rainfall and flood-prone areas.
- **Impact:** Droughts affect the uMgungundlovu and uThukela districts; urban areas can face interruptions, and rural farming communities are heavily impacted.

General Observations:

- **Rural areas** are hardest hit due to infrastructure and maintenance gaps.
- **Informal settlements** are extremely vulnerable to shortages, contamination, and disease.
- **Climate change** is intensifying scarcity, with droughts becoming more frequent in the Western Cape, Northern Cape, and parts of North West and Free State.

1. Improve Water Infrastructure

- Repair leaking pipes and reduce water losses in municipal systems.
- Upgrade aging dams, treatment plants, and pumping systems.
- Invest in **stormwater capture** and **rainwater harvesting systems** for homes, schools, and farms.

2. Promote Water Conservation

- Encourage households, businesses, and farms to **use water efficiently** (low-flow taps, drip irrigation, water-saving appliances).
- Launch public education campaigns about the value of water and the need to reduce waste.
- Implement water pricing policies that incentivize conservation while protecting low-income households.

3. Diversify Water Sources

- Expand **desalination plants** in coastal areas.
- Use treated **wastewater for irrigation and industry**.

- Capture and store **rainwater** locally in urban and rural areas.

4. Protect Natural Water Systems

- Prevent pollution of rivers, wetlands, and aquifers.
- Restore wetlands and catchment areas to improve water retention.
- Enforce laws against illegal dumping and industrial pollution.

5. Strengthen Governance and Planning

- Ensure municipalities and water authorities **plan for population growth and climate change**.
- Reduce corruption and mismanagement in water supply projects.
- Introduce **early-warning systems** for droughts and water crises.

6. Community Engagement

- Encourage community-based **water monitoring and maintenance programs**.
- Support local water committees in rural areas to manage shared resources responsibly.
- Promote **urban greening projects** that reduce runoff and increase water absorption.

7. Agriculture & Industrial Efficiency

- Promote **drip irrigation and hydroponics** to use less water on farms.
- Encourage industries to **recycle water** and reduce consumption.



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- and the many unsung whistleblowers that were silenced for revealing the truth.

The Tembisa Hospital scandal and the assassination of Babita Deokaran are among South Africa's most significant cases of corruption and whistleblower retaliation. These events have underscored the urgent need for systemic reform in public procurement and the protection of those who expose wrongdoing.



We dedicate this manifesto to the courage and integrity of Babita Deokaran, a fearless guardian of truth who stood up against corruption despite great personal risk. Her bravery reminds us that justice is not given - it is defended by those willing to act, speak out, and protect the vulnerable.

We will never forget her courage, and we pledge to carry it forward in everything we do. Let Babita's example inspire every South African to stand boldly against wrongdoing, to demand transparency, and to build a nation where honesty, fairness, and accountability guide every decision.

Her sacrifice strengthens our resolve: together, we can create a South Africa that honors integrity, protects its children, and ensures that the voices of the brave are never silenced.