

ADDRESS BY MEC FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING MME
MAITE NKOANA MASHABANE ON THE OCCASION OF THE
OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF DONATED ITEMS PLEDGED BY
CAPRICORN FM TO 16 FAMILIES DURING THE 16 DAYS OF
ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN HELD AT NYAKU SPORTS GROUND 28
JANUARY 2009

Program Director

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune Namane Masemola

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Coleman Marota

Capricorn FM CEO Simphiwe Mdlalose

Councillors, Chiefwhip and the Speaker

Officials from our Government

Friends from the media

Comrades and friends

Ladies and Gentlemen

Kea le dumedisha

Last year, we descended to this place with a view to address some of the social ills that has been bedevilling the South African society for so long, "Abuse of women and children". We did so conscious of the fact that the ANC has mandated us to provide shelter and basic services to our people.

Since our assumption of political power in 1994 we have been able to build more than 2.6 million houses in the country and more than three hundred thousand houses in Limpopo. The house we have built can accommodate the people of Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana combined.

The ANC government did these things in its quest to create a better life for all and push back the frontiers of poverty. We have entered into a contract with you to fight poverty and underdevelopment so as we are able to build a caring society.

Program Director

We always specifically put the needs of our rural poor as a priority since we know the sufferings of our people. The ANC

government has adopted a pro poor policy when it was elected to power in 1994. For the past 15 years of struggle to create a better life for all together, we have made tremendous strides in providing our people with portable and drinkable tap water and electricity.

Statistics South Africa says we have delivered piped water to about 75% of the people in Limpopo and more than 80% of our villages are electrified. We are continuously providing decent sanitation to our people in line with the Millennium development Goals and the 2014 vision.

There are some notable things that we achieved in the past fifteen years :

1. We have the longest economic growth and expansion recorded in the South African history.
2. Unemployment has decreased from 31% to 23% from 2003 to 2007. However unemployment remains unacceptably high.

3. Unemployment insurance Fund has been expanded to include nearly a million domestic and farm workers. Access to social grants have been increased from 3million people in 2003 to 12.3million in 2008.
4. 18.7 million people have access to clean water, 10.9 million people have decent sanitation.
5. In health progress has been made expansion of primary health care.
6. In education access to our primary and secondary schooling has reached near universal enrolment. The mass literacy campaign is now covering more than 500 000 of our people who could read and write per annum.

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We were the first to acknowledge that in other fields of providing services to our people we had some challenges. We came back to you to say that “working together we can do more”.

As part of our mission to create a better life for all, we recommitted ourselves to creation of decent work and sustainable livelihoods, Education, Health Rural development including land reform and food production and security, and the fight against crime. The ANC government will continue to prioritise these things in the next five years. We will continue to provide our people with housing, water, sanitation, expand our social security net and ensure that we create and retain decent work.

Our progressive and democratic ideals of our government and that of the ANC are embodied in the Freedom Charter that was adopted in the Congress of the People in Kliptown 1955.

As a government of the people, based on the will of the people, we commit ourselves to continue working together with you to do more.

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We call upon those who have not yet registered to do so in these final days of voter registration. You have an obligation as citizens of this country to vote and vote the party of your choice. The

party brought freedom to the people of South Africa. Let's go
make our voice to be heard through the ballot by reaffirm the
better life for all.

I thank you.