

7. Access To Clean Water and Sanitation

Clean, safe drinking water is a basic right for every person in the country, yet many cities and towns go without water for extended periods. We also face severe challenges with deteriorating water infrastructure, and a decline in the quality of drinking water.

The ACDP will ensure that competent engineers, technicians and plumbers are employed by municipalities, and where necessary, will employ private sector expertise to repair leaks, replace faulty meters, and remove illegal water connections, so that a reliable water supply is supplied.

Underperforming national, provincial and local authorities, as well as water boards and water service authorities, will be held accountable for poor service delivery. We will also hold private companies criminally and civilly liable for pollution, such as acid drainage from mines, high levels of E.coli, and other water-polluting activities, and ensure that law enforcement agencies speedily eradicate the 'water-tanker mafia'.

8. Access To Healthcare

Your mental, physical and spiritual well-being, and the well-being of your loved ones, is of paramount importance to the ACDP. South Africa needs better healthcare structures and support systems, equipped to serve our people with integrity and expertise. We will advance the dignity and value of each person's well-being and health from conception to death, and will improve access to all forms of health and social care services, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

The quality of service at municipal clinics will be improved, with the elderly, children and babies being prioritised. Clinics will be well stocked, expertly staffed and service-oriented, and accessible transport for those requiring regular treatment will be facilitated. We will also negotiate the licensing of Ambulance Services so that clinics have an Ambulance service available at hotspot sites.

Additionally, we will support community initiatives that aim to prevent teenage pregnancy and provide assistance for young mothers-to-be, ensuring that pregnant women are fully informed regarding the child they are carrying, the risks of abortion, and the options available to them.

We will also expand alcohol, drug and anti-smoking treatment programmes that have been proven to be successful.

9. Art, Sport and Recreation

The creative sector and various sporting codes are all viable job-creating industries worth promoting. The ACDP will encourage municipalities to promote sports tourism, and to support the creative, sports and digital-content industries to develop their potential as viable, profitable career choices. They should also

host civic events, organise local festivals, sports leagues, and art and craft markets that celebrate and promote local talent.

Financial aid or grants-in-aid to creative groups, sports federations, and recreational organisations that are registered and financially compliant, should be increased in order to subsidise operations and equipment. Facilities such as public libraries, sports fields, community halls, theatres, art galleries and art studios should be built, upgraded and maintained.

10. Community Safety

The primary role of government is to protect its citizens. The ACDP is committed to ensuring that our communities are safe and secure.

To this end, law enforcement will be strengthened by increasing the operational budget of the SAPS and Metropolitan Police Departments to enable effective and ethical policing. Police visibility will be increased, and more roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, and random drug and alcohol tests will be conducted on drivers.

We will actively assist communities in their struggle against criminal syndicates, gangsterism, and drug and alcohol abuse by successfully arresting and prosecuting criminals, gangsters, and drug dealers, and by increasing the number of sniffer dogs, and shutting down 'drug dens' and illegal shebeens. Communities will have more say in the granting of liquor licences in their area by licencing authorities, and we will introduce heavier penalties for those who supply alcohol to illegal liquor outlets.

The ACDP will ensure that our communities, economic hubs, parks, libraries, playgrounds and other public facilities are kept safe, accessible and well-maintained, and will support and strengthen community structures such as police forums, neighbourhood watches, trauma services and safe havens for victims of violence. We will also encourage, equip and train citizens to fully participate in the monitoring of crime in their communities.

REAL CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU AND ME

We all want a service-driven local government that is accountable and works, and we want to live in communities that are safe and well-maintained—communities that can attract investment, flourish and grow.

At the ballot box on 4 November 2026, elect to your Metro or municipality capable, trustworthy men and women who not only share your values, but will serve you and your community with integrity, excellence, and with care.

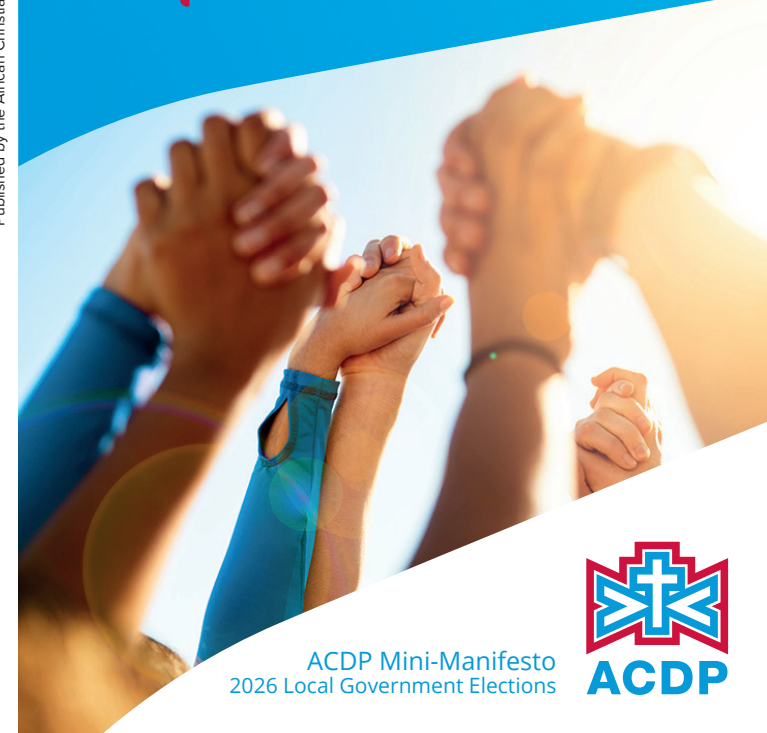
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ACDP Mini-Manifesto
2026 Local Government Elections



An Opportunity For Genuine Change

There can be no doubt that far too many of our municipalities are failing in their duty to protect, maintain and build our communities. They are crumbling under chronic service delivery failures, rampant financial mismanagement, increasingly wasteful and irregular expenditure, and are being run by elected councillors who seem to treat their councils like personal feeding troughs.

OUR SOLUTIONS

1. Effective Municipal Service Delivery

A dynamic, well-run local government starts with dedicated, responsible, and competent public servants, where respect, justice and service drives policy and action. The African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) will install principled, accountable, and skilled fit-for-purpose municipal managers, heads of departments and staff, solely on merit.

To help improve service delivery, quicker decision-making and cost reduction, we will flatten organisational structures and reduce excessive management layers. Municipal structures and systems will be optimised to best serve our districts, municipalities and Metros, and billing systems will be improved to make the collection of municipal rates and services just and fair. We will also support needy households and qualifying disabled persons with improved free basic services.

The ACDP will ensure that municipal budgets prioritise the maintenance and upgrading of water, sewerage, road, and electricity infrastructure. Municipal Public Accounts Committees must offer corrective measures for adverse audit findings by the Auditor-General, and we will hold accounting officers and officials accountable, even in their personal capacities where necessary. Additionally, stronger protection will be afforded to municipal audit and forensic officials, and whistleblowers who are at risk.

2. A Reliable And Affordable Energy Supply

South Africa has been blessed with an abundance of coal, much of which we export. The ACDP will capitalise on this advantage and use coal as a base load for electricity generation by using clean coal technology.

The ACDP will lobby NERSA for reasonable electricity price hikes that do not unfairly burden households and businesses, and ensure that municipalities use approved benchmarks for their tariff increases. The price of electricity will also be reduced by introducing competition into the energy market and by encouraging more renewable energy companies to set up power plants.

To this end, the ACDP will grant greater private access to the national grid for renewable energy companies. We will build new transmission infrastructure, and ensure that municipalities replace

ageing municipal networks, cut illegal connections, and properly maintain our municipal power systems.

Municipalities with a good financial standing will be encouraged to generate and purchase power from renewable energy companies. Similarly, we will urge mines, farms, factories and other commercial enterprises to invest in their own energy-generating plants as this will help contribute to local economic development and job creation.

Waste management will be improved by building more waste-to-energy plants using autoclave technology. We will also promote greater use of electrical vehicles, particularly municipal buses which will include depot charging and en-route 'opportunity charging' at key terminals.

3. Boosting Local Business And Economic Growth

Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises are the lifeblood of our economy, and the engines of economic growth and security. They allow for honest and rewarding employment and encourage entrepreneurs to create job opportunities for others.

By promoting local economic development and empowering small businesses, we will address poverty alleviation and job creation, and ultimately improve the lives of our people, our communities and business potential.

The ACDP will enhance competitiveness and reduce red tape to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, build public-private partnerships, and collaborate with funders to establish funding schemes for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Bylaws will also be reviewed to reduce barriers for small business development.

Businesses will be encouraged to roll out paid internships, and we will provide fair financial assistance, education and other support to deserving small businesses, enabling them to compete and thrive in the mainstream economy.

4. Roads, Transport And Infrastructure

Economic growth is enabled through infrastructure development. To achieve renewed state capacity, we need effective, expanded transport and infrastructure systems that are run and maintained by skilled, credible, and accountable professionals.

The ACDP will maintain and expand efficient, safe, affordable and reliable public transport such as the integrated public networks, including the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems that connect bus, rail and minibus taxis.

We will work with the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) to speedily complete Metrorail's recovery and modernisation programme, which includes the restoration of existing non-functioning

rail corridors and dealing with persistent challenges such as cable theft, vandalism, illegal occupation of rail tracks, and corruption. We will ensure that Metros and municipalities properly maintain roads, and expeditiously repair potholes, faulty traffic lights and street lights. The maintenance of rural access roads and gravel roads (distinct from provincial transport roads) will also be improved.

5. Access To Housing

Our Constitution guarantees everyone the right to access adequate housing. Municipalities should be more involved in the provision of housing, either through low-cost housing, or affordable Social Housing.

We will implement developmental plans to deal effectively with migratory realities. The proclamation of townships will be fast-tracked and this, in turn, will advance the awarding of title deeds to qualifying residents of municipal-owned housing units.

State land that is not being fully utilised will be allocated for the residential and agricultural needs of communities. We will also complete a municipal land audit in order to release suitable land for serviced stands to encourage public participation in housing and stimulate economic activity.

The development of affordable and inclusionary housing will be promoted through the provision of community-owned self-help schemes to eradicate the housing backlog. The ACDP will also partner with national and provincial departments, and the private sector, to provide dignified retirement villages for qualifying persons in line with applicable legislation.

We will replace communal toilets and the bucket system with bulk water and sanitation infrastructure, and ensure that infrastructure, such as sewage treatment plants and land-fill sites, keep pace with housing developments to prevent pollution, unhygienic living conditions and environmental pollution.

6. Rural, Agricultural and Environmental Development

The ACDP believes in the good stewardship of our resources and will provide an accelerated and just land reform and development programme. Rural development will be advanced by prioritising agriculture and food security, and we will assist small and emerging farmers to become commercially viable by improving access to finance and markets.

The relocation of industries to rural areas will be incentivised, and small business development encouraged. We will also promote alternative energy and rainwater harvesting initiatives in rural communities, and fast-track basic services to them. Private rainwater harvesting initiatives will remain free of bureaucratic control and all fees.

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