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Noluthando Skaka - FW: Infrastructure bill input Nov 13.doc

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Dear Noluthando

With the passing of Madiba and the special sitting at Parliament Today, I accept that other work will Be on a secondary note this week.

However please find below a summary from one group as promised.

The others will do so hopefully soon, as they are heavily involved in the meetings and such around The current events.

Thanking you

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Dear Nanandi,

On behalf of Mbizana Development Forum, they thank you for opening the door for our input to the said Bill.

During this time in rural areas there is an intense building of unlicensed circumcision schools and the Chiefs are accountable for every death in these school it's a challenge to convene proper meetings nevertheless the secretariat has been mandated to send a draft to you pending a full meeting early January 2014.

Our former Transkei area especially in the AmaMpondo districts i.e. Mbizana, Flagstaff, Lusikisiki, Port St Johns, Mt Ayliff, Ntabankulu, Mt Frere, Matatiella and Mt Fletcher, suffered a complete economic exclusion during the Matanzima regime and it continues to the current ANC government, we have seen so little from the current Municipalities - since 1999 - as they are poor financially and absolutely zero service delivery.

Our strategic imperatives are :

1. Build and refurbish hospitals, other public health facilities, clinics and revamp our nursing colleges. Extensive capital expenditure to prepare the public health care system to meet further requirements of the National Health Insurance (NHI).

2. A national school building programme driven by uniformity in planning, procurement, contract management & provision of basic services.
3. Replace inappropriate school structures and address basic service backlog & provision of basic services under the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI). In addition address backlogs in classrooms, libraries, computer labs and admin buildings.
4. Improving the learning environment will go a long way in improving outcomes especially in the rural schools as well as reduce overcrowding.
5. Infrastructure development for higher education focusing on lecture rooms, student accommodation, libraries and laboratories as well as ICT connectivity.
6. Development of university towns with combination of facilities from residence, retail and recreation & transport. Potential to ensure shared infrastructure such as libraries by universities, FETs & other educational institutions.
7. Provide for 100% broadband coverage to all households by establishing core POP's and fibre connectivity at local level, and further penetrate the network into deep rural areas.
8. The government to invest in ICT infrastructure for rural access as well as for e-government, school and health connectivity.
9. The school rollout focus initially on the science and math focussed schools and Part of digital access includes TV migration from analogue to digital broadcasting.
10. Use the Post Office network to establish a Postbank with outreach in rural areas
11. Youth inclusion:
 - a. As trainees and apprentices, with an indicative ratio of trainees to qualified artisans and engineers
 - b. As employees in the SOEs and private contractors, with clear targets for each contract
12. Promote rural development through a new dam at Umzimvubu with irrigation systems and the N2- Wild coast Highway which improves access into KZN and national supply chains;
13. Establish a 500 hectares sugar plantation and beet for bio-fuel production and plant that will employ eight thousand people.
14. Revitalise the Provincial, district and build rural access roads.
15. Build community business centres for communication and as service provider nodes.
16. To address all the maintenance backlogs and upgrades required in water, electricity and sanitation bulk infrastructure. The road maintenance programme will enhance the service delivery capacity thereby impact positively on the population.
17. Water resources for rural areas will never happen in 100 years , we need to rehabilitate the spring water resources by fencing and cementing in all districts.
18. Improve investment in agricultural and rural infrastructure that supports expansion of production and employment, small-scale farming and rural development, including facilities for storage (silos, fresh-produce facilities, packing houses); transport links to main networks (rural roads, branch train-line, ports), fencing of farms, irrigation schemes to poor areas, improved R&D on rural issues (including expansion of agricultural colleges), processing facilities (abattoirs, dairy infrastructure), aquaculture incubation schemes and rural tourism infrastructure.
19. We want a powerful scheme for food security and animal husbandry to be mentored by the White Farmers for sustainability, because if our stomachs are full we do not care what the economy does in the public space.
20. Quarry and sand mining opportunities are everywhere and there is a boom in rural building homes but funding for mining is terrible poor and un-assessable.
21. SASSA uses card system to pay grants and has opened a Pandora box because the Pakistanis businesses cash in 64 million Rand monthly in Mbizana and other towns, all that money is never banked or spent in our towns but we see an aeroplane arriving and taking the money away may be to Bangladesh.
22. Please invest a Billion Rand in Tourism between Mbizana and Coffee Bay with huge employment spin offs and economic multipliers.
23. Support sustainable green energy initiatives in Pondoland through a diverse range of clean energy options and to support biofuel production facilities.

Yours in Service delivery

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