

### **KZN Social Development: The ANC's playing ground.**

In a draft report of the finance portfolio committee, the department of Social Development has revealed some startling details, some of which demonstrate how this ANC led government is using the public purse to benefit only those areas under their control. As the National Freedom Party we are deeply concerned by this as a government is supposed to deliver to ALL not just SOME.

We see clear evidence of this in the allocation of funds to Non Profit Organisations (NPO's).

For example,

- In Umzinyathi District Municipality which is led by the ANC, a total amount of R3.5 million has been allocated to seven NPO's;
- This is in stark contrast with the mere 2 NPO's which have been allocated funds in the Zululand District Municipality which is led by the NFP;
- Furthermore, in only 1 NPO has been allocated funds in UThungulu District Municipality and that NPO is situated in Nkandla local municipality, President Jacob Zuma's home town.

With respect to the low spending on Zululand Municipality, we do not find this surprising as it is clear the ANC has started with its 2016 election campaign and their goal is to discredit the leadership of the NFP in this district. This is unfortunate because those who will suffer the most for these actions are the poor and disadvantaged.

Curiously, the department of Social Development intends to withhold an amount of R36, 2 million to eThekweni Metro in respect of funding libraries. In the past, the NFP has questioned exactly whose responsibility is the building, maintenance and operating of libraries? Is it the department of Basic Education? Is it Arts and Culture? Or is it Social Development? There appears to be no answers to this.

During an oversight visit of the Arts and Culture portfolio committee last year, department officials conceded that they have had to use a bulk of their funds to build libraries because the department of education has failed to do so. What adds to this confusion is that during the mid-term budget reports, the department of education projected to under-spend on infrastructure by R500 million. So clearly, it does not intend to build libraries for communities. Once again, it is the poor and under resourced people of this province who will suffer because of this.

As the NFP we will do everything in our power to make sure that this government prioritises all the people of this province and not just those who voted them into power. We will use every opportunity, both inside and outside the legislature, to champion the cause of the poor and to make sure that public funds are not manipulated by the governing party to serve their own interests.

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