



Scottish Committee
Anti-Apartheid Movement



An urgent appeal to Scotland

for the

African National Congress



Photo: David Pratt

“We have every hope for the future. But we need your continuing commitment in order for it to become a reality”

Nelson Mandela in Glasgow, 9th October, 1993

**HELP ENSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S
FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IS
FOUGHT ON LEVEL GROUND**

**SUPPORT POSITIVE, PRACTICAL ACTION
TO BUILD A FUTURE WITHOUT
APARTHEID**

After discussion with the ANC it has been agreed to appeal for the following needs. Since the AAM in Scotland has been twinned with the ANC in Transkei, we have a particular interest in projects there.

1. Level the Playing Field

Funds for Voter Education and the Election Campaign.

White South Africans have had the vote throughout their adult lives. For the new black electorate, elections are an unfamiliar experience. Those representing minority vested interests have massive resources of equipment, personnel and expertise. The ANC's election campaign and programme of voter education have had to start from scratch, and its biggest support is among the impoverished majority who cannot fund the level of campaign necessary to make the election genuinely fair. Our first commitment is to raise the money for a portable public address system and 12 bicycles for election workers in Transkei, but the need is for very much more than that.

2. Adult Literacy

The Zamani Adult Literacy Project in Transkei has 20 trained part-time "animators", recruited from local rural communities, who help students learn basic numeracy and literacy skills leading on to self-help economic projects. Students are mostly women, since the men are away for most of the year under South Africa's migrant labour system.

3. Lusikisiki Clinic

This is a project of the local Civic Association to build, equip and staff a health centre in a rural area of Transkei where visits from a mobile clinic have proved the urgent need for a permanent service. Tuberculosis and malnutrition are rife, as are the other health problems that go with poverty. Aberdeen Anti-Apartheid Group has been raising funds for this project for some time.

4. Women's Centre in Umtata, Transkei

The ANC Women's League has a programme for establishing a multi-purpose Women's Centre in each region of South Africa to help "to equip women with life-skills to enable them to occupy their rightful place as equals at every level of society in a new democratic order". These Centres provide very practical

services of education, training, legal advice and counselling, encourage debate, discussion and publications, provide library and basic research facilities, and generally try to make a start on the daunting task of ensuring "that women, especially rural women, are brought into the mainstream of political, economic and social activities."

5. School Links

Strathclyde Regional Council has held discussions with the ANC about establishing links between schools in Scotland and in Transkei, and there is interest in other Scottish Regions. The first step has been the development of teaching materials for Scottish schools about life in South Africa, and the intention is to move on to more direct contact, for the mutual benefit of children in both countries. Twinning of schools and of other educational establishments is one possibility.

6. Community Arts Centres

A network of these centres has been established throughout South Africa to allow and encourage the deprived majority to explore their creativity through all art forms. Some of black South Africa's best-known artists have emerged from these Centres, and would never have had the opportunity to develop their talents without these very basic facilities.

7. Sports Equipment

The ANC has a programme for developing sports facilities of all kinds in black communities where even small amounts of money to buy footballs, for example, are hard to raise. They have appealed for help from friends abroad.

8. Solidarity Work in Scotland

The Anti-Apartheid Movement also urgently needs funds to continue its campaigning and solidarity work here. We need to continue to alert the people of Scotland to events in South Africa, to be ready to react to threats to the democratic process there, and to build links between Scotland and the new South Africa. Completing the purchase of our small office in Glasgow would provide a base for this work well into the future.

"The task before us is immense" *Nelson Mandela in Glasgow, 9th October 1993*

All the projects outlined in this leaflet are important and in need of funds, and the general proceeds of the Appeal will be divided among them and similar projects by the Anti-Apartheid Movement as seems most appropriate.

Some projects will be of special concern to particular interest groups, however, (eg women's organisations, health or education-related groups, sports organisations) and we will gladly supply more information on any particular areas of work and accept funds earmarked for these.

Cheques should be made out to "ANC Appeal Fund," and sent to the Anti-Apartheid Movement Scottish Committee, 52 St Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4AA with the reply slip below. Bank Standing Orders would be particularly welcome - Please send the form below to us and not direct to your bank.

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Address

Organisation
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Date

I enclose a donation of £..... I require a receipt

I would like to be kept in touch with AAM events

I would like to organise a fund-raising event for the appeal

I would like to contribute by banker's order, and have completed the bank mandate below

I would like more information on project number overleaf

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To the Manager
(Your bank address)

Please pay to the account of "ANC Appeal Fund", Bank of Scotland, 56 Main Street, Uddingston, Glasgow G71 7LS (Sort Code: 80-09-93; Account No. 00780519) the sum of £..... (amount in words) now and on the first day of each month until cancelled by me in writing.

Signed Name

Account No. Address

Date

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