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African National Congress
Political Education and Training Unit
Report to NZA Board
Project 2012

Introduction:

The ANC is presently engaged in the challenging task of fighting a Local Government Election Campaign. This election campaign focuses essentially on the delivery expectations of the electorate. Notwithstanding the magnitude of this election campaign the ANC is continuing work albeit at a lower intensity with regards to other areas of its programme.

The Political Education and Training Unit has played an integral role in preparing election structure of the organisation at all levels to ensure that the necessary capacity exists.

This report covers activities of the Unit from mid October to mid November 2000.

A: Grassroots Training

This training was a continuation of the training undertaken as outlined in the previous NZA 2012 report. The unit wishes to apologise for having omitted information in the previous report with regard to attendance and materials distributed.

The number of participants trained exceeded the proposed numbers. This was due to the fact that during election periods more interest is stimulated amongst our membership and attendance increases. As outlined in our explanatory notes on the budget in our revised project proposal the ANC bore the excess expenditure.

Total Trained: \pm 11000

Materials Distributed:

- Tasks of the NDR and the Mobilisation of the Motive Forces
- ANC People's Movement and Agent for Change (simplified)
- Branch Manual 2000/2001
- Handouts
 - Role and function of Chairperson
 - Role and function of Secretary
 - Role of and function of Treasurer
 - Role and function of Political Education Officer

B1: Provincial Political Schools Part II

During this period the unit conducted part II of its provincial political school programme for its 60 targeted participants per province. This programme concentrated on the South African Political Economy.

- Different economic models – theory and practice
- Globalisation and its impact on the South African Economy
- Historical Development of the South African Economy
- Role of the Apartheid State
- The current conjuncture in the transformation process
- Meeting basic needs – understanding service delivery needs
- Policy making process
- Transformation of the State and its Institutions

B2: Provincial Political School for Councillors and RECs

The unit also conducted one day political schools for ANC councillors and REC members at a provincial level during the 2nd and 3rd weekend of October 2000.

These schools concentrated on issues of community and local economic development.

The issues dealt with in these schools included amongst others

- The current conjuncture in the transformation process
- Meeting basic needs – understanding service delivery needs
- Challenges of local economic development
- Community consultation
- Access to resources

The objective of these schools was to ensure that ANC leadership at this level could interact in a meaningful way with both the community to ensure that the ANC could advance its vision of “a better life for all” through the Reconstruction and Development Programme.