

2. PUTTING A STOP TO CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Everyone should have the right to live in peace. And yet, today, how many of us live in fear of crime and violence?

There are many reasons why South Africa has such a high rate of crime and violence. Nearly half our workforce is unemployed. For years security forces have been used to divide and repress communities, not to protect them.

There are no simple solutions. But the ANC has a plan to turn the tide of violence and put peace and security back into our lives.

Here's what we will do.

- We will immediately introduce a programme for police and communities to work together, so that criminal activity can be stamped out at the root.
- We will reform the security forces to better reflect the communities they serve and retrain them to understand the needs of those communities, so that the distrust that now exists is removed.
- We will make our courts more effective, impartial and representative. After all, if we want people to respect the law, they must have confidence in those who administer the law.
- We will introduce strict gun control laws to disarm criminals and limit the number of guns in private hands.
- Finally: jobs and more jobs. As long as half of our workforce is unemployed, there's no hope to ending crime and violence. Rebuilding our communities is the key to building peace.

We know this plan won't stop all crime and violence overnight. But it's a real beginning. Together, we can build a better life for all South Africans.



A better life for all. Working together for jobs, peace and freedom.