

The Zimbabwe Social Justice Manifesto



A CALL BY COMMUNITIES ON THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN SHAPING A SOCIAL JUSTICE AGENDA FOR ZIMBABWE

This **Social Justice Manifesto**, launched in July 2018, is an amplification of the voices of a cross section of the Zimbabwean citizenry - of the people living in poverty and those suffering a multiplicity of social injustices, societal inequalities and gender disparities. In concert with communities, civil society organisations and social movements, this manifesto is an extraction of the social justice issues that citizens are expecting and demanding from the political parties, as the nation goes to the polls.

The citizens of Zimbabwe want a government that guarantees:

Government and Public institutions	Women’s Rights and Inequality	Public Services	Land, Food Security, Building Community Resilience	Youth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servant leadership, separation of the different arms of the state – Executive, Judiciary, Legislature and the media • Upholding the constitution and the rule of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social protection to people living in poverty or excluded populations (people living with disabilities, the elderly, orphans and vulnerable children). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of women’s empowerment that enables their participation in decision-making processes. • Respect for sexual autonomy and bodily integrity and sexual autonomy • Women’s access to, control over, ownership and fair distribution of resources. • Safe public spaces for women and sexual minorities that facilitate their meaningful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, publicly delivered gender responsive public services (Health, Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Social Protection and Public Safety). • Domestic Resource mobilisation through progressive taxation to fund public services i.e. Corporate Tax, progressive trade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women enhanced access, control and ownership over productive land and other natural resources for sustainable development. • Improved access to finance for smallholder farmers (A1, Communal), especially to women farmers • Social safety nets for households living in poverty deemed unable to meet the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable, Accessible, Available, Adaptable and Safe education for all children and young people • Participation and Integration of young people’s perspectives

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent and democratic public institutions that are transparent, accountable, corruption free and Non-partisan provision of goods and services • Practices and principles of participation and inclusivity of its citizens in public policy and legislative formulation. • Devolution of Power for decentralization of goods and services • Citizens, freedom of expression, association and sexual orientation 	<p>participation in the development agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible, affordable, available, adaptable and safe health services for women and sexual minorities • Quality, safe, reliable and accessible public transport where women and girls travel without experiencing violence. • Street lights for the safety of women and girls who travel at night • Recognition, reduction, and redistribution of women's disproportionate responsibility for unpaid care work - within households, society, employers and states. • Prevention and protection of women from violence in public and private spaces. 	<p>Agreements and Individual tax.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible, Acceptable, Available, Adaptable and safe public services. • Gender responsive, non-discriminatory and sexism free public institutions including discrimination on any grounds including Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity • Gender responsive budgets that adhere to international and regional statutes on share, size, scrutiny and sensitivity. 	<p>basic minimum food and nutrition standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure land rights to small holder farmers irrespective of race, political affiliation, or gender • Prioritisation of support services to smallholder farmers for climate resilient sustainable agriculture. • Establishment and strengthening early warning systems sensitive to small holder farmers in the face of climate change. • Effective women and youth led community-based humanitarian response systems to manage natural and Human induced hazards/ disasters. • Beneficiation by local communities on natural resources in their communities 	<p>and alternatives in the development agenda of the country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth-led accountability on selected Sustainable Development Goals (2,5,8,13,15 and 16) • Youth employment opportunities and secure decent work
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The above are the fundamental issues afflicting communities and most Zimbabwean citizens. Addressing these will thus be a great leap forward in the socio-economic development of the nation. The July 30, 2018 Zimbabwe harmonised election must set the stage for deeper engagements beyond the election, in the search for social justice in Zimbabwe as articulated in this Manifesto. The demographic dividends of youth and women, cardinal in the development of the country, are the centre of the manifesto. This Social Justice Manifesto, must be read together with other documents articulating the aspirations of the people of Zimbabwe, which include the Citizens Manifesto of 2017, The Zimbabwe People's Charter of 2005 and The National People's Convention Declaration of 2017. The foundation of this Social Justice Manifesto is a society built on values which include respect for one another, promoting a culture of respect for fundamental rights, transparency and accountability. Political players must go beyond their campaign rhetoric and deliver their election manifestos (when elected) in tandem with the Social Justice Manifesto. Without considering the Social Justice Manifesto, any roadmap will be compromised in delivering the '**Zimbabwe We Want**'.

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