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SUBJECT: AZAPO ON NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS 2023

AZAPO congratulates the National Senior Certificate class of 2023 for good improvement in grade 12 performance.

We take this moment to extend our gratitude to all the candidates who sat for the final year examination and while we are happy for those who achieved well, we also want to reiterate to those who did not do well - that failure is neither the end of the world nor definition of who they are.

AZAPO is once more appealing to the government to provide all the necessary support to all those who will be seeking to improve their results through supplementary and re-write examination opportunities, to ensure that we pull each other through.

We find it encouraging that there has been improvement in the overall pass percentage, particularly coming from township and village communities where many learners face discouraging challenges, in their journey to achieve quality education.

While the percentage pass of those with university entrance is below 50%, of the total of those who wrote; we are encouraged by great performance from some of the learners in very poor communities who did not travel in search of the so called good schools.

Those who obtained good results will be starting a new battle for space and funding in higher education and it is unfortunate that the universities will be making it difficult for many to access higher education through their selective point system.

AZAPO urges the Department of Higher Education to make vocational training colleges more attractive to learning, so that all the learners who reach grade 12 are able to access higher education.

We also want to put up a word of encouragement to all the schools, that did their best to ensure good performance and we are hopeful that with more discipline and support from government and communities, we can resuscitate our ailing education system.

AZAPO laments the almost 40% drop out, this is a deeply concerning state of affairs. The government must do all in her power to ensure smooth progression and guide all learners to succeed in their quest to achieve education.

When systems are not seamlessly functional, cracks are bound to develop and they create potential for downfalls. It is such systems that enable cracks for school dropout numbers to grow with every year.

AZAPO remains hopeful that after these countless hurdles, in the future the country will achieve a right direction with basic education.

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