



AZAPO
AZANIAN PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION

TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES, EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: AZAPO SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY & INFORMATION

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: AZAPO STATEMENT ON THE NHI BILL SIGNING

AZAPO's view on the National Health Insurance (NHI) is that it is a welcome development to an efficient and good health care system that caters for all.

This view is linked to cognizance of, especially those in the lower rung of society, who may not afford high medical costs.

Medical costs are pushed high by greedy pharmaceutical companies and those driven by a desire to make profit.

The history of the ANC government's ineptitude and callous attitude towards the welfare of Black people, makes **AZAPO** sceptical of the ability of the ruling party to make a success of the NHI programme.

With endless successful service delivery failures, it is difficult to believe the government and to entrust it with the billions of rand required to ensure effective implementation of the NHI project.

A number of state projects collapsed under their watch, and they have not demonstrated any aorta of renewal and cleansing to assure the public of their 'new broom' claims and stance.

Rwanda has demonstrated how to render private schooling redundant, by raising the standard of public schooling - to the point where parents did not see any point in sending their children to private schools.

This was as a result of the sterling work by public schools who perform much better than private schools, also with less direct financial input, compared to private schools.

Politicians and government officials do not use public hospital services and that is an indication of

the current state of our public health care facilities.

Through the abolition of provincial government and legislative leg in the nine (9) provinces, **AZAPO** will unlock billions of rand that can be efficiently channeled towards critical needs like NHI.

An **AZAPO** government will also ensure efficient tax collection from the rich, to fund a programme like NHI.

Only an **AZAPO** government would be better suited to implement an effective and well managed NHI approach, because of her intimate care and love for Black people and their positive development.

END

Issued by **AZAPO** Department of Publicity and Information (DPI).

Name: Jabu Rakwena

Email: jaburakwena@gmail.com

Enquiries:

Jabu Rakwena 060 677 4257 or Nosipiwo Manona 065 899 4566

Office: **Publicity and Information**

*Unit 04 – Ground Floor,
396 Cork Avenue, Ferndale, Johannesburg 2194
P.O. Box 4230, JOHANNESBURG 2000.*