

South Africa's Reconstruction and Development Programme: "A Better Life for All"

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ABSTRACT The Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) and the Macro-economic Strategy (GEAR) are the most comprehensive and detailed plan of action ever to be written in respect of government policy in South Africa. It forms the basis of the political, social and economic transformation of the South African community and is offered as "an integrated, coherent socio-economic policy framework" to be developed into "an effective programme of government". Its first priority is "to attack poverty and deprivation". The purpose of this paper is to draw attention to certain critical aspects to be considered in the implementation of the RDP. This will assure early and long-term success in policy making and execution of the programme.