



Makhulu, we can't just complain about this pothole. There must be something we can do?

Eish, child. Come, let me show you.



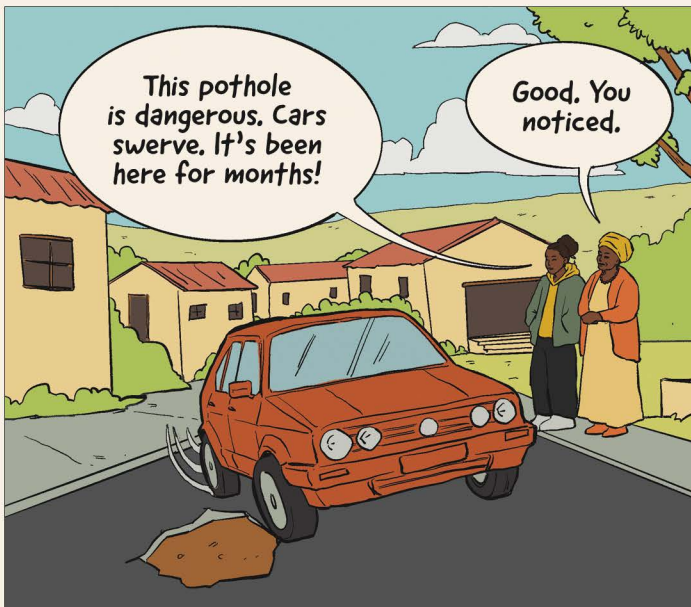
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A Playbook on how to become an Active Citizen to Build Stronger Communities.



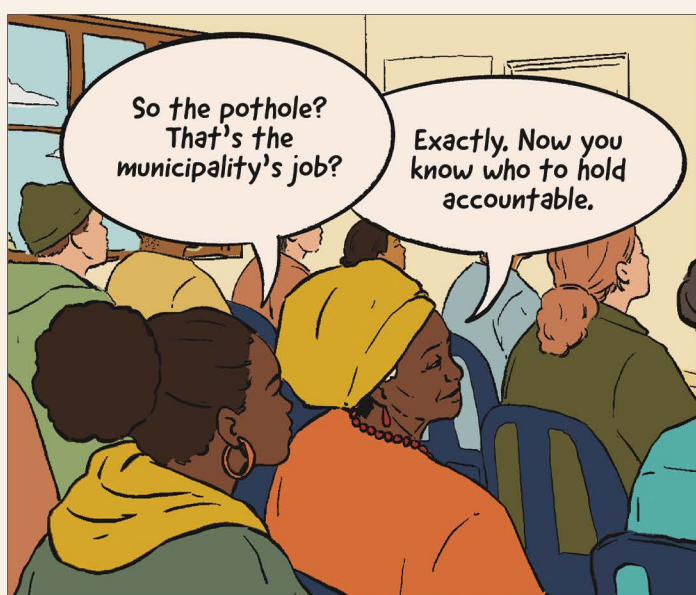
This playbook shows you how to speak up, get involved, and make things better in your ward and beyond. Active citizenship starts with you, right where you are.



THE FORMULA: NOTICE → UNDERSTAND → REPORT → ORGANIZE → FOLLOW UP

This cycle works for any issue – water, waste, roads, electricity, housing, safety. One person complaining gets ignored.

Multiple voices create change.



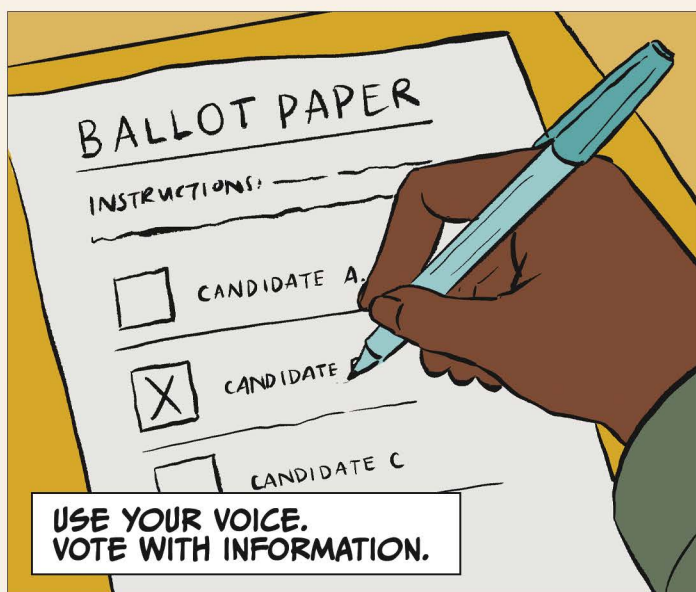
Before Election Day: Get Ready

Check your registration. Know where you'll vote. Learn about local government. Find out who's running. Follow credible news. Choose one issue you care about. Ready citizens build strong communities.



Active Citizenship is More Than Voting

Raise issues that matter to you. Ask candidates tough questions. Encourage young people to participate. Make sure people vote. But remember: November 4 is one day. Active citizenship is everyday work.



Voting Day & Making an Informed Choice

Come with information. Know who you're voting for and why. Cast your vote. Your vote counts. But remember: this is one moment in a longer journey. The real work begins after November 4.



After Election Day: Stay Involved

Attend council meetings. Monitor what elected officials are doing. Document progress. Keep following up. Don't stop. Hold them accountable. The elections are over, but your work continues.



TOOLS YOU NEED:

- ☐ My community issue map
- ☐ List of questions to ask candidates
- ☐ Meeting notes and follow-up notes

Key Contacts

Ward councillor: _____

Ward committee meeting: _____

Municipality office: _____

REMEMBER:

- Multiple voices create change.
- Voting is one moment. Active citizenship is everyday work.
- You don't need permission. You need neighbours.
- Start where you are. Notice. Understand. Report. Organize. Follow up.



FIND OUT MORE:

Voter information:
www.elections.org.za

Am I registered to vote?
**SMS your ID number to
32810**

Find your ward:
**SMS your ID number to
32245**

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