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As the African National Congress (ANC) goes to its policy conference today a lot of attention will be focused on the extent to which living standards in South Africa have changed under ANC governance.

Research conducted at the IRR shows that life in South Africa is very much better than it was in 1994. Journalists are encouraged to consult [this report](#) published by the IRR on News24 yesterday for a brief overview of socio-economic trends that have changed for the better over the past twenty years.

IRR COO Gwen Ngwenya, however, says that, “despite the progress made analysts should keep in mind that the governing party has failed to create an environment where people move from state dependency to self-sufficiency with a [recent press release by the IRR](#) revealing that people on social grants now outnumber those with jobs”.

Journalists are also referred to [this analysis](#) of current ANC policy thinking – based on an IRR assessment of the nine policy documents released by the party ahead of the conference that started today.

IRR staffers will be available through the weekend to assist journalists with comment and socio-economic data relevant to the conference.

Mienke Steytler may be contacted and will direct queries to the relevant IRR analysts.

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