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Highlights of the progress the government of the Eastern Cape has made in fulfilling the mandate given to it by the people, and steps being taken to move forward.



# JOB CREATION TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY

Despite the challenging economic environment, through the efforts of Special Economic Zones, about 18 553 jobs in construction, manufacturing, zone operations, agriculture and agro-processing, were created over the last four years. Through the Expanded Public Works Programme, over 508 000 job opportunities,

against a target of 386 587 were created

Over 1 940 Small Micro and Medium Enterprises and co-operatives benefitted from financing and support programmes through the Eastern Cape Development Corporation.





## CONNECTING THE EASTERN CAPE TO THE WORLD

With the support of the South African National Roads Agency, there are a number of active projects across the Province budgeted at close to R7-billion, while the project pipeline for 2018/2019 is budgeted at just above R5 billion.

Some of the planned projects include the N2 from Ngadu Forest to Mzeke River in Qumbu, which will commence in November 2018 and is budgeted at R850 million; the N2 from Viegesville to Mthatha, which commences in January 2019 with an estimated value of R500 million; the N2 Butterworth ring road, which will commence in June 2019 and estimated to cost R450 million; the N2 upgrade from Mount Frere to Ngcweleni River, which commences in March 2020 at an estimated cost of R500 million; and the N2 Mthatha Southern Bypass, which commences in January 2022 and estimated to cost R500 million.

Work on the N2 Wild Coast Road has begun in earnest. The re-tendering process for the construction of the Msikaba Bridge closed in November 2017, and work is set to commence in September 2018. This project will cost an estimated R1.5 billion. Similarly, work on the Mtentu Bridge began in January 2018, and this project is valued at R1.6 billion.



The R61 from Magusheni to Mzamba, which is valued at over R1.1 billion and has created 1016 job opportunities, is now 95% complete.

There are also a number of roads to be upgraded in the next financial year. These include the road to the Hluleka Nature Reserve and the road to Canzibe Hospital.

Furthermore, R3.1 billion has been allocated for the maintenance of rural access roads.



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#### **REVITALISING SMALL TOWNS**

The main focus is improvement in the provision of water, sanitation, electrification, roads infrastructure, as well as transport hubs.

Currently a number of projects are underway and at various stages of completion in places such as Ntabankulu, Port St John, Nyandeni, Sunday's River Valley, Raymond Mhlaba, and Elundini.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**

The government continues to provide affordable bus passenger services through AB350, Algoa Bus Company and Mayibuye Transport Corporation.

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is finally proceeding with the implementation of phase 1 of the Integrated Public Transport System, with effect from February this year. To date the province is providing scholar transport services to 80 595 learners from 751 schools across the province. Furthermore, through the Expanded Public Works Programme, and in partnership with the Transport, Education and Training Authority, monitors have been deployed throughout the Province in order to ensure the safety of



## RURAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND REFORM AND **FOOD SECURITY**

As part of our land reform programme, a total of 306 land claims in the Province were settled, covering 50 270 hectares.

As part of rural development agro processing initiatives, there are currently four RED Hubs in Mganduli, Mbizana, Ncora and Emalahleni which are operational. To date, these RED Hubs have created 197 permanent jobs and 697 seasonal jobs. With respect to food security, the Province has planted over 201 000 ha of maize over the term, with a yield of 600 000 tons.

During the 2018/19 financial year, the government will plant 55 000 hectares in respect of grain production, which is estimated to yield 193 000 tons at a cost of R107 million. Over 25 000 households will also be supported with agricultural inputs.





# **LIVESTOCK FARMING**

A total of 12 feedlots are operational, and an additional 4 new feedlots will be established in the new financial year. The priority focus is to support 200 black livestock farmers to participate in the export oriented Berlin Beef business, which is jointly funded by the provincial government, Jobs Fund and the private sector.

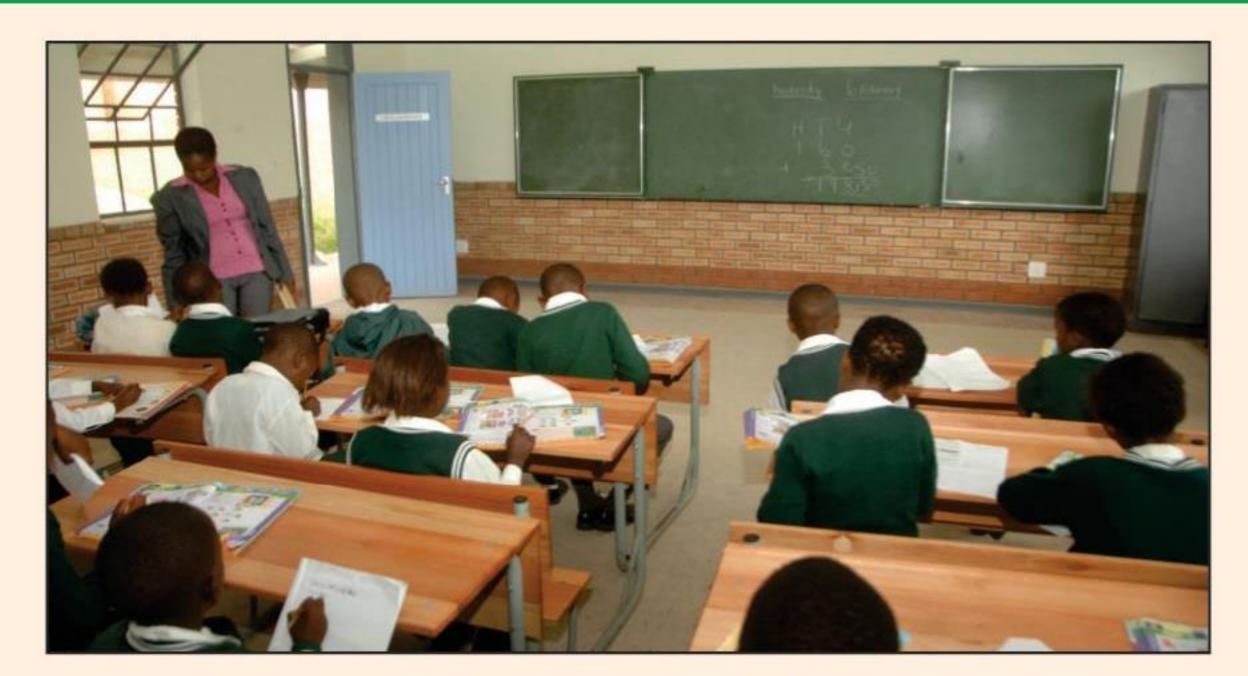
To date, 5 893 cattle have been procured and have realized an income of R38 million for smallholder farmers. We also invested R81 million over the term to protect animals in smallholder farms from diseases. In the 2018/19 financial year, we will invest R38 million into the programme to control external parasites and other controlled diseases.





## PROMOTING QUALITY EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The government has increased the enrolment of Grade 1 Learners who have received Grade R Early Childhood Development (ECD) exposure from a baseline of 67% to 71.7%, which is approximately 34 000 learners. The training of ECD practitioners has been increased to 2 264 against an annual target of 2 471. The government has increased the number of learners benefitting from no fee schools to 1 441 216. Up to 1 630 168 in Quintiles 1-3 are benefiting from school nutrition.





### PROMOTING BETTER HEALTH-CARE FOR ALL

In responding to the crisis of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the government is continuing to test clients for HIV/AIDS as part of our 90-90-90 strategy. As at September last year, 876 959 clients against a mid-year target of 602 058 had been tested. The intention is that by March 2018 at least 1.4 million patients would have been tested.

There are signs that the government is winning the fight against TB as shown by the reduction in TB incidences from 697 per 100 000 in 2014 to 571 per 100 000 in 2017. The government will be implementing new initiatives to increase early detection of TB and

early initiation of patients on treatment. In the fight to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases, over 970 000 hypertension clients have been tested, as well as 1 million clients for diabetes.

As part of the quest to prevent teenage pregnancies, sexual reproductive health education programmes to schools are being provided.

In the coming year, the refurbishment of 11 facilities, of which 4 are in the OR Tambo National Health Insurance pilot district, are being prioritised.



#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMES

As part of youth development in the Province, the Maritime Youth Development Programme (MYDP) was rolled-out during the second quarter of this year.

The MYDP has benefitted 128 young people between 18 and 25 years of age from Buffalo City Municipality and Port St John's.

Through the Youth in Infrastructure Maintenance Programme, the government has formed a partnership with the departments of Defence, Education, Health and Higher Education, where we are targeting unemployed and unskilled young people with NCV 4 and Grades 12 qualifications and below.

The Programme is targeting 5 000 young persons over a period of 5 years, and it will start with an initial intake of 400 in the current financial year and gradually increase over the





# INTENSIFYING THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

In collaboration with the South African Police Service, the government is engaged in ongoing campaigns aimed at promoting community participation in crime prevention initiatives, which are aimed at mobilizing communities against crime. The government is committed to uprooting all forms of corruption in our province, and

fully support the intention to institute lifestyle audits.

## THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY

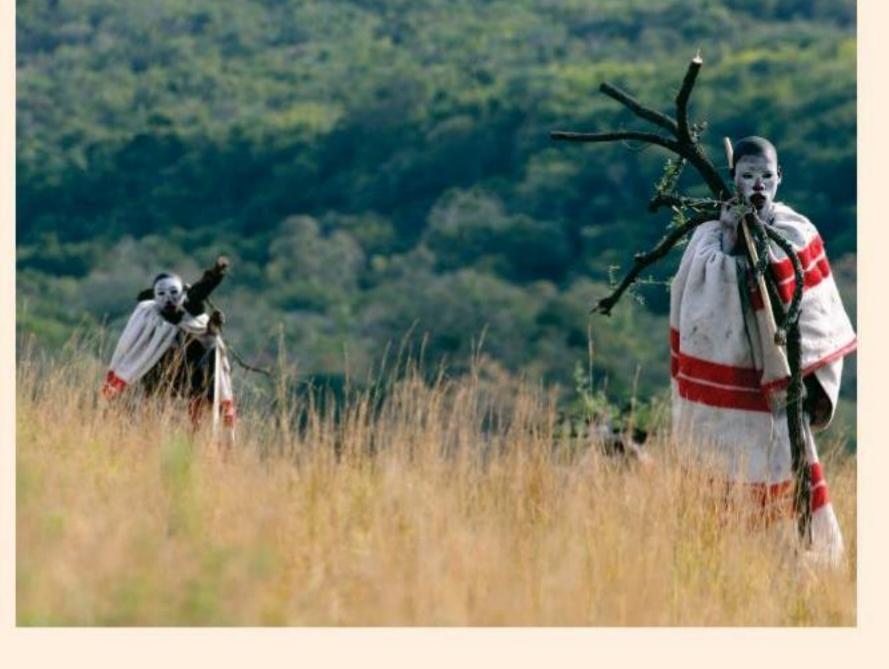
The government is intensifying efforts in unleashing the real development and socioeconomic emancipation of women and the youth, through economic participation. Priority attention will be given to implementing the Business Case for addressing the social determinants of rising violence, which include heightened levels of addiction, increasing criminality among young people, high levels of gang-related violence in

schools and communities, and sexual violence against children and women, especially in

economically deprived areas. The government is calling on men to join the fight against violence on women, children and the elderly.

Each man must declare that such violence must, and will not be done in his name. Furthermore, this fight must be engaged 365 days, and not only for 16 Days in November and December.





# INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND BUILDING OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES AND NATION-BUILDING.

Since the 2014/2015 financial year, a total of 47 453 housing units were delivered. During the 2018/2019, over 8870 housing units will be delivered

The government is prioritising the destitute families which includes the disabled, the elderly, child-headed families and destitute military veterans.

Between 2014/15 and 2016/17, 195 military veterans benefitted from housing opportunities.

To date, since 2014/2015, over 6579 destitute and vulnerable groups also benefitted from housing projects.

As part of commemorating the Nelson Mandela Centenary, the government will also focus on providing decent homes and on restoring dignity to 200 destitute families in Qunu, Mvezo and Mqhekezweni villages, who are currently living in dilapidated conditions.



