

NORTHERN CAPE SOPA 2024 5 YEAR REVIEW



The 6th Administration, which started their term of office in 2019, articulated a vision aimed at **Modernising** the Province in an effort to accelerate service delivery, **Growing** the economy making it **Successful**. The 6th Administration also placed Education and Health as its Apex Priorities. In 2021, the Northern Cape joined 5 other Provinces, who have recorded a High Human Development Index, with a an HDI of 0,70, making the Province 1 of 6 Provinces with a High Human Development Index.

As we celebrate the journey of 30 years of democracy, we do so remembering the challenges we faced, but we also acknowledge and celebrate the many successes we have achieved. We are therefore giving you, a report back on the last 5 years as we are celebrating 30 years of democracy. For the full speech visit the Northern Cape Provincial Government Website on

website: www.northern-cape.gov.za

MODERNISING THE NORTHERN CAPE TO ACCELERATE SERVICE DELIVERY



The Northern Cape increased **Internet Access** from **16.2%** in 2010 to **68,5%** in 2022. Broadband generation in the Northern Cape is at **70%**.

The Northern Cape's **Cellular Network** coverage stands at **98%**.

First phase of the digital **Thusong App completed**, the App will put under one roof the online services of the various Government Departments.

GROWING THE ECONOMY OF THE PROVINCE FOR THE CREATION OF JOBS

The **unemployment rate** for the Northern Cape is still the **second lowest** in the country

The number of **employed persons** for 2022 and 2023 was the highest since 2008 at **325 000 (2022)** and **329 000 (2023)**

In 2019 the **Provincial economy** was estimated at **R119 billion** and it is now estimated at **R148 billion** as of 2022, highlighting an increase of **R29,6 billion**.

In a period of **four years** total allocation and spending on **Public Infrastructure** since 2019 to date is **R14.8 billion**



Since 2019 through the **Human Settlements Development Grant** we have invested almost **R1. 5 billion** to provide housing to our people

R1 Billion Rand Housing Project launched

The **Namakwa Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** that will be launched in **April 2024**

Through the **Boegoeberg se Baai Port**; the **Green Hydrogen Project** and the **Kathu Industrial Park**, we will ensure that our objective of growing the economy is realised.



We have introduced an **Online Registration System** which makes placement of learners seamless. The Online Admission System was launched in **August 2020** and currently caters for **Grade 1 and 8 learners**.

To date, all **554 public ordinary schools**, including **11 special schools** have connectivity for administrative purposes.

Through the SA Connect Programme we continue to connect our Public Schools in the Province for teaching and learning.

12,000 tablets; loaded with **Offline Edu-Kite software**, were distributed to **Grade 12 learners** in 2023. This year we are expanding the programme with the procurement of tablets for **Grade 10 and 11 learners**, which will commence **1st April 2024**.

Five(5) classrooms, one in each district, have been converted into **Cyber Labs** and fitted with **State-Of-The-Art 4IR equipment**

215 out of 223 Community Libraries have been connected to free Internet in the Province.

An electronic dispatch system at the two **EMS Call Centres** have been initiated and the **Botshelo App** developed for commencing with vehicle tracking system in ambulances.

In **2018** we moved from manual systems to various **Automated Hospital Systems** which assist to manage **Revenue, Patient Visits and Tracking Patients**

A Modern, Growing and Successful Province



GROWING THE ECONOMY OF THE PROVINCE FOR THE CREATION OF JOBS

Investment amounting to **R70 Billion** with key investments in the energy and Mining Sector to be made in the Province.

Total expenditure on land restitution to date amounts to **R2.3 billion**

R1, 600 000 million hectares have been redistributed to the value of **R1.6 billion**, benefitting **1,183 women and 711 young people**.



MAKING THE PROVINCE SUCCESSFUL IN INTENSIFYING THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

Through the **EPWP** programme we have created **84 594 Job Opportunities**

26 061 young people appointed in the Province through the **Presidential Employment Stimulus** programme

Together with **merSETA**, we will be launching the **Skills Development and Bursary Programme** amounting to **R210 million** benefitting **2,000 young people**.

Since **2019** our partnership with **Services SETAS** has benefitted a total of **(14 800)** young people.
Through the **Premier's Transversal Fund**, we have written off student debt to the value of **R154 million**.

- Through our centralised bursary scheme, we have assisted a total of **530 beneficiaries**
- The Province made available **R4 million** to support the creative industry
- Provincial Government has successfully operationalized the **Northern Cape Theatre**
- **R30 million** made available for the renovation of **Mayibuye Centre**
- **R10 million** for upgrades at **AR ABASS Stadium**
- **R9 million** made available to **Hungry Lions FC, Upington United FC and Richmond Ladies**.



PRESIDENTIAL
EMPLOYMENT
STIMULUS



GOOD GOVERNANCE

For the past **Three Financial Years** in succession, the Province managed to achieve a **Positive Bank Balance**.

Our vacancy rate stands at **7.82%** lower than the National norm which is at **10%**

PRIORITISING A BETTER EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE NORTHERN CAPE

We have since **2019**, qualitatively and quantitatively improved our **Matric Pass Rate**

The percentage of persons aged **20 years** and older with no schooling in the Northern Cape declined from **22,7% in 1996 to 6,7% in 2022**.

307 119 learners started their school year in **553 Public Schools** in the Northern Cape for this academic year.

The number of learners attending **No Fee Schools** increased from **102 369 in 2007 to 195 275 in 2023**, while the number of no fee schools also increased from 326 to 406 over the same period under study.



PRIORITISING QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN CAPE

72% of the people of the Northern Cape continue to use **Public Health Systems** as their first port of call.



Health profile of the people of the Northern Cape increasing - males saw an increase from **51,1% in 2001 to 58,2%** in the period **2021-2026**; females saw an increase from **55,6% to 64,4 %** during the same period.

The infant mortality in-facility rate decreased from **17.3% per 1000 live births to 16.1% per 1000 live births** between **2015/16 and 2022/23** in the province.

10 young people to commence their medical studies in Cuba from rural areas.



Since the beginning of the term of office of the sixth administration Provincial Government has procured **150 Ambulances**. For the **2023/24 Financial Year** the Department has procured **49 Ambulances**. Preparations have already started to procure **30 Ambulances** for the **2024/25 Financial Year**.

As part of improving access to oncology services the Department has commenced with the process of building a radiation centre which includes amongst other the procurement of the linear accelerator and planning for the bunker.

Provincial Government Will be opening

3 Clinics - 2 in ZFM - Boegoeberg, Raaswater, and 1 in JTG - Bankhara Bodulong, Nursing College Phase 1 and Kuruman mortuary before end of **March 2024**.

Through the Department of Health we have procured **10 Mobile Vehicles** to service the remote under-served areas.



THROUGH THESE KEY CATALYTIC PROJECTS AND INVESTMENT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PROVINCE, WE ARE CREATING JOBS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN CAPE

1. San Kraal WEF
2. Phezukomoya WEF
3. Brandvalley Wind Farm
4. Scatec Kenhardt
5. Hull Street Housing Project
6. Kathu Industrial Park
7. Bogoeberg se Baai
8. Namakwa SEZ