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# SOPA BREAKDOWN

The Journey to building a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape continues...

With many milestones achieved, the journey towards creating a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape continues. This in pursuit of a Northern Cape where its people benefit from its natural endowment, jobs are created and Municipalities deliver quality uninterrupted supply of water and electricity, decent sanitation and ensure that the basics are intact; our towns are kept clean and that they are responsive to the needs of the communities.



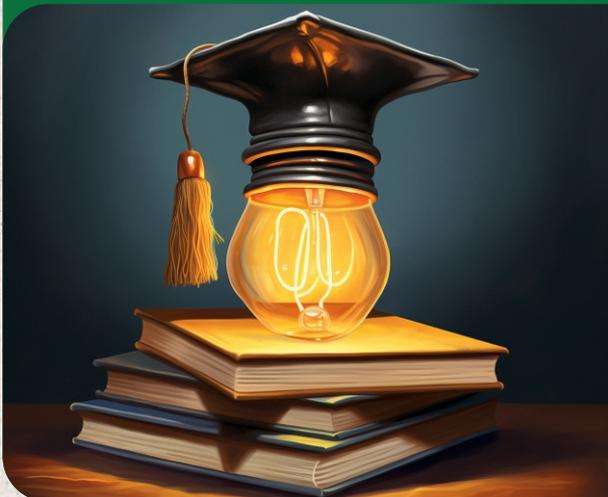
## JOBS

- Employment rose from **255 000** in quarter 2 of 2020 to **337 000** quarter 4
- Unemployment dropped from **31% to 27%**, with the highest decreases in both official and expanded unemployment occurring in the last quarter of 2025.
- **R200 billion** GDP and 60 000 sustainable jobs



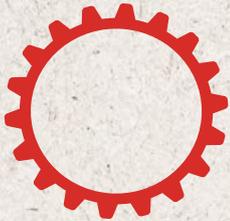
## EDUCATION

- 10 new and replacement school projects have been activated across feasibility, design, and initiation phases at a total cost of **R1,507 billion**.
- We recorded a matric pass rate of **87.79%**. This is the highest matric pass rate since the inception of the National Senior Certificate Examination in 2008. We are the most improved province in the country for two consecutive years,
- The number of teachers in public education rose from **9200 in 2019 to almost 10 000**





## POVERTY REDUCTION



- Human Development Index- the Province is now one of the six provinces in the country with an HDI above **0.71**.
- People living in poverty in the Northern Cape has decreased to **42,3%** in 2024 from **64,6%**.
- The Gini coefficient was **0,658 in 2019**; it currently stands at **0,608**.
- Cushioning the poor through social security programmes increased from **R4.9 billion** to **R7 billion** this financial year, with more than **550 000** social grant beneficiaries.

All this indicates that the income disparity between the rich and the poor in the Northern Cape is decreasing.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



- Through the Premier's Bursary Programme, we awarded **140 new bursaries** and **142 continuing bursary awards**, strengthening opportunities in fields that are critical for the development of our Province.
- Collectively, SETAs invested **R327.6 million** in human capital development in the Northern Cape, benefiting **11 475 learners** across apprenticeships, internships, learnership, skills programmes, and bursaries.



## WATER AND SANITATION



- Investment in water infrastructure stands at **R3.7 billion** since 2016, with 90% of households now having access to piped water.



- Houses with access to sanitation increased from **76% in 2002 to 84.3% in 2024**



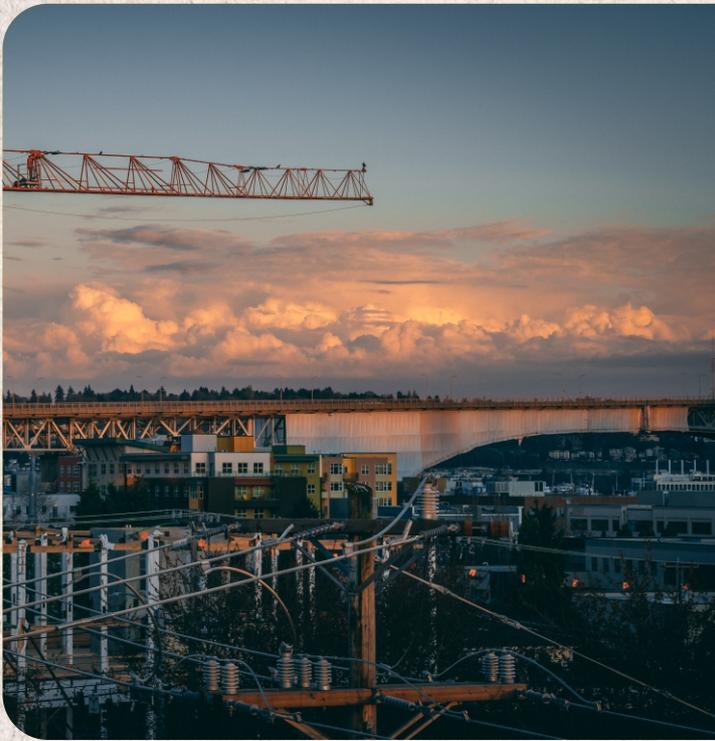
- Formal housing rose by 6%, mainly due to our human settlements programme.



## HEALTH



- Cumulatively, Government will spend **R955 million** on improving our public health care facilities in the Province
- The HIV prevalence is on a downward trend in the Northern Cape, from **4% to 2%** of the population of the province.
- In-facility infant mortality decreased from **17.3 per 1000 live births to 12.5**.
- Maternal mortality decreased from **109.9 per 100 000 to 90.4**
- The number of doctors in public healthcare increased from **242 to 503**.
- The number of social workers rose from **143 to 208**.



## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Increased funding and investment in both social and economic infrastructure has seen an investment of approximately **R30 Billion** in the last five years.
- **R51 million** from the MIG Sport Infrastructure Grant will be allocated to Sports related projects across the Province.
- Expenditure on MIG grant by municipalities rose from **62% in 2019 to 85% in 2025**.

## LAND RESTITUTION

- More than **200 000** hectares of land allocated to the previously disadvantaged



## GOVERNANCE

- In 2019, the Province started with only two clean PFMA audit outcomes, today we are proud to report that out of 13 auditees, the province has recorded 9 clean audits over this period.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Provincial Government is concerned by the state of Local Government and will action a Ten Point plan, in an effort to strengthen Municipalities.





## PARTNERSHIPS

- Together with Vedanta Zinc International, the **JF 'Boeboe' Van Wyk Oncology Centre** opened its doors. A R22-million investment bringing specialised cancer treatment and care closer to the people of Namakwa.



## SUPPORT TO SMALL BUSINESS

- Affirmative procurement increased, with blacks now accounting for **64%** of the **R14 billion** Provincial Government procurement.
- The Township Economic Growth Fund funded **276** businesses in the past 2 years and for this year **80** businesses will be supported.
- The NEF Fund has approved **R262 647 511 to 22** businesses creating **1308** work opportunities.

