

Presidential Employment Stimulus

November Progress Report



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What is the Presidential Employment Stimulus?

There is no shortage of work to be done to improve our society – so why should there be a shortage of work?

The Presidential Employment Stimulus supports a range of programmes, from expanding public employment to protecting existing jobs and creating new jobs through market-based mechanisms. Its aim is to support livelihoods while the labour market recovers – investing in public goods and services, enhancing skills and employability, and boosting demand in the economy at the same time.

R100 billion

In April 2020, President Ramaphosa announced R100 billion in support for job protection and creation in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

R13 billion

Approximately R13 billion has been allocated to implement the Presidential Employment Stimulus this year.

R87 billion

The remaining funds will be allocated over the next three years.

Highlights



The Department of Basic Education has completed recruitment of 300,000 education and school assistants at schools in every province. Unemployed young people were recruited through www.SAyouth.mobi, a data-free platform designed as part of the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention to enable young people to view and access opportunities and receive active support.

www.SAyouth.mobi



The National Arts Council and the National Film and Video Foundation have both issued calls for proposals to the creative sector. These funds will support new work, enable public and community art projects, and protect jobs at cultural institutions and businesses in the creative sector.



The Department of Public Works has recruited more than 2,000 participants for public employment programmes in water and energy efficiency, facilities management, waste management and the Welisizwe rural bridges programme. Look out for more information on the impact of these programmes on communities across the country.

Spotlight

Spotlight on the Basic Education Employment Initiative

Creating 300,000 job opportunities for young people

The Department of Basic Education has moved swiftly to implement the President’s call to create employment for young people in the basic education sector. As part of the Presidential Employment Stimulus, the Department is creating job opportunities for **300,000** young people at schools. This includes **200,000** Education Assistants and **100,000** General School Assistants, reaching communities across the length and breadth of the country.

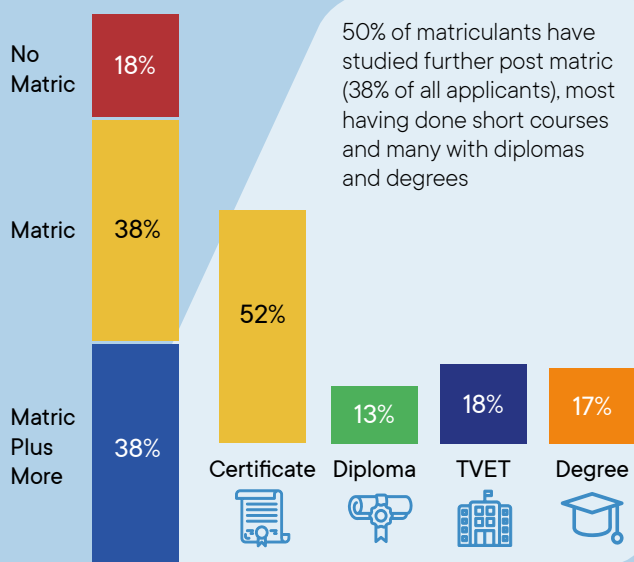


Over the past two weeks, recruitment has taken place at remarkable speed and scale. Applicants have been able to apply through www.SAYouth.mobi, a data-free digital platform developed through the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention. The success of this platform will enable it to scale up further, allowing unemployed youth to view and access opportunities and receive active support to find work.



Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga said that the aim of the programme is to provide capacity to schools, through Education Assistants, to manage the impact of COVID-19 on schooling, while supporting the sector as it repositions and reimagines the future beyond COVID-19.

Most applicants have completed matric with over a third having post-matric qualifications, making them well qualified for EA roles



Over 850,000 young people applied for opportunities through the SAYouth.mobi platform. The majority of applicants are women. The selection process for Education Assistants will prioritise young people with qualifications in education or other post-school training. The General School Assistants programme will prioritise people with skills in bricklaying, woodwork or other skills relevant to the maintenance of school infrastructure.

During the upcoming school holidays, an intensive process of school infrastructure maintenance will take place. Participants will also receive induction and training during this period. The training will include aspects such as robotics, reading and mathematics, addressing key sector priorities. The DBE is currently engaging with many role players in the education sector to put a high-quality training programme in place.

The ultimate objective is to empower young people with skills which they can utilise in a variety of ways into the future.

“This programme will enhance the employability of participants. We hope it will encourage youth involvement in the schools beyond the project lifespan and that the employment opportunities created will contribute to local community upliftment.”

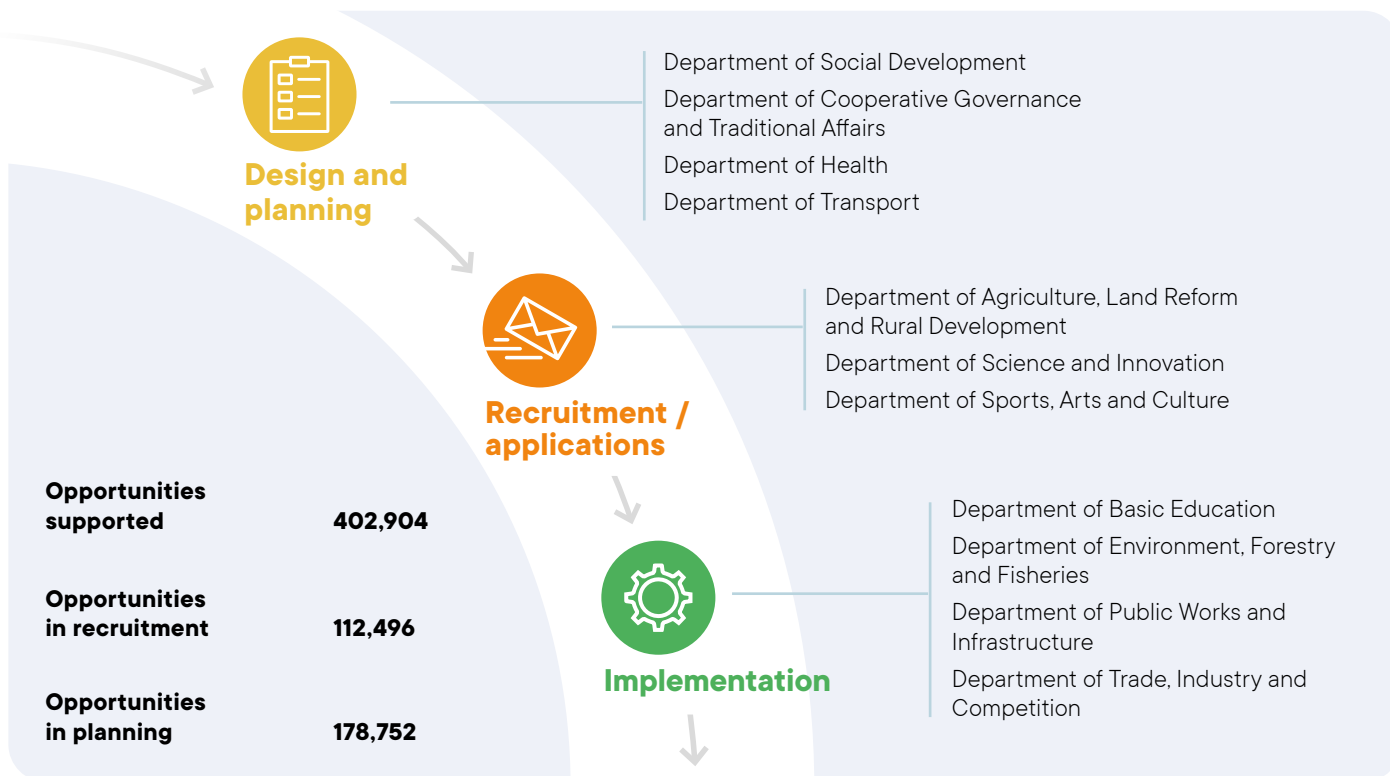
“The appointment of General School Assistants seeks to ensure that school infrastructure is maintained. The programme also leverages technology in education to enhance the teaching and learning experience.”

- Minister Motshekga

Current state of progress



Who is responsible for implementing the stimulus?

Eleven national departments are responsible for implementing the various programmes supported by the Presidential Employment Stimulus. The Project Management Office (PMO) in the Presidency is responsible for overall coordination of the stimulus.



Detailed progress report

Department	Programme	Opportunities	Budget (R'000)	Progress
Basic Education	Education and general assistants, and protection of vulnerable teaching posts	344 933	R7 000 000	Applications for all school assistants have now closed and all provinces are shortlisting and selecting candidates. All school assistants are expected to be appointed in early December to allow for orientation and training. Provinces are finalising criteria for wage subsidies to protect existing posts.
Social Development	Income and compliance support for the early childhood development sector, the recruitment of registration support officers, and the retention and recruitment of social workers	111 142	R588 728	The department has reinstated 994 social workers who began work on 1 Nov. Recruitment is ongoing for an additional 815 social workers. The implementation plan for the registration support officers has been finalised and recruitment will commence soon. The department is working closely with its partners to finalise the mechanism to provide income support for 108,833 workers in registered and unregistered ECD programmes.

				
Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Subsistence Producer Relief Fund, providing input vouchers to vulnerable small-scale farmers	74 626	R1 000 000	The department has developed an e-platform to ensure a transparent and accessible applications and approval process. The eligibility criteria and support packages have been finalised, and applications will soon open via USSD.
Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Investing in the environment and natural resource management through public employment	50 311	R1 983 000	Expansion of public employment in the Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme (EPIP) and Natural Resource Management has been completed, including 12,690 participants in War on Waste and 15,012 in strategic water source rehabilitation.
Transport	Provincial rural roads Maintenance	37 079	R630 000	All provinces have submitted lists of prioritised projects for implementation. Recruitment will be conducted through provinces to commence in January 2021.
Sports, Arts and Culture	Support for the creative, cultural and sport sectors	34 070	R665 000	An open call for funding proposals has been released by the National Arts Council and the National Film and Video Foundation, and proposals are being adjudicated.
Cooperative Governance	Municipal infrastructure maintenance	25 000	R50 000	The Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency (MISA) will capacitate and support municipalities to adopt labour-intensive methods in the delivery of infrastructure maintenance projects, leveraging funds in the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG). The support will be rolled out over 6 months from January 2021.
Trade, Industry and Competition	Global Business Services sector development incentives	8 000	R120 000	The Global Business Services incentive programme has been reinstated, with incentives to create 8,000 new jobs. Of these, 1,178 jobs were created in October and the incentives generated R88 million in export revenue.
Health	Expanding community health workers, outreach team leaders and nurses	5 531	R393 571	Provinces have begun the process of recruiting enrolled and auxiliary nurses from existing databases of unemployed professionals.
Science and Innovation	Graduate programmes at the HSRC, WRC and CSIR	1 900	R44 999	The Human Sciences Research Council has begun recruitment of 1,000 graduates, while other agencies will commence their programmes in January 2021.
Public Works and Infrastructure	Public employment in water and energy efficiency, Welisizwe Rural Bridges programme, facilities management and waste management	2 084	R158 880	The department has recruited 1,600 participants who have all received orientation and have reported for duty across the programmes. An additional 400 are undergoing screening and verification before placement.



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The Presidential Employment Stimulus has a unique logo which is used to identify programmes that are funded through the stimulus. The logo uses the symbol of a protea from South Africa's coat of arms. The protea is our national flower, and can survive tremendous heat – in fact, it depends on wildfires for its survival. It symbolises recovery, rebirth and renewal from even the most difficult circumstances.