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FROM: PROJECT MANAGER PYEI

SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF EDUCATION ASSISTANTS AND GENERAL SCHOOL ASSISTANTS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE INTO INITIAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FUNZA LUSHAKA BURSARY.

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1. Eastern Cape Department of Education has been implementing the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative (PYEI) since its inception in December 2020.
2. PYEI was under the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES) which was meant to alleviate the high unemployment rate amongst the youth through job creation.
3. The PYEI saw youth being employed as Education Assistants and General School Assistants in all public ordinary and special schools across the Province.
4. As the initial objective of the PYEI was to create employment amongst the youth, the initiative widened its objectives to also ensure that the project creates exit strategy or career paths for EAs and GSAs who will be exiting the Project.
5. One of the exit strategy which has been identified by the Department of Basic Education is enrolling EAs and GSAs to initial teacher development through the Funza Lushaka Bursary.



6. Funza Lushaka bursary programme was established with an aim of meeting supply and demand needs for high quality teachers.
7. Besides ensuring that there is supply of high quality educators in our schools, Funza Lushaka is also meant to financially support youth who are willing to take up teaching as a profession.
8. It against this background that the department encourages all qualifying EAs and GSAs aspiring to become educators to apply for the Funza Lushaka bursary.
9. The Funza Lushaka bursary programme will be funding students studying towards a Bachelor of Education or PGCE.
10. For further details EAs and GSAs can visit their respective Districts for Funza Lushaka screening forms or visit the Departmental website.

Yours in quality education

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