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Madam Speaker

Honourable Premier and Colleagues in the Executive

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Distinguished Guests, Business Leaders,

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Representatives of different Media Houses

Ladies and Gentlemen



Honorable Members, I greet you on this World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and declared 21 May to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and in particular promote human rights and fundamental freedoms.

As we present this Budget, it is extremely important that the issue of systematic discriminatory practices towards people of colour are stopped. The KwaZulu-Natal Government led efforts to repatriate Lindani Myeni's mortal remains from Hawaii in the United States to his home at Esikhaleni, where he was finally laid to rest early this month. The 29-year-old former rugby player from KZN was shot dead by Hawaii police in an altercation last month. His death has again put the spotlight on the conduct of white police officers towards black people in the USA. We remain hopeful that justice will prevail and that all those linked to his untimely demise will be punished.

Madam Speaker

The effects of COVID-19 continue to ripple through the world's health, educational, financial, and commercial institutions, and the sports ecosystem is no different. With the pandemic likely to be with us for some time, the entire sports ecosystem is trying to find new ways to deal with threats to financial and business continuity from disrupted cash flow, insurance challenges and possible decline in long-term engagement and attendance. World over, sport is recognised by many societies and governments as a major contributor to economic and social development. As the Department, we are working closely with sport and recreation federations and entities to find ways to resuscitate the sector. In the aftermath of COVID-19, sport will be crucial in resuscitating the public mood, social cohesion, rebuilding confidence in the nation building project and driving economic recovery.

Cognisant of the implications of this pandemic on the athletes and practitioners of this sector, last year the Department committed R7 million towards a Provincial Relief Fund to assist athletes, coaches, technical personnel, sport federations, recreational entities and fitness industry at a provincial level, whose livelihood and sustainability has been adversely affected by the cancellation of sport events and programmes.

A total of 706 beneficiaries have received payment with a sum of R5,1 million paid to date - including administration fees. The appeals process has been completed with 40 requests processed. Independent auditors were appointed to oversee both the adjudication and appeals process. In addition, R200 000 has been set-aside to bring relief to sport legends who have been unable to make ends meet.

The Department realises that the Provincial Relief Fund is a short-term solution to resuscitate the sport and recreation sector. We will continue to work with industry stakeholders, seek and establish partnerships and continuously look for innovative ways to assist the sector to get back on its feet.

In the long-term the following measures, amongst others, will be considered to support the sector:

- Ensuring continuous engagement with the sector for the *protection of jobs, employees and the self-employed* against the risk of dismissal and loss of income
- Stimulating *innovation* programmes for sport enterprises to address the current societal challenges.
- Supporting sport and recreation federations and entities through *Transfer payments* for innovative business plans aimed at injecting grassroots development and resuscitation of the industry.

- *Stimulating the SMME's environment* by hosting a number of smaller sporting events in different districts to stimulate growth.
- Creating *new funding opportunities* as innovative ways to promote sport and physical activity in times when people are restricted to their homes.
- Covid-19 has brought many challenges; however, it may have helped increase the pace of our move to a different way of enjoying sport and physical activity using the platform of technology and social media.

The Department received an allocation of **R475.6 million** for 2021-2022 and will use this budget to promote sport and recreation through the provision of various programmes to promote an active and healthy lifestyle and talent optimisation, with an emphasis on delivering programmes at a ward level through a Ward-based Intervention Programme (WIP). The Department will commit **R39,2 million** through transfer payments to non-profit institutions towards accelerating transformation and development programmes and to resuscitate the sport and recreation sector.

TRANSFORMATION

It has to be understood that transformation involves change and change is multi-faceted. Sport's transformation approach requires high-level strategic planning initiatives to ensure that they are aligned to the critical issues related to the achievement of highly focused, clearly defined and measurable transformation objectives and goals. In partnership with the KZN Sport Confederation and the sport federations we have developed a clear development pathway and a desktop tool to measure progress. In addition to measuring the on-field demographics of their playing staff; other areas in which federations are being monitored include the composition of their executives or boards, number of females they have in leadership positions and their progression targets from development to high-performance.

We have made progress in the development of rugby and cricket in the Province. The Rugby Hotspots Programme has targeted non-rugby playing schools in rural and disadvantaged communities, whilst the Cricket Hub and Regional Performance Centre (RPC) Programme has seen the establishment of 15 cricket developmental hubs throughout the Province. The Rugby Hotspots Programme is located in townships and rural areas with 43 Hotspots in the Province. Each Hotspot has up to eight schools in the programme. These programmes have a positive influence on the transformation of these codes of sport. In 2021/22, we will be increasing the number of cricket hubs with Umzinyathi and Harry Gwala benefitting, taking the number of Hubs to 17.

The following highlights have been achieved: Students, Nonkululeko Mlaba from Thandolwesizwe Secondary School and Nondumiso Shangase from Sithabile Secondary - both from the Inanda, Ntuzuma, KwaMashu (INK) Cricket Development Hub - are an integral part of the Proteas Women's Cricket team that dominated in the series win over Pakistan and India in Lucknow, India recently. Andile Simelani, Thamsanqa Khumalo. Andile Mokgakane and Lifa Ntanzu from the Cricket Hub and Regional Performance Centre Programme have all received Dolphins caps and have gone on to represent South Africa in the Under 19 Age-Group. This is sufficient evidence that our development programmes are working and if we establish effective partnerships with sport federations in promoting talent from rural and previously disadvantaged areas, we will be well on the way to realising our National Development Plan (NDP) goal of having national teams being truly representative of the demographics of the country by 2030.

The Department, in partnership with KZN Cycling, introduced the KZN Cycling Development Programme to ensure that cycling is introduced to young learners across all 11 districts, particularly in disadvantaged communities and rural areas. Cycling Hubs have been established in all 11 Districts and are the operational centre of the programme in each district and where all the equipment is stored. Fifteen (15) development officers are employed through the programme to run the activities in the District. A total of 48 BMX track builders were trained and contracted to build BMX tracks in Ixopo, Mtubatuba, Dundee and Ulundi. These BMX tracks are operational with development officers putting local riders through their paces. Thabiso Zindela, Thabiso Shange and Unathi Nxumalo have emerged and are vying for national honours. In addition to unearthing talent from rural areas who are now competing on the national and world stage, the key achievements of the Programme will be the training of 497 people from all 11 Districts across an array of different courses including coaching, mechanics, administration and officiating, safety officials, and event organization. This training will equip the participants to get part-time jobs in cycling events run across the Province.

Good governance has become an omnipresent concept in the world of sport. Corruption and mismanagement of sport federations and entities has resulted in the Department increasing its efforts for better sports governance. Implementing good governance enhances organisations' legitimacy, effectiveness, and resistance to unethical practices. It therefore enables sport federations to build trust with governments, stakeholders, and potential commercial partners. This, in turn, enhances the autonomy of sports organisations.

The new Funding Policy which was introduced by the Department last year has been finalised. It has now been implemented and workshopped with all sport federations, entities and key stakeholders. The policy provides guidelines on application for both financial and non-financial support, solicited and unsolicited requests and, bidding for major events. To this end we have hosted the first of two stakeholder governance workshops with 52 sport federations and recreation entities in attendance. We are working closely with our stakeholders in ensuring that the principles of good governance are embedded in their everyday implementation of the programmes and processes, and that they are held to account by their constituency. Chairpersons and treasurers of those sport federations and entities that have not been able to comply with the requirements of the Funding Policy for *Transfer payments* will be enrolled in an accredited course to improve their level of corporate governance and financial management in 2021/22.

Previously we reported that KZN Athletics was still under administration by Athletics South Africa and the Department was working closely with ASA and the administrator in regularising the operations of the Association. During this period, we have continued to support the athletes through goods and services and have been the only funders of their Provincial Youth, Junior and Senior Championships - with the Provincial teams also supported to the ASA National Track and Field Championships in Paarl recently.

KwaZulu-Natal Athletics have completed the financial audits for the last two years and their Quadrennial General Meeting (QGM) was held in Durban on 3 April 2021. Mr Steve Mkasi has emerged as President of KwaZulu-Natal Athletics and we take this opportunity to wish him and his board well over the next four years. This in effect ends the administration of the sport and we will continue to work closely with the Federation in ensuring they deliver against their strategic objectives.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Thami Mchunu on his re-election as President of the KZN Sport Confederation earlier this year. The KZN Sport Confederation is a strategic partner of the Department in enhancing sport development to transform sport and recreation within the Province.

ACADEMY SYSTEM

The Department has budgeted **R8,5 million** to support nine Sport Academies and 11 Sport Focus Schools across the Province. Academies will be funded through the Mass Participation and Sport Development Grant and will provide specialist training and sport scientific support to talented athletes. Additional funding will be made available through the equitable share to support high-performance programmes to provide opportunities for athletes from rural and poor communities to showcase their talent in the national and international arenas.

The Department's Elite Athlete Development Programme (EADP) based at the Prime High-Performance Institute will continue to be supported to promote transformation in sport through talent optimisation and high performance in partnerships with sport federations including amongst others, Swimming, Athletics, Boxing, Canoeing, Judo, Football, Netball, Tennis, Table Tennis and Cycling. This programme will support 100 talented athletes in this financial year - with Henri Schoeman (triathlon), Zakithi Nene (athletics), Bridgette Hartley (canoeing), Anaso Jobodwana (athletics), Tyrone Pillay (athletics) and Erin Callagher (swimming), amongst others, vying to be included in the South African Olympic Team to Tokyo, Japan later this year.

Last year we reported about Mhlengi Gwala, the Chesterville triathlete whose legs were almost sawed off in an attack near the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Miraculously doctors saved his limbs and he was well on the way to recovery. Sadly, complications set-in after a year or so and Mr Gwala had to have his limb amputated. In spite of his physical and emotional state of being, this young athlete has bounced back from his amputation and is now in training as a para-athlete. His resilience and determination has seen him become the current South African Champion in his class, that is, PT4. This allows him to enter the African Championships to secure points that will make him eligible for the Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. The African Triathlon Championships will be held from 11th to 13th of June this year in Sharm el Shaikh in Egypt. The Department, in partnership with the Prime High-Performance Institute is making every attempt to give this remarkable young athlete every opportunity to qualify for the Paralympics in Tokyo later this year.

The establishment of an Academy System is aimed at addressing the challenge to systematically identify, develop and retain young talent that must eventually represent not only the school or sport club, but also KwaZulu-Natal and the country at national and international sporting competitions. To sustain the progression of athletes from developmental programmes to participation at elite levels, it is imperative that programmes and services developed in the Academy System are decentralised and available at a district and ward level, in line with the District Development Model (DDM).

The construction of KwaMsane District Academy has been completed and boasts state of the art training, consulting and rehabilitation facilities. Over R1,5m of highly sophisticated technical gym equipment and free weights have been delivered and we are finalising the operations and key partnership to ensure the sustainability of the Academy. The Academy will service a core area with sport scientists and medical personnel available to nurture and further develop talented athletes from the District. In addition to the highly specialised training facilities, the Academy also boasts two action soccer courts, outdoor gym and play gym, jogging track, BMX cycling track and sports fields, netball courts and grassed athletic track. The KwaMsane District Academy was built at a cost of **R23,7 million** in partnership with the Mtubatuba Local Municipality.

After months of online meetings and workshops, we are ready to deliver on a state-of-the-art football talent development eco-system in the Province. This business model aims to trigger sustainable social and economic development through sport and football in particular. The objective is to deliver a full strategic and development football and education plan to connect talented youth in the Province to international

opportunities. This football development ecosystem is being delivered in partnership with SAFA KZN, KZN Sports Confederation and Double Pass from Belgium whose track record shows significantly better run academies and an improved quality of the game of football internationally.

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department has allocated **R650 000** towards the support of talented athletes with limited means to excel in sport. The Department will award 26 sport scholarships in the 2021/22 financial year to deserving talented athletes who have the potential to represent the country at national or international sporting levels in a specific code of sport. Preference is given to students who are able to demonstrate the potential for academic success and come from disadvantaged backgrounds. These scholarships are available from school through to tertiary level.

Amongst the potential scholarship recipients are Amahle Fihlela from eSikhaleni who is amongst the Top 5 National Age-Group Tennis players, Lindokuhle Sibiyi from Zululand who was the National Universities Boxing Champion in 2020, Amy Naude from Ilembe who is the current National Junior Athletics Champion in the 400m and Zakhele Shelembe from Umzinyathi who is a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball team.

LEGENDS

Through the Club Development Programme, 110 local leagues will be supported in 64 Local Football Associations and Netball Associations. Clubs within these Leagues will be supported with equipment, attire and the requisite training. Legends are employed to service all the local leagues and clubs affiliated to these leagues. Legends will support through a system of talent scouting, development and mentorship. Legends will receive the requisite training and be paid a stipend. 80 Legends and Ex-Professionals are being targeted using the structures that the Department has set-up with the KZN Sport Confederation. Currently a Task Team set-up by the Department and Sport Confederation has completed the blueprint to recruit the Legends in different codes of sport. The legends programme will commence on 1 June 2021. The Department has set-aside a budget of **R4,0 million** to support the sport development programme using legends as coaches and mentors in 2021/22.

Talented players from these local leagues will be selected and they will play in a District Tournament which will culminate in Regional Tournaments (3 Districts will make-up one Regional Structure). Academies, professional and semi-professional clubs and schools will be invited to the Tournaments to view and recruit talent. The KZN Sport Confederation shall be a critical partner in delivering the club development and legends programme. Overall, the Club Development Programme will carry a budget of **R18,8 million** from the Mass Participation Conditional Grant in 2021/22 and will target 1100 clubs for support.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Honourable members, as a Department and in partnership with our sport federations, we accept that the provision of infrastructure is a catalytic cornerstone for both the transformation of, and access to, all codes of sport and recreation programmes by all communities.

This flagship programme of the Department promotes an integrated approach towards the provision of sport and recreational amenities, job creation and sustainability of public facilities. The focus is in rural areas or villages and townships, linking building of facilities to promotion of healthy life styles and revival of school

sports as a nursery for sport development, and the academies programme. This is part of our contribution and intervention towards addressing backlogs in sport and recreation infrastructure in this Province in especially the previously disadvantaged communities.

In 2021/22, we are going to speed up the process of providing world-class infrastructure for sport and recreation, particularly in rural areas in partnership with municipalities and schools. It is our intention to focus our resources towards building decent playing fields with grassing and ablution blocks so that we can speed up access for our people. In 2021/22 we have committed **R57,9 million** for the construction of sport infrastructure and provision of resources for maintenance of our major infrastructure.

We will construct 11 combination courts in schools, 11 children’s play gyms and 4 District Fitness Centres in Harry Gwala (Umzimkhulu), uThukela (Alfred Duma), King Cetshwayo (Umhlatuze) and Amajuba (Newcastle) Districts. Each of these Fitness Centres incorporate a stand-alone District Academy and will be a “One-Stop-Shop” for all sport enthusiasts. Other infrastructure that will be included in the Fitness Centre will include sports fields, athletic track, combination courts, outdoor gym, running synthetic surface, play-gym and recreational venue and aerobic centre. Work has commenced with the Fitness Centres in Alfred Duma, Umhlatuze and Umzimkhulu.

The Department has identified 11 existing community and school halls that will be branded as Fitness and Activity Centres for the implementation of aerobics, exercise and fitness classes and promotion of codes of sport such as chess, table-tennis, mlabalaba, karate, boxing and E-Sport. These Halls and Hubs will form the centres from which walks, runs and club programmes will be implemented. The School Sport Coordinators, Healthy Lifestyle Coordinators, Legends and Ex-Professionals will anchor the programme with talent scouting, coaching and training sessions as well as mentorship programmes.

Going forward, the Department aims to deliver major infrastructure within the integrated Human Settlement Plan but will have to receive a commitment from local municipalities to curb the vandalism and improve maintenance of these facilities. New schools and human settlements must make provision for basic sport facilities and open spaces for recreation. During the 2021/22 financial year we will also engage our professional teams to benefit from the facilities built by the Department throughout KwaZulu-Natal to partner in running their development and academy programmes. This will assist in providing an opportunity for talent to be identified even in the most remote areas.

A partnership with La Liga (*Spanish Football Association*) will see us implement development football programmes and tournaments in rural areas and townships. La Liga and the Department have both committed resources towards the success of football development and talent identification programmes in these areas.

KZN PREMIER’S CUP

Our professional football teams have had an excellent season with both AmaZulu and Lamontville Golden Arrows occupying 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the DSTV Premiership. After a poor start to the season Maritzburg United have moved to relative safety on the log and we are confident that they will survive. In the Glad Africa Championship, Royal AM (formerly Real Kings) are on the verge of gaining automatic qualification to the Premiership and Richards Bay FC – who occupied first position for the better part of the season – still have an opportunity to make it through promotional play-offs. We wish both teams the best of luck when they play the final matches of the season on Sunday and we look forward to having more teams from our Province in the DSTV Premiership next season.

The KZN Premier’s Cup is a much sought-after tournament in the Province and we have received the green light for this tournament to go-ahead in 2021 – in adherence to existing Covid-19 regulations and protocols.

The Department will invest **R5 million** into the tournament. Each of the six participating teams (3 PSL and 3 NFD) receive a preparation fee for the Tournament. The tournament has a developmental model where each club is committed to hosting coaching clinics in identified schools. It is encouraging that the regulations have been relaxed to allow professional contact sport, including football, to resume play.

PROMOTION OF BOXING AND KARATE

The life of boxing resides with provisions and delivery of sustainable development programmes that encourage participation through continuous training and partaking in tournaments. The Department, in partnership with KZN Professional Boxing Association, has made significant progress in trying to revive boxing in KwaZulu-Natal to its glorious days of Joe Ngidi, Tap Tap Makhathini, Thulani Sugar Boy Malinga and Maxwell Malinga.

Over recent years, Ludonga Boxing Promotions have been leading the way in reviving boxing and in staging major tournaments in the Province. I must pass my condolences to the family of Mr Thulani Magudulela, the flamboyant and dynamic owner of Ludonga Promotions who succumbed to the pandemic a few days after his World Boxing Federation Tournament being staged in Nongoma was cancelled.

After an audit of boxing gyms in the Province, we handed-over specialised boxing equipment including boxing gloves, punching bags and headguards to over 15 boxing gym owners, trainers and promoters. We will continue to give support to the KZN Boxing Promoters Association, and we have planned a number of tournaments over the 2021/22 financial year. The Department supports these tournaments in partnership with Boxing South Africa and three categories of tournaments are supported – domestic, national and international. These tournaments, will strive to improve KZN boxers' rankings on National and International stage, allow our KZN Champions to defend their titles and keep the boxing value chain in operation. Presently there are nine tournaments planned for 2021/22. These tournaments will be staged in a bio-secure environment.

The Department also supports amateur boxing with the KZN Olympic Style Boxing Association in line for a transfer payment of **R1,6 million** for 2021/22. This Association exists in all 11 Districts and participate in all elite competitions of their National Federation, SANABO (SA National Amateur Boxing Organisation). Congratulations to Mr Sandile Sibisi who was elected unopposed as President of the KZN Olympic Style Boxing Association recently. The Association has prioritised female boxing with Phiwokhule Sibusiswe Mnguni (Umzinyathi), ranked Number 1 by SANABO. She is a recipient of a Departmental sport scholarship. Other boxers who received a sport scholarship in 2021/22 include Sakhile Sandiso Hlatshwayo, Nhlakanipho Kunene (both Umzinyathi) and Nkosinathi Lindokuhle Sibiya (Zululand).

Last year, we lost an icon in Mama Gertrude Magwaza who had done so much of work for boxing development in Zululand and was the secretary of the KZN Senior Citizens Forum. She had received a Black Blazer (in *acknowledgement of her continuous achievement*) at the 2019 KZN Sport Awards.

Karate is being prioritised for support by the Department. Whilst the Department supports Karate South Africa it has also indicated that it cannot ignore kyoshin karate structures in the Province who have been reluctant to join Karate SA.

The Department has begun to support the development of karate within the Province and also assisted elite karatekas' participation in international competitions. The Department will continue in its endeavors to support all structures and its main focus is to develop clubs at local levels. The code of karate will also be used to promote self-defense skills and teach discipline to our youth to combat Gender-based Violence. Bongekile Nokulunga Mthembu from King Cetshwayo, who emerged in the silver medal position at the International Karate Championships in Japan, is in line to receive a sport scholarship for 2021/22 from the Department.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

Based on the need to create a non-sexist, discrimination-free, equitable and inclusive society, the Department will increase its support for vulnerable groups, especially children, people with disabilities and the elderly.

In partnership with the Department of Social Development and the Office of the Premier, we will continue to promote organised activities for senior citizens who are vulnerable to age-related medical conditions. A total of 70 Senior Citizen's Service Centres will be supported within all 11 Districts with the provision of sport equipment and the training of recreational leaders and volunteers to implement daily programmes for senior citizens.

A budget of **R1,2 million** is allocated to deliver the Golden Games programme this year, with all service centres across the Province expected to benefit from our investment. District competitions for our seniors are planned with not more than 250 senior citizens expected to compete in each District Festival.

Together with the KZN Sport Confederation, the Department is working closely with all individual code structures representing disabled people with the aim towards forming a Coordinating Forum for Disability Sport in the Province. The Department will continue its support for disability sport codes of SASSA ii, LSEN, Blind & Deaf Association, Physically Disabled and Mild Mentally Handicapped (MMH) through school sport and stakeholder support at Provincial and National levels. The Department has allocated a total of **R2,2 million** distributed to all 11 Districts to support structures promoting sport for people with a disability and to organise games within each code structure.

Recently, the Department supported the Province's visually impaired judo team to the 2021 Toyota South African Sports for the Physically Disabled National Championships in Nelson Mandela Bay. The Championships were one of the first major events for people with disabilities to be hosted post-lockdown. The Championships brought together athletes with disabilities from across the country in a multi-code competition that featured boccia, goalball, judo, powerlifting and athletics. KZN's sole representative in this year's competition, the visually impaired team of Judo put in some admirable performances and won 14 medals at the Championships.

PROMOTING WOMEN'S SPORT

Women still remain underrepresented in all sports in the country. The best example is at professional levels where the nation's main sports, cricket, rugby and football, have established domestic leagues for women but these leagues have yet to receive the same level of investment as their male counterparts. Whilst government has introduced laws to promote equality, representation and redress in sport there is little to show for it. Female athletes need more funding, media coverage and opportunities in order to be successful whilst the need for more role-models cannot be over-emphasized.

The Department's focus has been to support the teams playing in the Provincial SASOL Women's League with equipment and attire. Recently we awarded all 16 teams playing in the provincial league with match kits, match balls, training equipment including bibs, cones and agility ladders. Durban Ladies, who are KZN's only representatives in the SAFA National Women's League have received substantive support from the Department. In addition to supporting their conditioning training at the Prime High-Performance Institute and hosting a number of training camps, the Department has committed to pay for the accommodation of the team at all their away-games for this season. Provincial teams that qualify into the National Play-offs receive support from the Department as well.

The Department will support football development through the Club Development programme. The programme is aligned to the SAFA Vision 2022 and tackles multiple layers of development with Under 15

Development leagues for boys and an Open league for girls supported in all 64 Local Football Associations. The training and deployment of coaches (Legends) and the upgrading of football infrastructure and administration will be highlighted in 2021/22.

Netball in the Province is on the up! The Department's support for netball is over **R5 million** through a transfer of funds and goods & services. KZN's Kingdom Stars managed to retain their National Premier League status for the next season, and Kingdom Queens excelled in their first year in the National Second Division. The Kingdom Stars will continue to be supported through the Department's EADP programme. The KZN Netball Super League remains the envy of other provinces as it serves as the most effective platform to expose talent. A KZN exclusive!

The Department has invested **R2.0 million**, over the next three years, for netball legacy projects in KwaZulu-Natal as we prepare to host the 2023 Netball World Cup in Cape Town. These legacy projects will be implemented in partnership with KZN Netball with a task team already in place to identify and begin implementation of the legacy projects.

Through a transfer of funds, the Department also supports the Provincial Women's Cricket League with the KZN Cricket Union. The EADP programme has a 50% representation by talented female athletes with 65% of the 2021/22 scholarship recipients being female.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Department has committed **R44,7 million** towards the promotion of recreation to address lifestyle diseases, promote social cohesion and drive online campaigns to encourage people to engage in exercise and physical activity.

In response to the Cabinet Lekgotla resolution to implement an integrated healthy lifestyle strategy at ward level to improve health and wellness of communities, the Department will implement a **Ward-based Intervention Programme**.

South African sport largely relies on a fabric of small clubs and associations which play a key role in allowing so many citizens to take part in affordable sport activities and to enjoy sport and physical activity on a daily basis. However, being non-profit by nature and thus without any reserves, these clubs work in precarious conditions often, driven by the support of passionate volunteers and employees.

The Ward-based Intervention Programme (WIP) is designed to reach broad sectors of the populations, including marginalized groups, and affording them access to participation and a share in the wider sport community. Through consultation with local leadership and community organisations, the Department will identify clubs in different wards for support and further development. Clubs will be supported with playing equipment and attire and all clubs will receive appropriate training to sustain themselves.

The Ward-Based Intervention Programme will result in a **One Ward – One Club** and this means that through various programmes within the Department, one club in every ward will be supported to deliver key sport and active recreation programmes to their communities. As a start-up in 2021/22, 225 clubs in different wards are targeted.

The outcome of this programme is to develop and implement a **youth club system** in the wards as a means to reinforce a positive attitude in our youth, thereby bringing about positive behavioural change. Provision of sport equipment and attire will encourage youth to participate in on-going programmes. The further development of the Club System must create job opportunities for people from the local communities. Participation in these clubs can encourage communities to invest in their health and wellness.

The “I choose 2B Active” campaign will be resuscitated. The programme will be a year-long campaign which is intended to encourage citizens to start, pursue and commit to life-long wellness. The campaign is brought to life through the promotion of key events and programmes, such as the Big Walk; National Recreation Day; Active Friday, Work and Play Programme, participation in mass-based events, support for aerobics, aerobic marathons and leisure time activities.

The Department will decentralise this programme to local municipalities to allow for participation in these events. The Department, organises regular and structured recreational activities in 153 hubs on a weekly basis to address the social challenges of delinquency, crime, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence and HIV and AIDS especially among our youth. The hubs led by the Healthy Lifestyle Coordinators will play a key role in delivering recreation opportunities within communities and help aspiring participants and athletes learn and develop.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Commonwealth advocates sport as a vehicle for development and peace building. Given its popularity sport has huge potential to drive social change – and accelerate gender equality.

Not only can sport raise awareness of gender-based violence, but it can also help deliver solutions through well-designed policies and programmes across multiple sectors, including sport itself. But despite the fact sport promotes ethical values of fair play, gender-based violence also occurs within sport. This violence can be perpetrated among peer-athletes, between coaches and athletes, or between others in the sector. However, by implementing targeted, evidence-based policies and programmes, the Department can address violence within sport as well as contribute to wider gender equality and empowerment in and through sport.

In partnership with Karate, the Department is initiating self-defence training for women and girls at district level with 12 programmes targeted. This programme was intensified during the 16 Days of Activism which we launched in Dundee on 25 November 2020. Sport and recreational games and physical activities are being used to teach young people how to resist social pressures to engage in delinquency, crime and drugs, how to cope with anxiety, and how to communicate effectively with peers, amongst other life skills. Legends will be used as mentors in these programmes.

The Department has a GBV programme in place and will use community-wide campaigns to deliver messages by using media such as television, radio, newspaper columns, inserts and social media. The Department will host 10-15-minute session on Social Media (Facebook + Instagram) using Fitness Instructors from District Municipalities recorded video clips of exercises with the general public benefitting from free online exercise routines.

The Department plans to host the KZN Virtual Run on the 18th -19 July, over 2, 5 and 10km as a Gender-Based Awareness Campaign. In all its campaigns, the Department will use messaging in form of placards and on T-shirts and implement programmes in partnerships with Sector Departments and SAPS, LoveLife and other NGO's

SPORT AGAINST CRIME

In promoting mutual respect and tolerance, sports teach important social and interpersonal skills. Using sports to help people, especially youth, has proven to be an effective tool in keeping them from falling into

a cycle of anti-social behaviour, violence, crime and drug-abuse. We have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Departments of Arts and Culture and Community Safety and Liaison to facilitate crime prevention initiatives through sport, arts and culture in areas most affected by crime. The Department has established partnerships with LoveLife and Peaceplayers South Africa to engage children and youth in sports-based life skills training.

Clubs established in prioritised areas through the Ward-based Intervention Programme will be supported to engage communities to implement sport and recreation programmes to divert youth from crime. Programmes within these clubs will culminate in annual festivals and key national days. These programmes will also be implemented in schools where learners will participate in cluster/district and provincial leagues and competitions.

The Department has a partnership with sport federations to access sport stars and legends as ambassadors to deliver key messages and support prioritised programmes to reinforce youth's refusal skills and decision-making - *saying no to substance use or to criminal activities and contribute positively to society*.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

The young people growing up in different areas are affected by many challenges and are exposed to extreme forms of physical and structural violence, diseases such as HIV/AIDS, crime etc. The Youth Camps are an important source and means for social networking, helping to combat exclusion and for fostering youth capacity to work collectively towards the realization of opportunities and addressing the challenges faced by young people. The purpose of the Camp is to encourage learners' critical thinking and creative ways of dealing with social issues beyond just the sports field. It is in this background that the Department will host the 2021 National Youth Camp. Two hundred (200) youth between the ages of 16-18 years will be selected from schools to participate, with **R3,0 million** set-aside for this programme. The allocation is ring-fenced by the National Mass Participation Conditional Grant.

The National Youth Camp over the years has seen an increase in the youth coming from the rural areas of the Province with 50 support staff in attendance.

INDIGENOUS GAMES

The main intention of promoting Indigenous Games is to build social cohesion and healthy lifestyle amongst various groups. It further seeks to promote, preserve and develop traditional games and enhance our heritage. The Department plans to support and promote 12 Indigenous Games programmes from district to provincial level. This year we plan to transform the Games and ensure they are played by all communities.

In the present regulations we will be able to go-ahead with District Indigenous Games Festivals and will limit participation and ensure the Games are hosted in different Centres to allow for social distancing and adherence to the regulations. KZN are vying with Limpopo for the hosting of the National IG Festivals for the first time and we trust that we will be given the green-light to host the Games in September. The Indigenous Games programme carries a budget of **R8m** with funding for the club's support and schools' festivals being allocated through the Mass Participation Conditional Grant.

WATER SAFETY PROGRAMME

The World Health Organization (WHO) ranks drowning as the third highest factor in accidental deaths worldwide, especially in those younger than 12 years of age. Annual Morbidity Statistics reflect that over

1 400 drownings take place annually around the country. KZN is one of the leading provinces when it comes to drowning incidents in South Africa.

Water Smart is a classroom-based resource for teachers and schools including a Water Smart Education Toolkit and a Water Smart Award Guide piloted by Lifesaving South Africa. In partnership with Lifesaving SA and the Department of Education, the Water Smart Education Toolkit has been embedded in the Life Orientation syllabus of Grade R to Grade 4 and will be implemented in 2021/22. Plans are underway to extend the Water Smart Programme to Grade 7s in 2022/23.

The Department, in partnership with KZN Aquatics and Lifesaving South Africa will continue to deliver key programmes to ensure water smart communities and curb drowning. Water-safety champions will undergo further training as Learn-to-Swim instructors to implement programmes in public pools and in partnership with schools that have their own swimming pools.

SCHOOL SPORT

The purpose of the School Sport Programme is to implement an integrated school sport programme in all schools. The overall aim is to increase opportunities for all learners in the Province to access sport in schools. The Department of Sport and Recreation delivers school sport in partnership with the Department of Education and other key stakeholders.

In an effort to address the backlog in transformation and improve access to sport and recreation, the Department shifted its focus to the provision of equipment to Quintile 1-3 schools. In 2021/22, 420 schools will benefit from sport equipment and attire with a budget of **R6,5 million** set aside for this. A further **R4,1 million** has been set aside to support 50 school sport structures to implement programmes from cluster to Provincial level. We will target 15 000 learners at district level to be involved in 15 codes of sport on an ongoing basis. Equipment will be used when physical activity and exercise will be allowed in schools again and to implement core programmes of using sport to keep learners gainfully occupied and encourage the adoption of one code of sport per learner.

The Department will host seasonal district and provincial competitions where all schools are provided with the opportunity to participate in the 15 priority sport codes. School sport has further extended to include four Indigenous Games codes. Schools for Learners with Special Educational Needs - LSEN - are provided for within the school sport programme at all levels. Wheelchair basketball is offered at all levels with the provincial school's team competing at all national competitions. Learners from Mildly Mentally Handicapped (MMH) category are also included in the school sport programme at all levels.

Engagements have taken place with the KZN Sport Confederation to form an umbrella School Sport Structure in the Province. The draft constitution is in place and will be finalized on the resumption of schools. The Department has employed 172 School Sport Coordinators on contract in 21/22, with 517 educators and volunteers being trained to deliver school sport.

An updated MOA for School Sport between the Departments of Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation and DoE has been finalised and approved by Cabinet. The MOA focuses on the key deliverables, roles and responsibilities, policy imperatives and resource allocation of the Departments.

South Africa will select a National Schools Team to participate in the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2021 in Jinjiang, China later this year. These Games, scheduled for 17 – 24 October 2021, will be held subject to regulations governing the return-to-play and safety of our learners at the time. Young athletes and ISF members from all over the World will have a chance to participate in 18 sport disciplines. South Africa will

participate in seven codes of sport including football, basketball, athletics, swimming, chess, gymnastics, and table tennis. Selection in priority codes of sport has begun in earnest by Sport Federations in the 1st quarter of 2021/22. We have set aside appropriate budgets to support KZN athletes who are selected in the National Schools Teams.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY THROUGH SPORT

Sport plays an important role in building unity and social cohesion. The Department is committed to utilize sport as a powerful tool to achieve socio-economic transformation of our society. Since the first democratic elections in 1994, Government has introduced policies to address poverty and development challenges. However, inequality continues to persist threatening the stability of the country. At the core of the development agenda now is Radical Economic Transformation (RET) that is aimed at dealing with the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

The Department is committed to the RET objectives and this includes working with SMMEs and co-operatives. As part of our intent to utilize this sector, a workshop on local production and content in relation to clothing and textile sector was conducted. The Department has identified the following sport apparel as a vehicle for empowerment of co-operatives: soccer kits, netball kits, and moisture management T-shirts. In 2021/22, we will work to strengthen our partnership with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) to ensure fair and equal competition between co-operatives across all districts. The Department has set aside a total of **R10,0 million** over the 2021/22 MTEF for procurement of sport consumables including sport apparel from co-operatives and SMME's.

Skills Development and Job Creation: In an effort to resuscitate the sport and recreation sector, the Department must continue to lead the way in delivering a stronger, more sustainable system for developing coaching, technical officials, volunteers, water safety champions, recreation leaders and administrators. Last year, we placed a lot of emphasis on developing skills amongst unemployed youth and have already begun to do so. Last month, we trained 30 unemployed youth and ex-professionals as COVID-19 compliance officers. They will be paid a monthly stipend for the next four months and deployed at sport and recreation events to ensure Covid-19 and return-to-play protocols and regulations are adhered to. In recreation we have embarked on entrepreneurship training for indigenous games practitioners who will be supported by the Indigenous Games Association to begin to produce equipment used to play the games. We have partnered with the Coastal Horse Care Unit and National Horseracing Authority to train horse-feed merchants, farriers, grooms, breeding of horses, jockeys and volunteers involved with the stud book development.

This year, the Department has decentralised a large part of its skills development initiatives to District Centres so that people from rural and disadvantaged areas are provided with more opportunities for development. In 2021/22, the Department aims to accredit 2 337 coaches, administrators, technical officials, educators, water safety champions, recreation leaders and volunteers through training interventions with sport federations and entities or directly by the sport federations and entities themselves.

The Department aims to create 579 jobs this financial year. We have received **R2.1 million** for job creation initiatives from the EPWP Social Sector Incentive Grant. Additional funding for job creation will be provided by allocations within the Mass Participation Conditional Grant and the equitable share. We have already employed 328 Healthy Lifestyle and School Sport Coordinators at ward level where they will implement health and wellness programmes with vulnerable groups and learners within the confines of the return-to-play regulations. This is critical as people in rural areas find difficulty in accessing online platforms and thus

are most vulnerable to the effects of a sedentary lifestyle. In the long-term these coordinators will be used to assist with the implementation of school leagues and school sport programmes and the healthy lifestyle programme. Through the transfer of funds, jobs are created as development coaches, administrators and project coordinators within sport and recreation federations and entities – especially rugby, cricket, football, cycling and the KZN Sport Confederation.

Traditional Horse-Racing (standard bred) commonly known as *umtelebhelo* is on the rise in terms of popularity in all districts within KZN. Horses are owned by ordinary families and it is mass based. There is now eleven fully operational Associations with approximately 400 horse owners as members. Regular races are being held monthly with 1 500 horse registered owners and 4000 racing horses. This industry has the potential to create thousands of jobs and inject positively into the GDP. Model national events have also been established such as the Dundee July and Harry Gwala Summer Cup. This event benefits both horse owners and jockeys with stake-money and other benefits such as access to veterinary services, horse feed, transportation and hospitality.

In the past year the industry suffered immensely due to cancellation of events, and in 2021-22 we look forward to a gradual return of traditional horse racing under strict Covid-19 protocols, including the hosting of the Dundee July.

This new equine industry presents many economic value chain opportunities. In the 2021/22 financial year, the following will be prioritized:

- Skills development in the corporatization of its administration, grooms and jockey development, steward's development as well as farrier training;
- Breeding programme to improve the bloodline profile of traditional racing horses. This would make the horses more attractive to markets beyond KZN to other provinces, African countries and globally. In turn this would contribute significantly to the GDP. The breeding programme will be part of an envisaged Provincial Equine Academy. The academy will house the administration, farrier training, veterinary services, animal laboratory, indigenous horse studbook and jockey development training. Dundee is earmarked for this programme with a satellite training centre in Umgungundlovu.
- Production of racing equipment for horses and jockeys through the artisanry programme based in all districts. The artisans are able to produce leather products, harness and horse shoeing. Artisans will be trained through the Coastal Horse-Care Unit
- Horse-feed supply in accordance with accepted international norms as set out by the World Trotting Association (WTA) and traditional horse-racing studbook developed by the National Horse-Racing Authority (NHA). The supply chain process of producing and supplying feeds will have a local bias in favour of small businesses.

The **Dundee July** alone contributes approximately R20m to the local economy and creates over 500 job opportunities. A number of entities in the sector together with Sector Departments and NGO's have committed to contribute to the growth of the industry at the Dundee July Legacy Projects launch held in Dundee on 23 October 2020. The KZN Gaming and Betting Board, National Horse Racing Authority, Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA) have already committed to the project in an MOA. The main objective of the MOA is for the parties to cooperate in creating economic opportunities in all aspects of the value chain including the sport, agricultural aspects, tourism aspects, administration and gaming.

The focus shall be on the following key interventions to grow the economy:

- Homestay programme where homes in townships shall be supported by KZN Tourism with the view of boosting the local economy.
- Construction of a fully furnished office block for use by Traditional Horse Racing and Breeding Association supported by KZN Gaming and Betting Board (Endumeni Racetrack)
- The manufacture of new afro-centric full jockey uniform and horse blankets by local designers supported by EDTEA. The apparel will become the official jockey's uniform during races across the Province and be available on site.
- Equine saddlery and leather making entrepreneurship programme and business container programme, supported by DSR, EDTEA and the Coastal Horse-Care Unit.
- Provision of new permanent lighting of the (Endumeni Racetrack) supported by Ithala Bank and Endumeni Municipality.
- Introducing horse feed, VETS services and breeding programme supported by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- A 3000-5000-seater stadium/stands at the Endumeni Racetrack.

Through the Coastal Horse Care Unit, the Department has begun implementing clinics with horses and horse-owners where the need has been the greatest. In addition to inoculating the horses to prevent the spread of African Horse Sickness, the Horse-Care Unit has also been handing-out horse feed and medical supplies to those owners who have the greatest need. The National Horse Racing Authority has kickstarted the implementation of clinics where microchips are being inserted into horses as part of the programme to develop a studbook for all rural horses in the programme. The programme has already started in Amajuba on 13 May 2021, and will move to other areas.

E-sports (also known as electronic sports, e-sports, or eSports) and e-Gaming is a form of gaming using digital platforms. E-sports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams.

The Department will launch fully-equipped containers with gaming consoles and they will be able to be transported to all sites across the Province where sport competitions will be held. In the first year, two gaming containers will be launched and this will be developed with shipping containers being converted. The Department has budgeted **R3,0 million** from the Community Sport and School Sport programmes to launch E-Sports in the Province.

Unemployed youth will need to be trained as entrepreneurs and the Department will determine how the youth can access containers placed in townships. E-Sport is not limited solely to the gaming industry. There are other avenues and opportunities within the industry and has an entire value chain of its own, including capacity building, training, organizing games, sponsorship, procurement, as well as numerous publicity and marketing opportunities.

The Department is currently implementing E-Chess across the Province in partnership with the KZN Chess Association and the KZN Sport Confederation. The programme will also be implemented in schools with the establishment of district school's leagues from where selected players can graduate to a provincial league.

Sports Tourism: The Province has state of the art infrastructure in the form of stadia and conference centres. These are all possible stimuli to boost the local economy. A key element of boosting the local economy is through the hosting of major events (Sports Tourism). This also stimulates SMMEs and the hospitality industry. There is a requirement for capital outlay but the returns on investment outweigh the initial investments. Some of the initiatives include hosting of the Soweto derby, international rugby & cricket matches, partnership with Sharks to bring rugby matches to the townships. Hosting of Provincial events such as the Dundee July, KZN Premier's Cup, Comrades Marathon, Dusi Canoe Marathon, Provincial Indigenous Games, Festival, promotion of PSL local derbies, SALGA-KZNDSR GAMES, School Sport National Championships, Indigenous Games and e-Sport will also contribute to the economy. Direct spending by sports tourists at host facilities, hotels, restaurants, and entertainment venues stimulates the local economy. Jobs are created, and tax revenue is earned. High profile sporting events may also improve the image of, and opportunities available in, the areas in which the events are held. The SALGA-KZNDSR Games have been cancelled for this year. The Department will reprioritise a percentage of this funding allocated to District Centres to support mayoral competitions and festivals in an effort to boost the mood of people and to bring communities together.

Promoting the Oceans Economy through Sport: The Department effects a Transfer payment of **R700 000** to KZN Sailing and SAIL Africa. Both these structures work effectively with schools and tertiary institutions that offer syllabi on the maritime industry. Whilst the schools provide the necessary academic focus in these subjects, SAIL Africa is able to create sailing opportunities for both male and female students from a number of establishments, especially Wiggins Secondary in Mayville, Rosburgh High School and the Durban University of Technology. Learners are given extensive training to sail both a keel boat and dinghy and must qualify with a safety boat license and instructor certificates. They have been able to create jobs for youth as deep-sea divers, skippers of yachts and deck hands.

Nqobile Khuzwayo came to Sail Africa as a Grade 8 student at age 14. She attended Wiggins Secondary and is a peer leader at Ithemba Lethu, an anti-aids organisation working in the informal settlements in Cato Manor. She sailed with SAIL Africa for two years and was identified as a possible bursary candidate. Nqobile comes from an all-female household, no one in the family is working and they exist on Government grants including her grandmother's old age pension and the child support grants. She has received an international bursary and is currently studying at the Lawhill Maritime Centre in Simonstown.

KZN Sport Awards: The Annual KZN Sport Awards is a premier event on the KZN sporting calendar. The awards recognize and acknowledge the successes and commitment of athletes, coaches, administrators, technical officials and sport and recreation bodies. The Awards are aligned to National Sport and Recreation Plan (NSRP), under "Winning Nation" pillar. The 2021 KZN Sport Awards are planned for September 2021 and will be held on a virtual platform should regulations not allow for a normal Awards Ceremony to be held. The period for qualification for the Awards will be extended to include those athletes affected by the cancellation of last year's event.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Honourable members, the budget for the 2021/22 financial year for the Department of Sport and Recreation is **R475 629 000**, of which **R96 317 000** is a conditional grant for the Mass Participation and Sport Development Programme (R94 208 000) and EPWP Social Sector Incentive Grant (R2 109 000).

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Programme 1	109 016 000
Programme 2	366 613 000
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