



SONA 2020: EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

JET Education Services summarises some key points from President Cyril Ramaphosa's State of the Nation Address on 13 February 2020, Parliament South Africa.

"Every 10-year-old needs to be able to read for meaning."

A PART OF OUR REALITY

Quality education for  is one of the key development issues of our 

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- The development of appropriate skills and capabilities;
- The investments we make now in early childhood development and early school learning will yield great economic benefits in the next two decades - and beyond;
- The introduction of the three-stream curriculum model, heralds a fundamental shift in focus towards more vocational and technical education;
- We will be introducing coding and robotics in grades R to 3 in 200 schools, with a plan to implement it fully by 2022.



1 A youthful population that has more access to education than ever before and which is achieving steadily improving outcomes.

2 2.4 million children are in early childhood development and pre-school.

3 81% of learners passed matric last year, with an increasing proportion coming from rural and township schools.

4 Our reality is also that of the 720,000 students who received state funding for TVET colleges and universities last year.

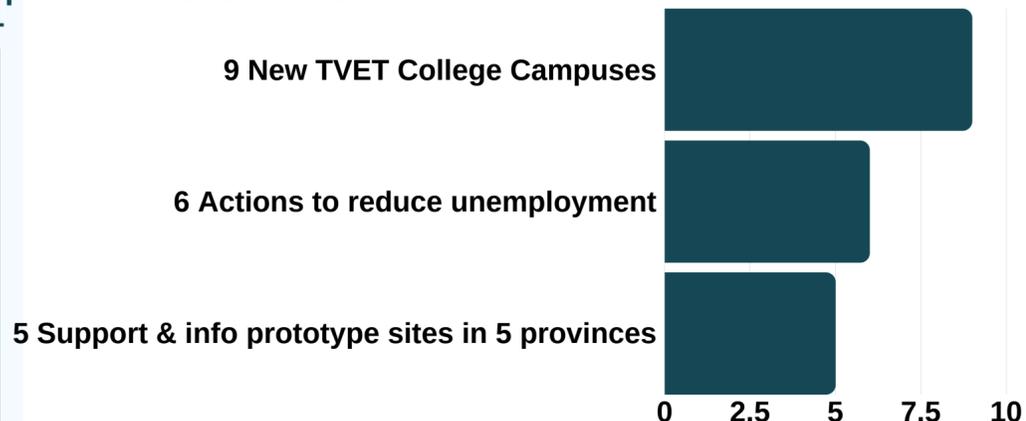
✓ **These are not just statistics.**

✓ **These are lives being improved.**

✓ **They are signs of progress.**



WE ARE TAKING THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:



THE CRISIS OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

More than half of all young people are unemployed. "We begin the implementation of the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention - six priority actions over the next five years to reduce youth unemployment."

1. We are creating pathways for young people into the economy.
2. We're providing shorter, more flexible courses in specific skills that employers in fast-growing sectors need.
3. We are developing new and innovative ways to support youth entrepreneurship and self-employment.
4. We are scaling up the Youth Employment Service and working with TVET colleges and the private sector to ensure that more learners receive practical experience in the workplace to complete their training.
5. We are establishing the first cohort of a Presidential Youth Service programme that will unlock the agency of young people.
6. We will lead a youth employment initiative which will be funded by setting aside 1% of the budget to deal with the high levels of youth unemployment.

✓ **These six actions will together ensure that every young person in this country has a place to go, that their energy and capabilities are harnessed, and that they can contribute to the growth of their communities and their country**

A new University of Science and Innovation will be established in Ekurhuleni.

