

## WEEKLY UPDATE:

15 May 2020

### EDUCATION RECEIVES MUCH-NEEDED COVID-19 SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES ENABLE THE CONTINUED DELIVERY OF THE EDUCATION RESPONSE PACKAGE MANDATE

Multiple stakeholders have been swift to support the Education Response package, to enable DBE and its partners to maintain the continued delivery of learning and teaching as the nation faces its biggest socio-economic challenge – COVID-19.

The NECT, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) and partners have been able to successfully garner support, including funding, to reduce the negative impact on the progress of 13 million school going children.

**AS OF MAY 2020, A TOTAL OF R23 002 559 HAS BEEN RAISED  
TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION RESPONSE PACKAGE.**



We are anticipating a further contribution of about **R6 000 000 from UNICEF** pending the finalisation of a proposal. Through these generous donations we have been able to accomplish various key activities including accelerating the provision of online learning and hygiene and sanitation support.

To enable access to online resources, given the prohibitive cost of data which excludes a substantial segment of our learners and educators, most platforms are zero rated.

Mobile operators are on course to zero-rate over **130 online platforms**. The National and provincial department of education websites are already zero-rated.

The NECT wishes to thank the organisations that have provided support and resources to drive the Education Response Plan. We further acknowledge the efforts of those tirelessly contributing to the success of the education response plan.

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