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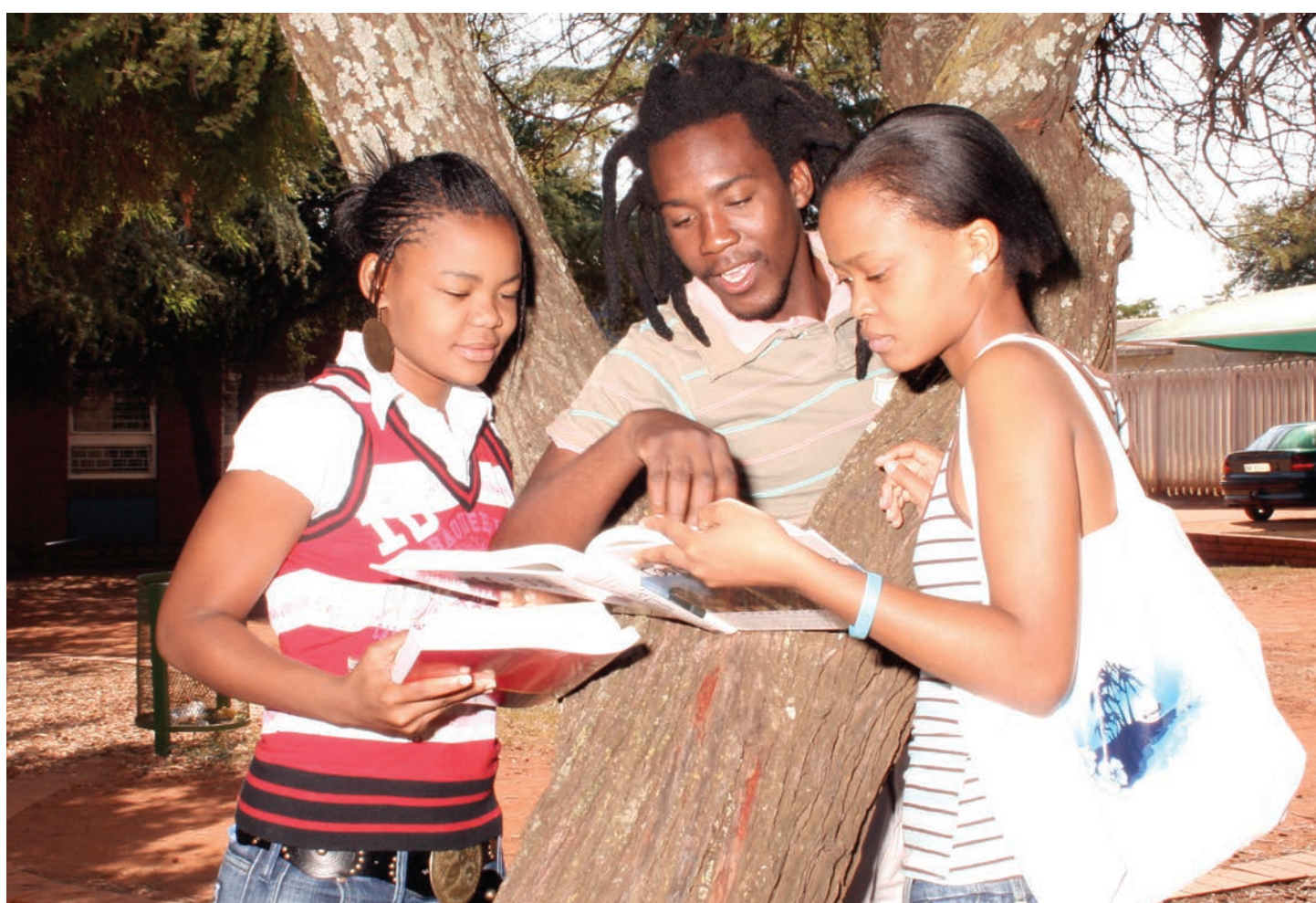


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## R9 billion more for NSFAS



Government is making more funding available to NSFAS to help students realise their dreams.

### Amukelani Chauke

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan says financing higher education remains a top priority for government.

The Minister announced the 2016 medium-term budget at the National Assembly recently.

The medium-term budget is used to outline government interventions to tackle economic challenges and spending priorities over a three-year period.

Minister Gordhan said that while access to education had increased over the years, there were not enough resources to fund it. As a result, many students

face financial hardships. "In addition to the R16 billion added to higher education funding

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**Higher Education and Training budget allocation**

**2013/14 – R34.3 billion  
2014/15 – R36.9 billion  
2015/16 – R41.8 billion**

in the February budget, we propose that a further R9 billion is allocated to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in the period ahead, raising its funding by over 18 percent a year," he said.

The Minister added that over R8 billion will be used to meet the costs of fee increases for students from households with incomes up to R600 000.

"We will work with the corporate sector and financial institutions to expand bursaries, loans and work opportunities for students.

"In seeking a balanced, sustainable roadmap for student finance, we appreciate that graduates who go

on to earn higher incomes will in due course contribute a share of these gains to the next generation," he said.

Meanwhile, Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande welcomed the additional funding.

He said that with the additional funding, government will be able to extend its reach to NSFAS deserving students who have tended to "fall through the cracks", despite the enormous investment that government has made since 1994.

"We have funded 1.7 million students since NSFAS started, at a cost of just over R59 billion. This was a huge commitment," he added. ▀



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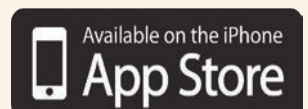


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# Ukuhlomisa Abantu Abaphila Nokukhubaze-

**INHLANGANO ENGENZI NZUZO** inikeza abantu abangaboni kahle nalabo abaphila nokukhubazeka eMzingazi, ogwini olusenyakatho neKwaZulu-Natal, ithuba lokuthola amakhono nelokuphila izimpilo ezingcono.



Inhlangano Yabakhubazekile i-Nawe Zifunze ishintsha izimpilo zabantu abaningi abaphila nokukhubazeka.

## Thandeka Ngobese

**I**nhlango Yabakhubazekile i-Nawe Zifunze (i-NAZIDI), eyasungulwa ngowezi-2004, inamalungu angama-80.

Le nhlangano ayibakuthazi abantu abaphila nokukhubazeka ukuthi baphile ngokukhangezwa, kodwa ibagqugquzela ukuthi bafunde amakhono ukuze bakwazi ukufaka isandla ngendlela ebonakalayo

emnothweni futhi bathole nemali.

Le nhlangano iqeqesha abantu abangaboni kahle kanye nalabo abaphila nokukhubazeka ukuthunga, ukubhaka, ukutshala izingadi, umsebenzi wobuhlalu kanye nokulungisa izingqola zabantu abakhubazekile.

Usihlalo wale nhlangano, uParadise Jali, naye ophila nokukhubazeka, uthe inhlangano ihlose ukukhuthaza abantu ukuba banga-

bheki izimo zabo njengezithiyo.

"Iphuzu lokuthi siphila nokukhubazeka alisho ukuthi asikwazi ukuzenzela izinto ngokwethu. Singavula siphinde siphathe amabhizinisi ethu futhi siphumelele kwesikwenzayo uma sifukulwa ngamakhono," washo.

Inhlangano yaqala njengephrojekthi yokutshala izingadi.

"Ngabona ukuthi aban-

tu abaningi abakhubazekile babengenakho ukudla okwanele emizini yabo, ngakho-ke saqala ukutshala kanye nokukhulisa imifino, efana nesipinashi, izaqathe, u-beetroot kanye no-anyanisi. Ngesikhathi isibalo samalungu ethu sikhula, sanquma ukwenza ezinye izinto ngaphandle kwezizingadi," kusho yena.

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Namuhla le nhlangano iphekela izintandane nezingane ezintula ukudla emva kwesikole, iphrojekthi yokufuya izinkukhu, i-Internet cafe kanye nephrojekthi yokuthunga. Iphinde inikezele ngamaphasela okudla kanye nezingubo kubantu abantulayo futhi ihlinzeka ngama-

khono okuphila kanye nokuqeqeshelwa ukusebenzisa ikhompyutha.

"Siphinde sifundise ngomsebenzi wezandla, ofana nomsebenzi wobuhlalu. Sisiza abantu abakhubazekile emphakathini ngezinto ezilusizo kubo, ezifana nezingqola zabakhubazekile kanye nezinduku zokudondolozela. Sisiza siphinde sidlulisele abantu nezicelo zabo zokuthola izibonelelo zikahulumeni eMnyangweni Wezokuthuthukiswa Komphakathi," kusho yena.

Isizinda Sokuthuthukiswa Kwezimboni sase-Richards Bay sisanda kunikela ngemishini yokuthunga kule nhlangano.

"Ukuthuthukisa amakhono kanye nethuba lokuhola imali kwabantu abantulayo kuyingxenywe ebalulekile yokwakha isizwe i-RBIDZ ezibophezele kukho," kusho uKhanyi Dlamini, Umlawuli Wamaphrojekthi Akhethekile e-RBIDZ neMenenja ye-CSI. **M**

## KZN Society for the Blind changing lives

**THE KWAZULU-NATAL** Society for the Blind is making a difference in the lives of visually impaired people in the province, with more than 200 visually impaired people now able to provide for their families.

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**T**he society trains visually impaired people (including the partially and completely blind) in the production of cane furniture and baskets and assists them to sell their products for a profit. It also has an early childhood development centre for visually impaired pre-schoolers and offers braille literacy and telephony training.

Speaking to *Vuk'uzenzele*, Kenneth Ngwenya, the manager of the cane workshop, said people are empowered with skills, which helps them

to open their own businesses.

"The cane workshop has been training people as cane weavers for the past six years and there are 64 qualified

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weavers on site in Umbilo.

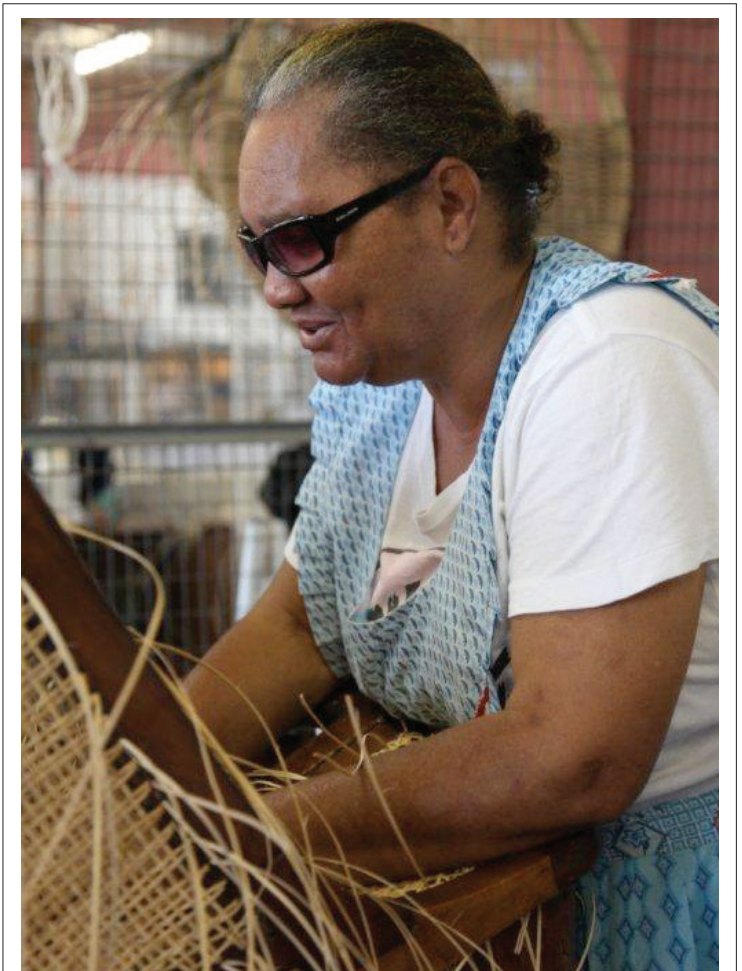
"The workshop offers a variety of cane items for sale to the public, including furniture such as coffee tables, chairs, sofas and cribs," said Ngwenya.

Nonhlanhla Ngidi, an employee in the furniture section, joined the society in 2010. She lost her eyesight in 1990 after both eyes were severely affected by cataracts. Being part of the society has assisted her to do something with her hands to improve her life.

"I am able to earn money to buy a few items for home. I am also able to do something for myself," she said.

In the weaving section, baskets are formed and shaped mostly by young people, who are all completely blind.

Zwelenkosi Mkhize, an employee in this section who



Visually impaired people in KwaZulu-Natal are learning invaluable skills.

was born with poor eyesight; is grateful for the opportunity that the society provides.

"Our communities think

that if you are blind you cannot work. I always tell a blind person that being blind is not the end of life," he said. **M**