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**BASIC EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO : CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTOR  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR – HRD  
CES – HRD & LABOUR  
LABOUR UNIONS  
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES  
EDUCATION ASSISTANTS  
GENERAL SCHOOL ASSISTANT**

**FROM : PROVINCIAL PROJECT MANAGER - BEEI**

**SUBJECT : UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIC EDUCATION  
EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PHASE 5 STIPENDS**

**DATE : 04 JULY 2025**

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1. This memorandum serves to provide all district, schools, Education Assistants and General School Assistants appointed in the Basic Education Employment Initiative on an update on the implementation of June 2025 stipends.
2. The Eastern Cape Department in partnership with the Unemployment Insurance fund have appointed 28 709 Education assistants and General School Assistants that have been placed in all quintiles 1 – 3 Schools in the Eastern Cape
3. As part of the appointment process, verification of each and every appointment had to be done in all districts to ensure that no nepotism, favouritism as well as obvious discrimination was evident in the recruitment and appointment of these assistants thus ensuring compliance to the grant framework of the project.
4. Additionally, with use of Kwantu as a payment master by the project, further verification of details such as banking details and Identity numbers of all assistants to ensure that all assistants are paid what is owed to them further



delayed the processing of implementing stipends by Kwantu the payment master

5. The Department in partnership with the Department of Basic Education (DBE) and the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) have successfully processed the payments of stipends for the first cohort of Assistant, with the Eastern Cape implementing a total of 18 029 stipends across the province
6. As the Department, DBE and UIF, processing of the second and final cohort are currently underway and will be implemented in the month of July.
7. It must be noted that all districts are to ensure that all Education Assistants and General School Assistants are all captured on the Kwantu system so as to ensure that all assistants moving forward are paid what is due to them on time until the conclusion of the project.
8. Districts are therefore urged to ensure that all assistants are captured Kwantu, all schools are trained on Kwantu as this is the data management system that will be used to implement attendance, trainings and payment of stipends for the duration of the project
9. As a Department we do appreciate the patience of the Districts, Education Assistants and General School Assistants and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the entire cohort receives their stipends through our partner Kwantu.

**Yours in Quality Education**

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