

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-ZA-IA0-004

South Africa - Just Energy Transition (JET) Jobs First: Gender and Social Inclusion



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	South Africa
<b>Specific Location</b>	Province of Mpumalanga
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	African Development Bank (AFDB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	C
<b>Voting Date</b>	2024-01-04
<b>Borrower</b>	Government of South Africa
<b>Sectors</b>	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Energy, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Advisory Services, Grant
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 0.47 million
<b>Grant Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 0.47 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 0.92 million



### Project Description

As stated by the AfDB, the Project Development Objective (PDO) of SAJJOF is to support women, youth and vulnerable groups during the JET through green skills development, microfinance, social business and entrepreneurship schemes. The project aims to achieve this by strengthening institutional capacity in the social sectors, developing training and capacity building programs, and financing incubators and accelerators in the Province of Mpumalanga.

SAJJOF will (i) strengthen institutions who are tasked to implement the JET such as the Office of the Premier (OTP), the Department of Education (DoE), Mpumalanga Youth Development Fund (MYDF) and Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency (MGCA) ,and (ii) provide support for skills development, and ignite youth entrepreneurship. Microfinance initiatives and social business programs will be developed to boost youth employment in areas such as nature-based solutions, renewable energy (wind and solar), climate smart agriculture, waste management and recycling.

Beneficiaries of the project will be communities whereby the decommissioning of coal plants may result in job losses, food insecurity and rising criminality especially against women.

The AfDB is a key partner of the International Partners Group (IPG) to support projects aligned with South Africa's JET investment plan, such as transmission and grid-balancing storage, renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, rehabilitation of municipal electricity delivery, green hydrogen, new electric vehicles. It also includes projects addressing the "just" dimension, notably in the Province of Mpumalanga, in the north-eastern part of the country, bordering Eswatini and Mozambique.

The JETP is a commitment to ensure a 'just transition' recognizing the direct and indirect impact that the energy transition will have on livelihoods, workers, and communities during the transition.



## Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)



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