



## **Media Statement**

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## **Proactive Funding for sporting facilities at the University of Mpumalanga**

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The University of Mpumalanga was established in 2013 and enrolled its first students – a group of 165 – in 2014.

With the main campus in Mbombela, and the second 300km away in Siyabuswa, the University found itself in dire need of adequate sporting facilities that would provide for the holistic development of students in support of academics.

A diversity of sporting facilities also promises to attract students to the University.

Proactive funding of R 27 million was approved for the University of Mpumalanga's Mbombela Campus and construction which began in 2017 is at practical completion stage.

The sports codes to benefit under this funding include soccer, athletics, tennis, volleyball, netball and basketball. The provision of these facilities will also create jobs in the communities.

The funds allocated cover the following:

- Construction of an 8-lane athletic track field,
- Construction of multi-purpose hard courts,
- Upgrading of soccer fields (including installation of irrigation systems),
- Procurement of sporting equipment,
- Landscaping, roads and parking around the athletic track field

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