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LAUNCH OF THE TRENDS IN THE COST OF LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA REPORT

Friday, 16 May 2025, 10h00 – 12h00, Capital Menlyn Maine Hotel, Pretoria

Pretoria, South Africa – The [National Planning Commission](#) (NPC) and the [United Nations Children’s Fund \(UNICEF\) South Africa](#) are jointly launching a report on ‘[Trends in the Cost of Living in South Africa](#)’.

As an independent advisory body appointed by the President, which is responsible, amongst other things, for mobilising government and society for the implementation of the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 (NDP), the NPC, in partnership with UNICEF, commissioned research that informs the report on trends in the cost of living. A key objective of the NDP is the elimination of poverty and inequality. In line with this, President Ramaphosa, in his 2025 State-of-the-Nation Address, highlighted poverty reduction and the tackling of the high cost of living as one of the three strategic priorities of the country’s Medium-Term Development Plan.

UNICEF, as part of the United Nations in South Africa, plays a significant role in supporting the government in its implementation of the NDP through quality and relevant data generation. The research that informs the report on trends in cost of living in South Africa is an excellent example of the kind of impactful partnership that is possible between the NPC and UNICEF.

The report presents analyses of trends between 2011-23 to get to grips with the complex interplay between service provision, wage growth, and household well-being and how these have affected the cost of living for poor and working poor households.

The aim of the launch is to share with all key stakeholders as well as society at large, the challenges, the key findings and the solutions-driven recommendations outlined in the report. See the attached programme for further details. To confirm your attendance, please contact Ms Liziwe Ngcuka at +27718926605 or Liziwe@dpme.gov.za

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