



BUDGET 2010

a people's guide

In February of each year, the Minister of Finance announces government's spending, tax and borrowing plans for the next three years. This is called the national budget. It describes how government will raise money and how it will be spent. The national budget divides money between national departments, provinces and municipalities. *Budget highlights on page 4...*

2010 - Ke Nako!

With the 2010 FIFA World Cup kick-off fast approaching, South Africans are excited about hosting one of the world's greatest sporting events. Our success in hosting the Confederation Cup in 2009 has added to the celebratory mood. As the first African host of this event, we have been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to show just how much our rainbow nation can accomplish.

Our country will benefit as we welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world. The World Cup will act as a tourist promotion, and we will use it to make sure these visitors will return to South Africa again.

Preparations for the event started in 2004 and gradually the country's roads, transport, stadiums and buildings received a facelift. This massive construction work resulted in a number of jobs being created and this boosted our economy. In fact, over 130 000 jobs were created in building stadiums alone, and this contributed R2 billion to low income households. Our country now has ten world class sports stadiums, allowing us to hold other big sporting events in future. Host cities have plans in place for using these stadiums after the World Cup.

Government provided a total of R 33 billion to the World Cup and South Africans will continue to reap the benefits long after Zakumi, the official mascot for the World Cup, has done his last dance on July 11. Spending has been carefully monitored so that no public resources were unaccounted for or wasted.

Almost R13 billion was spent on upgrading transport systems across the country, and major cities now have new systems like the Bus Rapid Transport System.

A further R 1.3 billion is being spent on safety and security, which will assist the South African Police Services in making sure the event is safe, and in their continued fight against crime.

Communities should also get involved, guarding against vandalism and using these facilities to

support youth and sport development.

This World Cup will stand out as a defining moment in our country's development.

Ke nako – it is time!



Faster growth, benefiting more people

Since 1994, government has done well to revive the economy from the bad condition the Apartheid government left it in. The economy has grown and since 2001 especially, more people have been able to get jobs. Government has also spent more money on housing, education, social grants, transport and water.

Still, too many people are unemployed. In particular, too many young people cannot find work. Earning an income allows people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. A country also cannot become successful and wealthy if so many of its people are unemployed

At the end of 2008, the economy stopped growing and the country entered a recession. As we know, this recession was caused by events in the United States. Government took steps to reduce the impact of this recession on the poor through more spending, more social grants, and creating more jobs in the public works programmes.

To get more people working, we need even faster economic growth and we have to do things differently so that we can create more jobs. Most jobs are created by companies, but government can help in making it easier for companies to do business, to hire people and to make profits. Our country needs

a partnership between communities, government, businesses and trade unions, so that we can come together and find common solutions to create jobs.

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that we can grow faster and create more jobs. Government's role is to improve education and training, to keep inflation and interest rates low, to change the laws that make it difficult for businesses to operate and to deliver better services to both individuals and businesses.

Our government is committed to doing things differently to achieve faster growth and more jobs.