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KZN NSNP CIRCULAR NO. 33 OF 2024

SUBJECT: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME (NSNP) IN THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. The National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) aims to enhance learning capacity and improve access to education by providing nutritious meals to needy learners from Grade R to 12 in targeted public ordinary schools as well identified public special schools.
2. The KwaZulu-Natal National School Nutrition Programme is experiencing such budget constraints that even the NSNP grant allocation is not sufficient to cater for all the learners currently in the programme amid the increased number of learners in each year.
3. To this effect, a decision has been taken to allocate budget for food items based on the **Funded Enrolment with effect from April 2024** in order to ensure that the feeding of learners of learners continues in 2024/25 amid the seriously constrained budget as well as to mitigate over-expenditure of the allocated grant.
4. The new budget allocation for 2024/25 is not adequate to cater for all learners participating in NSNP. In order to accommodate all benefitting learners within the limited budget, the Department had to force-balance the business plan by reducing the number of learners to be funded by 5%. This arrangement was then termed allocations based on "Funded Enrolments" which is 95% of learners in a school or 95% of the approved enrolment.
5. Funded Enrolment as applicable to NSNP is derived from 95% of the NSNP Approved Enrolment in which the service providers will be expected to supply and deliver, as well as claim for food items based on the funded enrollment while the gas/firewood allocation and Volunteer Food Handlers stipends will be calculated based on the NSNP approved enrollment (see the tables below indicating the breakdown of NSNP allocation in 2024/25).
6. While this is not an ideal route to take within the country's current economic contextual realities, the Department appeals for understanding and cooperation in this regard which is due to unfortunate limited budget provided by the Department of Basic Education for the programme.
7. In terms of the NSNP Policy read in conjunction with the Standard Operating Procedures, it is stated that *"NSNP allocations in respect of the number of learners that should benefit save for targeting schools shall be determined based on the SA-SAMS Data that shall be provided by EMIS Directorate as the **Approved 10th Statistical Survey** prior the commencement of the new financial year."*



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8. Based on the above and in view of the 2nd term for schools (coinciding with start of the new financial year) commencing on the 3rd of April 2024, the NSNP service providers require at least seven days to procure, deliver and supply food items for the new month (which in this case is April 2024).
9. Therefore, in order to ensure that the feeding of learners is not interrupted come the 3rd of April 2024, it is necessary that the current available and verifiable enrolment for 2023/24 is utilized for the supply and delivery of food items to schools **for the month of April 2024 only**, pending the finalization and approval of EMIS enrolments. Accordingly, the previous year's enrolments will form the base for the calculations of the Funded Enrolments for the month of April 2024.
10. To this effect, the NSNP Directorate will issue the relevant database to all districts for onward distribution to all participating schools and service providers indicating both the calculated funded enrolment for April 2024 and budget for April 2024 food items.
11. It is directed that all districts, participating schools and relevant stakeholders adhere to the above for ease of processing and payment of April 2024 claims, and that where applicable the standard NSNP control measures should be adhered to, to avoid any unnecessary challenges.
12. **The tables below indicate the budget allocation for 2024/25 for ease of reference as informed by the budget allocated to the province:**

12.1 Allocation per learner per day:

SCHOOL LEVEL	RATE PER LEARNER
1. Primary , Combined and Special Schools	R 3.58 (inclusive of breakfast) per learner per day
2. Secondary Schools	R 3.79 per learner per day

12.2 Allocation of Volunteer Food Handlers stipend per month from April 2024 to March 2025 at a ratio of 1:200 enrolment:

2024/25 STIPEND (GROSS)	UIF	NET	NO. OF MONTHS
R1 840.08	R36.08	R1 804.00	12mnths

12.3 Allocation for Gas/Firewood:

Category (Enrolment Sliding Scale)	Amount (R)
1. Wood/Gas 1- 200 learners Q 1- 5	R750
2. Wood/Gas 201 - 500 learners Q 1 - 5	R950
3. Wood/Gas 501 - 1500 learners Q 1 - 5	R1350
4. Wood/Gas 1501 and above Q 1 - 5	R1950

13. NB: There is no allocation of Volunteer Food Handler Stipend and Gas/Wood for special schools.



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14. The NSNP Feeding Calendar for 2024/25 comprises 209 school days, which correspond to the number of school days in compliance with the provisions of the Conditional Grant Framework as reflected in the attached calendar.

2024/25 NSNP Annual Calendar for School Feeding Quintiles 1 - 5 and Special Schools		
MONTH	FEEDING DAYS	TOTAL No. OF DAYS
April 2024	3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30	20
May	2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24,27,28,29,30,31	22
June	3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14	10
July	9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30,31	17
August	1,2,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30	21
Sept	2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20	15
October	1,2,3,4,7,8,9,19,11,14,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,24,25,28,29,30,31	23
Nov	1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,29	21
Dec	2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11	8
Jan 2025	15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24,27,28,29,30,31	13
February	3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27,28	20
March	3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,24,25,26,27,28	19
Total	FEEDING CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WHERE CHANGES OCCUR, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A CIRCULAR TO THAT EFFECT	209

15. The Department has two sets of approved menus for 2024/25. There is a set of menu with chicken livers for UMgungundlovu District and a menu without chicken livers for the other 11 districts comprising Amajuba, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, iLembe, Pinetown, uGu, Umlazi, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi, uThukela And Zululand.



UMGUNGUNDLOVU MENU: APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025
NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME MENU - SECONDARY SCHOOL

Day	Food Item	Raw Quantity	Portion Size Served
Monday	Pasteurized Milk or Amasi	200ml	4/5 cup
	Phuthu	60g	1 ½ cups
	Fruit in Season	Medium	
Tuesday	Sugar Beans	35g	¾ cup
	Samp	60g	1 ½ cups
	Yellow vegetables in season	70g	½ cup
Wednesday	Soya Mince Relish (Beef)	35g	¾ cup
	Boiled Rice	50g	1 ½ cups
	Green vegetables in season	70g	½ cup
Thursday	Chicken Livers relish	60g	¾ cup
	Phuthu	60g	1 ½ cups
	Yellow vegetables in season	70g	½ cup
	Or Veg Breyani & Dhall	10g Lentils 25 g Dhall	
Friday	Canned Fish	60g	¾ cup
	Rice	50g	1 ½ cups
	Green vegetables in season	70g	½ cup
	Tomatoes	7g	

NB:

- Specification for oil and seasonings include iodized salt, pepper, curry powder, mixed herbs, or spices to improve the taste of food in all menu options. **SLIDING SCALE** (Annexure A)
- Oil - 3ml, Salt - 1g and Curry - 1g.
- Only fortified maize meal must be used
- Safe drinking water must be provided in all classrooms
- Fruit must be served weekly for example apples, bananas, pears, oranges etc.
- Specifications for onions and tomatoes will be as follows – Onions – 7g, tomatoes – 7g, applicable in all menus except for Friday.
- Use full cream UHT milk in areas where it is socially acceptable instead of Pasteurized Amasi
- Use NSNP compliant soya must be strictly adhered to.



UMGUNGUNDLOVU MENU: APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025

NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME MENU – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Day	Food Item	Raw Quantity	Portion Size Served
Monday	Breakfast	20g	¼ cup
	UHT Milk/Pasteurized Milk or Amasi	200ml	4/5 cup
	Phuthu	40g	1 cup
	Fruit in Season	Medium	
Tuesday	Breakfast	20g	¼ cup
	Sugar Beans	30g	½ cup
	Samp	40g	1 cup
	Yellow vegetables in season	60g	½ cup
Wednesday	Breakfast	20g	¼ cup
	Soya Mince Relish (Beef Flavor)	25g	½ cups
	Boiled Rice	40g	1 cup
	Green vegetables in season	60g	½ cup
Thursday	Breakfast	20g	¼ cup
	Chicken Livers relish	40g	¼ cup
	Phuthu	40g	1 cup
	Yellow vegetables in season	60g	½ cup
	Or Veg Breyani & Dhall	10g lentils 20g Dhall	
Friday	Breakfast	20g	¼ cup
	Canned Pilchards	40g	½ cup
	Rice	40g	1 cup
	Green vegetables in season	60g	½ cup
	Tomatoes	5g	

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- **Oil - 2ml, Salt - 1g and Curry - 1g.**
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NSNP MENU APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
WITHIN 11 DISTRICTS COMPRISING
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Kindly bring the contents of this circular to all concerned.


 Mr. GN Ngcobo
 Head of Department: Education

Date: 25/3/24