

ABOUT THE NEF

Legislative mandate

Established by the National Empowerment Fund Act No 105 of 1998 (NEF Act), the National Empowerment Fund (the NEF) is a driver and thought-leader in promoting and facilitating black economic participation by providing financial and non-financial support to black empowered businesses, and by promoting a culture of savings and investment among black people. The operations of the NEF are governed by the Public Finance Management Act No 1 of 1991 (PFMA), including the National Treasury Regulations, the King III Report on Governance for South Africa and the Protocol on Corporate Governance in the Public Sector, 2002.

Vision

The NEF's Vision is to become the leading provider of innovative transformation solutions for an economically inclusive South Africa.

Mission

The NEF is a catalyst for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) in South Africa. We promote, enable, implement and develop innovative investment and transformation solutions to advance sustainable black economic participation in the economy.

Values (EMPOWER)

ETHICS

MOTIVATION

PERFORMANCE

OWNERSHIP

WORTHY

EXCELLENCE

RESPECT





Strategic objectives and outcome of the NEF

The NEF Act defines the policy objectives of the NEF as being to:

1. Provide black people with the opportunity of acquiring shares or an ownership interest in SOCEs (State Owned Commercial Enterprises)
2. Encourage and promote savings, investment and meaningful economic participation by black people
3. Promote and support business ventures pioneered and run by black enterprises
4. Promote a thorough understanding of the concept of equity ownership among black people
5. Contribute to the creation of employment opportunities
6. Encourage the development of a competitive and effective equities market that involves all persons in the Republic
7. Generally employ such schemes, businesses and enterprises as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of the NEF Act

In order to achieve these objectives the NEF is structured to deliver against its mandate by performing the following core activities:

- Fund Management, which comprises:
 - The Venture Capital and Corporate Finance Division, consisting of uMnotho Fund and the Strategic Projects Fund
 - The SME and Rural Development Division, which consists of the Pre-Investment Unit, iMbewu Fund, the Rural and Community Development Fund, the Socio-Economic Development Unit and Regional Offices. The iMbewu Fund focuses on providing funding for SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) while the Rural and Community Development Fund is committed to supporting the financing and establishment of sustainable rural enterprises
 - Office of the General Counsel, which consists of the Legal Department and the Post Investment Unit, supports services to the invested portfolio
- Asset Management, which serves as the custodian of certain equity allocations in SOCEs, and through which the NEF aims to foster a culture of savings and investment among its beneficiaries.🔥

