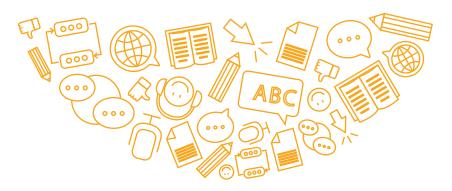




# ABOUT THE NATIONAL READING COALITION





## **National Reading Coalition**

#### What is the NRC?

The National Reading Coalition (NRC) was established by the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) and the Department of Basic Education (DBE) as a comprehensive national response to the reading challenges facing South Africa. The NRC is a coordinating structure where all reading initiatives and interested stakeholders can come together to share knowledge and successful learning experiences. The NRC functions as an agile, self-sustaining network of reading initiatives; essentially the NRC is a coalition of the willing.

### Why the Call to Action?

In 2019 his State of the Nation Address (SONA) the President committed the nation to improving the levels of reading among young people. Furthermore, he challenged the nation to start a reading revolution that would increase the number of South Africans who read for pleasure. The National Reading Coalition has heeded the President's call to join the reading revolution and to improve reading among all people, but especially the young.



# How will the National Reading Coalition Improve Reading? The NRC will improve reading through implementing activities around six value chain areas.



#### Language, literacy and reading policy

The language, literacy and reading policy value chain area ensures that all NRC activities are aligned to policy. It provides critical feedback to the DBE on the work and impact of the coalition.



Access to reading resources aims to increase the supply of, and access to, reading materials in indigenous South

African languages.





#### Research, monitoring and evaluation

Research, monitoring and evaluation promotes promising practices in African language teaching and builds on lessons learnt
Thus, supporting the DBE's research agenda.

#### Continuing professional teacher development

Continuing professional teacher development (CPTD) serves to enhance serving teachers' abilities in the teaching of reading; it also benefits the learners as they receive reading instruction from more skilled teachers.





#### Initial teacher education

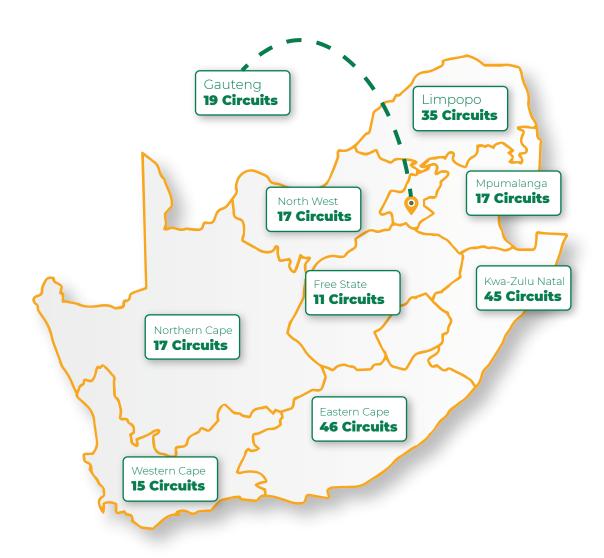
Initial teacher education (ITE) focuses on providing an increase in the number and skills of African language teachers entering the system.

#### Community support

Community support focuses on mobilising and consolidating the national reading response in communities. The NRC does this by working with NGO partners to inculcate a culture of reading in South Africa.



# Footprint in 222 Circuits



## How Does The National Reading Coalition Work?



### 01

The NRC works intensively in 25% of education circuits (222) across the country. It does this through providing re ading resources to schools and communities; by celebrating national and international reading days; and through activating reading in communities.



### 02

The NRC extends reading networks across the country through supporting the President's Reading Circle. It has established a Virtual Reading Club (VRC) to draw multiple stakeholders into the reading revolution. Additionally, in-person reading clubs are also active in several circuits.

The NRC works in four ways:

### 03

The NRC capacitates the education system through working intensively with provincial curriculum coordinators, subject advisors, SMTs and teachers. It does this through providing training and support on CAPS-aligned teaching and learning resources focused on reading.



### 04

The NRC collaborates with partners to further the President's reading goals in a range of ways. For example, the NRC has worked with NGO partners to mobilise reading champions in schools across the country. Reading partners have also supported the NRC through book donations.

# How Can I Join The Revolution?



**O1** Establish book clubs in communities.



**04** Participate in NRC reading activities.



**O2** Hold read-aloud sessions at work and at home.



**O5** Participate in reading and writing competitions.



O3 Set aside time for reading for pleasure.



O6 Collect and distribute books in your communities.



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