



SERVICES SETA SPECIAL PROJECTS 2026/27

Briefing Session
Reference: **SP2026/27-03**

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AGENDA

-  **Purpose of the Session**
-  **What is Special Projects**
-  **Who Can Apply**
-  **Focus Areas**
-  **Key Dates**
-  **Application Process**

PURPOSE OF THE SESSION

- Provide clarity on the funding window
- Guide applicants on requirements
- Explain what makes a strong proposal
- Reduce non-compliant submissions



WHAT IS SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING

- Funding for **high-impact, non-profit initiatives**
- Focus on **measurable social and economic impact**
- Goes beyond routine training
- Combines **skills development + real outcomes**

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible organisations include:

- NGOs
- NPOs
- NPCs
- CBOs
- Community Trusts

FOCUS AREAS

Projects must address at least one:

- Rural and township development
- Youth and women empowerment
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities
- Support for military veterans
- Enterprise development and job creation

KEY DATES

Opening: 28 April 2026

Closing: 27 May 2026

Late submissions will NOT be accepted

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Strong proposals must show:

- Clear problem
- Practical intervention
- Measurable outcomes
- Real impact on communities
- Ability to implement

WHAT MAKES A STRONG PROJECT

- Addresses clear problem
- Aligns to SETA and/or national priorities
- Clear logic (problem → impact)
- Measurable outcomes
- Practical plan
- Realistic budget
- Capacity
- Sustainability

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED

- Generic training without outcomes
- Weak or unclear proposals
- Inflated or lump sum budgets
- Projects with no measurable impact
- Incomplete submissions

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit:

- Application Form (online)
- Project Summary
- Full Proposal
- Budget Template

All documents must align

Mandatory Supporting Documentation

Applicants must submit the following supporting documents as part of the application:

Organisation registration documents (NPO / NPC / Trust registration)

Certified identification documents of authorised representatives

Failure to submit mandatory documentation will result in disqualification during compliance screening.

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The Services Sector Education and Training Authority (Services Seta) invites proposals for Special Projects that deliver measurable social and economic impact.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

Organisation Details

1. Organisation Name *

2. Organisation Type *

NGO

NPO

NPC

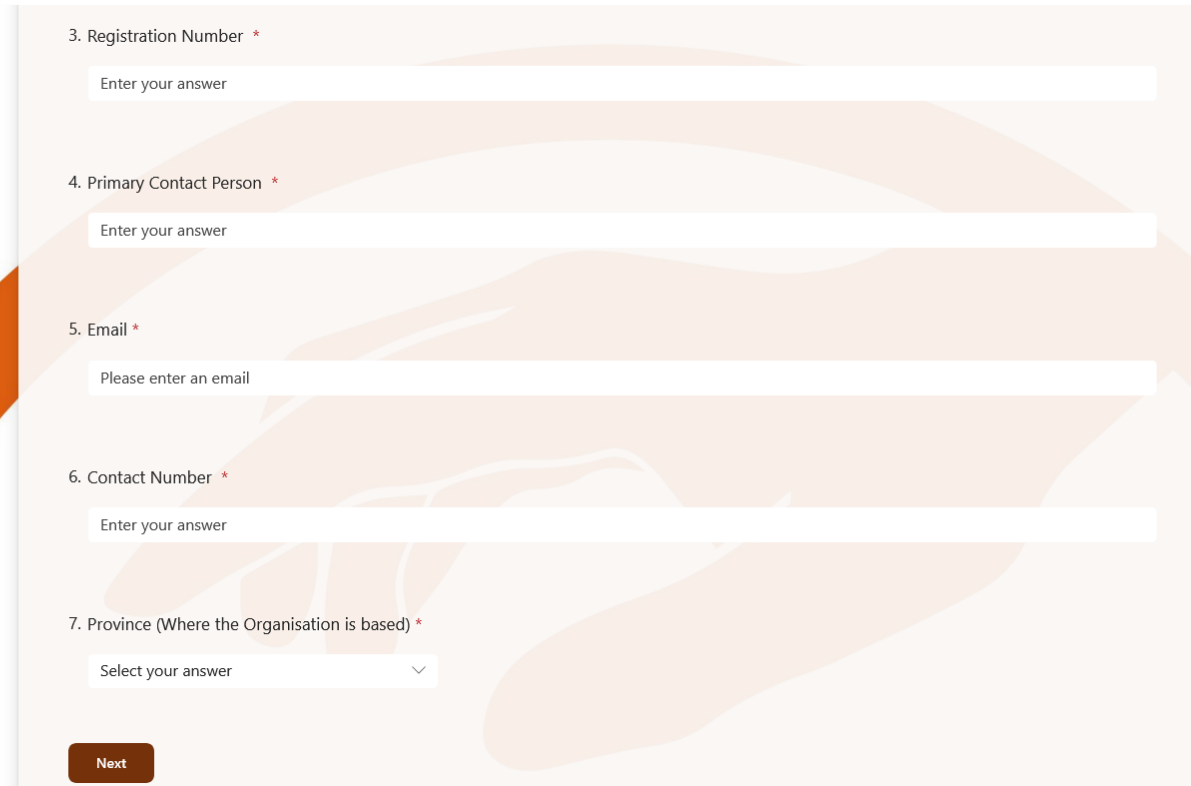
CBO

Community Trust

3. Registration Number *

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3. Registration Number *

4. Primary Contact Person *

5. Email *

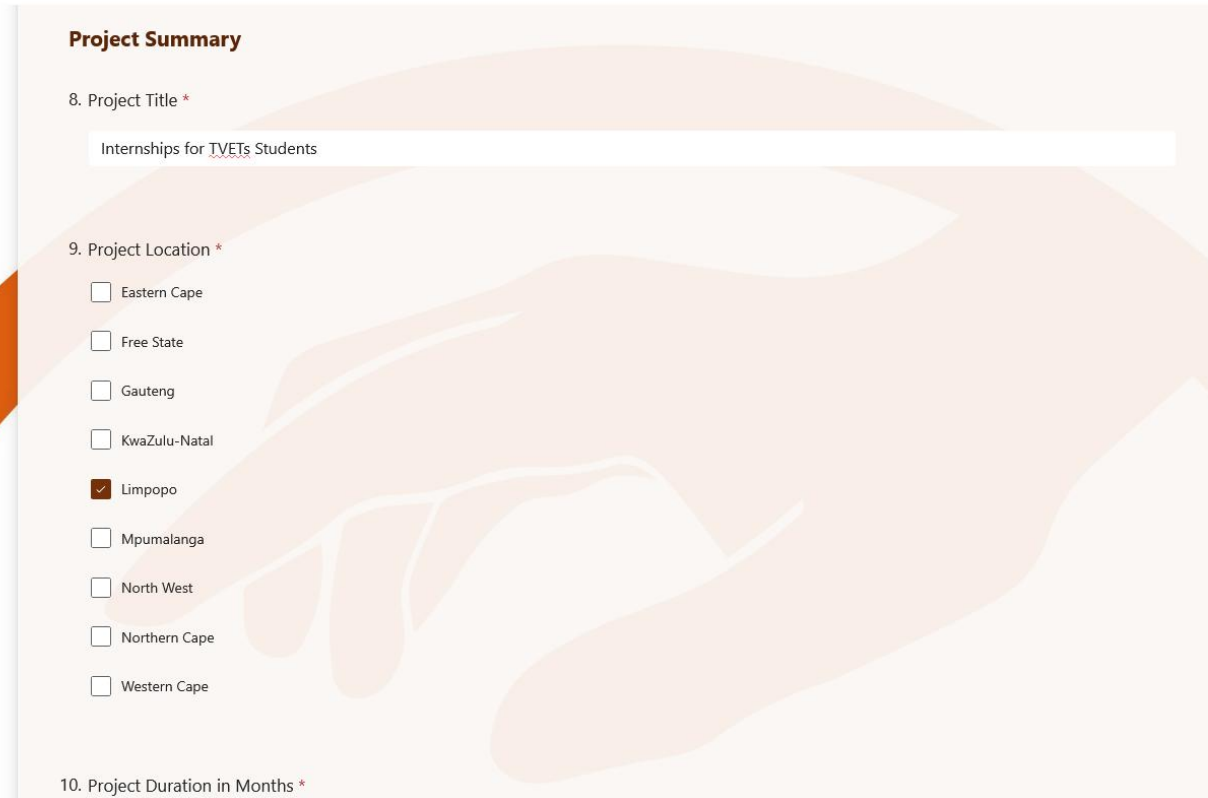
6. Contact Number *

7. Province (Where the Organisation is based) *

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A screenshot of a web application form titled 'Project Summary'. The form is overlaid on a background image of two hands shaking. The form contains three sections: '8. Project Title *' with a text input field containing 'Internships for TVETs Students'; '9. Project Location *' with a list of South African provinces and their corresponding checkboxes, where 'Limpopo' is checked; and '10. Project Duration in Months *' which is partially visible at the bottom.

Project Summary

8. Project Title *

Internships for TVETs Students

9. Project Location *

Eastern Cape

Free State

Gauteng

KwaZulu-Natal

Limpopo

Mpumalanga

North West

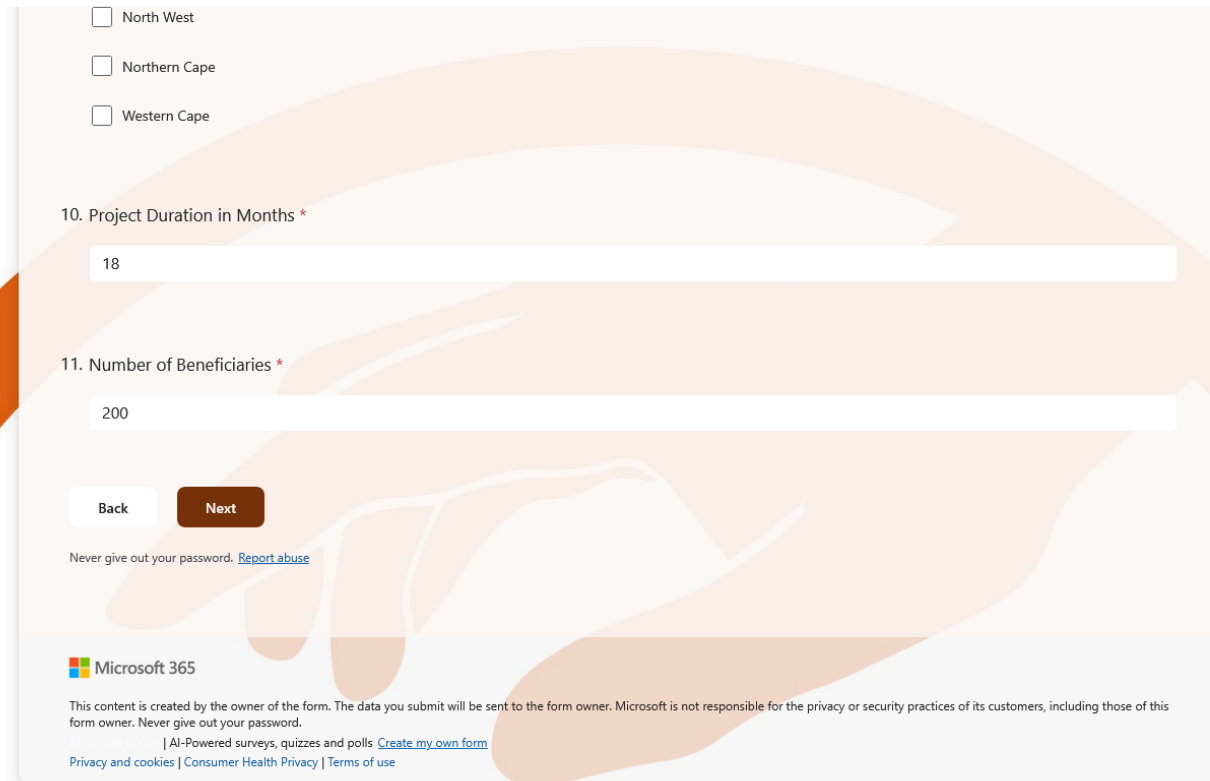
Northern Cape

Western Cape

10. Project Duration in Months *

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A screenshot of a web application form. The form is overlaid on a large, faint background image of a hand. The form contains several sections: a list of provinces with checkboxes, two numbered questions with text input fields, navigation buttons, a password warning, and a footer with Microsoft 365 branding and legal notices.

North West

Northern Cape

Western Cape

10. Project Duration in Months *

18

11. Number of Beneficiaries *

200

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Focus Area

12. Select the one focus area that best represents the primary objective of your project *

Job Creation

13. Secondary Focus Areas
Select any additional focus areas that your project supports

- Rural / Township Development
- Youth Empowerment
- Women Empowerment
- Persons with Disabilities
- Military Veterans and Dependents
- Enterprise Development
- Job Creation
- Local Economic Development

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Project Design

14. Problem Statement *

Many students in TVET Colleges, particularly in rural and underserved areas, lack access to meaningful workplace experience opportunities. As a result, they are unable to gain the practical skills and industry exposure required to complement their theoretical training. This gap limits their readiness for employment and reduces their competitiveness in the job market. The challenge disproportionately affects students from disadvantaged backgrounds, further widening inequalities and contributing to higher levels of youth unemployment. Addressing this issue is critical to improving graduate employability and ensuring that TVET College students are adequately prepared to meet industry demands

15. Project Approach *

The project will focus on creating structured workplace exposure opportunities for TVET College students through partnerships with industry stakeholders. The approach will begin with identifying and engaging employers within key sectors aligned to the students' fields of study. Formal agreements will be established to secure placement opportunities such as internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing.

Participating students will be selected and prepared through pre-placement orientation, focusing on workplace readiness, professional conduct, and basic employability skills. Students will then be placed with partner organisations for a defined period to gain hands-on experience relevant to their qualifications.

Throughout the placement, ongoing monitoring and support will be provided to both students and host employers to ensure a meaningful learning experience. Feedback will be collected to track progress, address challenges, and improve the programme.

The project will conclude with an evaluation of outcomes, including the number of students placed, skills gained, and potential employment opportunities secured. This approach aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice, enhance employability, and strengthen collaboration between TVET Colleges and industry

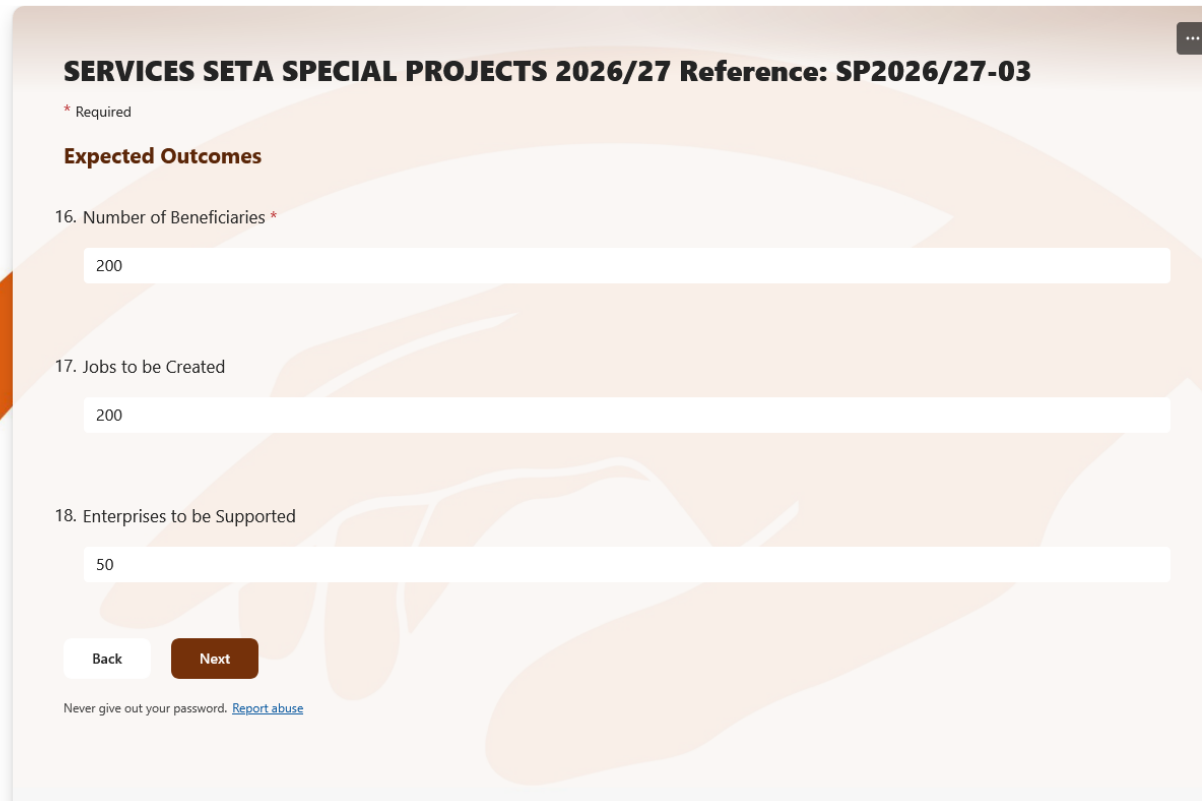
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A screenshot of a web application form titled 'SERVICES SETA SPECIAL PROJECTS 2026/27 Reference: SP2026/27-03'. The form includes a 'Required' indicator, a section for 'Expected Outcomes', and three numbered input fields: '16. Number of Beneficiaries *' with the value '200', '17. Jobs to be Created' with the value '200', and '18. Enterprises to be Supported' with the value '50'. At the bottom, there are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons, and a footer note: 'Never give out your password. [Report abuse](#)'.

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Expected Outcomes

16. Number of Beneficiaries *

200

17. Jobs to be Created

200

18. Enterprises to be Supported

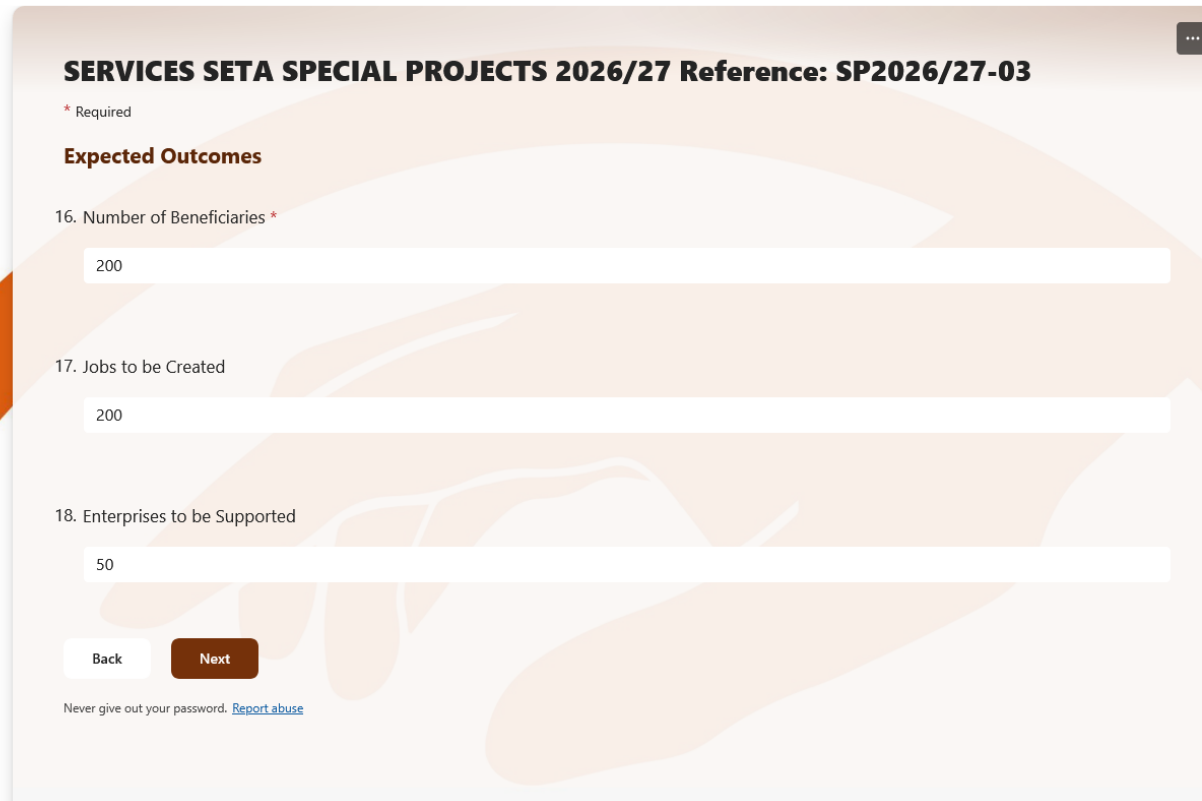
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* Required

Expected Outcomes

16. Number of Beneficiaries *

17. Jobs to be Created

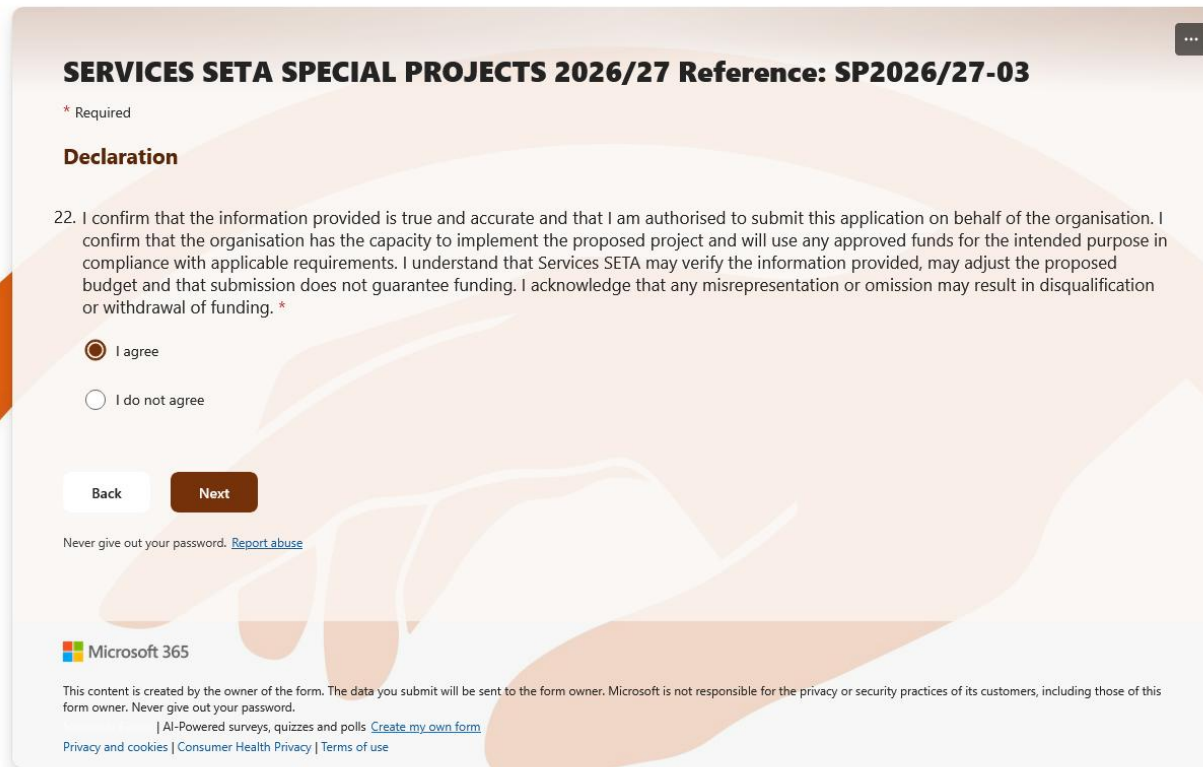
18. Enterprises to be Supported

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A screenshot of a web form titled 'SERVICES SETA SPECIAL PROJECTS 2026/27 Reference: SP2026/27-03'. The form is displayed on a mobile device, as indicated by the three-dot menu icon in the top right corner. The form content includes a 'Declaration' section with a paragraph of text and two radio button options: 'I agree' (selected) and 'I do not agree'. Below the options are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. At the bottom of the form, there is a Microsoft 365 logo and a disclaimer: 'This content is created by the owner of the form. The data you submit will be sent to the form owner. Microsoft is not responsible for the privacy or security practices of its customers, including those of this form owner. Never give out your password.' followed by a link to 'Create my own form' and other links for 'Privacy and cookies', 'Consumer Health Privacy', and 'Terms of use'.

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* Required

Declaration


22. I confirm that the information provided is true and accurate and that I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation. I confirm that the organisation has the capacity to implement the proposed project and will use any approved funds for the intended purpose in compliance with applicable requirements. I understand that Services Seta may verify the information provided, may adjust the proposed budget and that submission does not guarantee funding. I acknowledge that any misrepresentation or omission may result in disqualification or withdrawal of funding. *

I agree

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POPIA Notice

By submitting this application, you consent to the collection and processing of personal information by Services Seta for the purposes of administering, evaluating and managing this funding process.
Personal information will be processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws and may be shared with authorised personnel and service providers involved in the evaluation and due diligence process.
Information will not be used for any purpose unrelated to this application without consent, unless required by law, and will be retained for audit and record-keeping purposes.


23. Do you consent to the processing of personal information as outlined above? 

I consent

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Thank you for submitting your application to Services SETA – Special Projects 2026/27. Your application has been received successfully. You will receive an email shortly containing:

- Your unique application reference number
- A secure link to upload all required supporting documents

Please note: Submitting this form alone does not complete your application. All required documents must be uploaded via the link sent to you by email. If you do not receive the email within a few minutes, please check your spam folder. For assistance, contact us at sp2026@serviceseta.org.za

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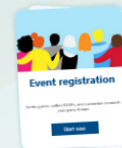
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All Documents

Details

Name	Modified	Modified By	+ Add column
01_Registration	April 28	Special Projects 2026	
02_Project_Proposal	April 28	Special Projects 2026	
03_Project_Plan	April 28	Special Projects 2026	
04_Budget	April 28	Special Projects 2026	
05_Supporting_Documents	April 28	Special Projects 2026	

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

- Unit cost
- Quantity
- Duration
- No lump sums
- Explain personnel

IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

- Submission \neq funding
- Quality matters

Common Problems

Weak Projects

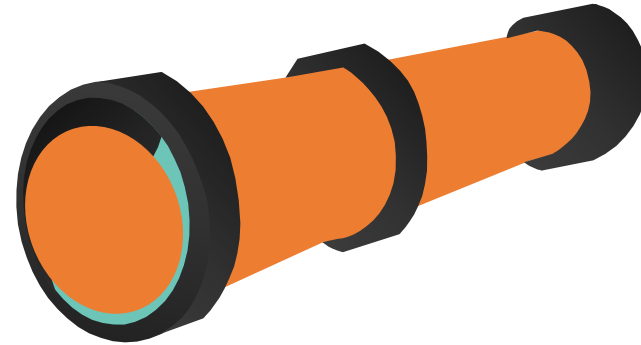
- ✗ Generic, copy-paste proposals
- ✗ No link between problem and solution
- ✗ No measurable outcomes
- ✗ Poor or inflated budgets
- ✗ Missing or inconsistent documents

Strong Projects

- ✓ Based on real, evidence-based needs
- ✓ Clear logic: Problem → Intervention → Outcome
- ✓ Measurable results (jobs, income, enterprises)
- ✓ Detailed and realistic budgets
- ✓ Complete and aligned submission

FINAL ADVICE

- Be clear
- Be realistic
- Focus on impact
- Align documents





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