



# WOMEN ADVANCEMENT FUND



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PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL

Theme: **"Igniting Her Future:  
A Catalyst for Economic Empowerment"**

## KwaZulu-Natal Women Advancement Fund Application Form

*Thank you for your interest in the KwaZulu-Natal Women Advancement Fund (KZNWAF). This fund is dedicated to empowering women entrepreneurs in KwaZulu-Natal by providing financial support, mentorship, and business development services. Please ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria before applying.*

### Eligibility Criteria:

- **Women Ownership/Leadership:** The business must be majority-owned (80% or more) or led by women.
- **Industry Focus:** The business must operate in one of the following key sectors: agriculture and agro-processing manufacturing, retail, technology, healthcare, tourism, energy, renewable energy and maritime.
- **Business Stage:** The fund supports startups, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and businesses in the scaling phase.
- **Growth Potential:** The business must demonstrate potential for job creation, social



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impact, and economic growth within the province.

- **Exclusion Criteria:** Businesses operating in industries related to alcohol, tobacco, or illegal activities are not eligible for this fund. Additionally, applicants must not have received any government funding in the past three years.

***The information you provide will be reviewed by our selection committee, and successful applicants will be contacted for further steps.***

### **Section 1: Personal Information**

*This section collects basic personal details to verify your eligibility and ensure that we have accurate contact information. Your personal information will be used for all correspondence regarding your application and to verify your South African citizenship, as only South African citizens are eligible for this fund.*

<b>Name and Surname</b>	
<b>Cellphone Number</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Male</li><li>● Female</li><li>● I'd prefer not to say</li><li>● Other</li></ul>
<b>ID Number</b>	

## Section 2: Business/Project Information

*In this section, we gather critical information about your business, including the sector in which you operate, the stage of your business, and the level of women's leadership in your organization. This helps us assess whether your business aligns with the fund's priorities of supporting women-owned and led businesses in key sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, technology, and more.*

<b>Business/Project Name</b>	
<b>Year Established</b>	
<b>Is your business majority-owned (80% and above) or led by women?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li><li>• No</li></ul>
<b>What percentage of the business is owned by women?</b>	
<b>Type of Business/Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Startup</li><li>• Small Business</li><li>• Social Enterprise</li><li>• Non-Profit Organization</li><li>• Cooperative</li><li>• <b>Other (Please state):</b> _____</li></ul>

<p><b>What sector does your business/project operate in?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Technology</li> <li>● Agriculture</li> <li>● Agro-Processing</li> <li>● Education</li> <li>● Healthcare</li> <li>● Retail</li> <li>● Tourism</li> <li>● Energy</li> <li>● Renewable Energy</li> <li>● Wholesale</li> <li>● Construction</li> <li>● <b>Other:</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage of Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Startup (less than 3 years in operation)</li> <li>● Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)</li> <li>● Scaling/Growth stage</li> <li>● <b>Other (Please state):</b> _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>How long has your business been operational?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Less than 1 year</li> <li>● 1-3 years</li> <li>● 4-7 years</li> <li>● More than 7 years</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brief description of the business/project</b></p>	
<p><b>Current number of employees</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 0-5</li> <li>● 6-20</li> <li>● 21-50</li> <li>● More than 50</li> </ul>

### Section 3: Funding Needs

Here, you will provide details about your financial needs and how you plan to use the funding. The information gathered in this section will help us understand the financial challenges you are facing, the amount of support required, and how the funding will contribute to the growth and sustainability of your business. It is important to provide as much detail as possible.

<b>What kind of financial support are you seeking?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microloan</li><li>• Term loan</li><li>• Equity financing</li><li>• Grant</li><li>• <b>Other (Please state):</b> _____</li></ul>
<b>Amount of funding requested</b>	
<b>Purpose of funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and Development</li><li>• Product Development</li><li>• Marketing</li><li>• Scaling Operations</li><li>• Equipment Purchase</li><li>• Human Resources</li><li>• <b>Other (Please state):</b> _____</li></ul>
<b>Briefly describe how the funding will be used.</b>	

<p><b>Have you received any prior funding from another organization?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• No</li> </ul> <p><b>If yes, from who and how much?</b></p> <hr/> <hr/>
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**Section 4: Impact and Growth Potential**

*The goal of this section is to understand how your business is currently contributing to the local economy, especially in terms of job creation and gender equality, and how it will continue to do so in the future. We want to know about the impact your business has on your community and your vision for its growth. This information will help us assess the social and economic impact of the businesses we support.*

**1. How does your business contribute to job creation or local economic growth?**

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**4. Have you participated in any mentorship or business development programs?**

- Yes
- No

**5. If yes, provide details about the mentorship programmes you've participated in.**

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## Section 5: Supporting Documentation

*Supporting documentation can provide evidence of your business or project's viability and your team's capabilities. By submitting relevant documents, you can increase your credibility and improve your chances of securing support from the KZN Women Advancement Fund.*

*Please ensure that all required supporting documents are attached to your application form and that they are **certified copies**.*

- **Business Plan/Project Proposal**
- **Certified ID Copy**
- **Legal Documents (Business Registration Certificates, Intellectual Property Rights, Licenses)**
- **Proof of Address**
- **Company Registration**
- **Tax Clearance Certificate**
- **Financial Report**

**Please ensure that all required supporting documents are attached to your application form. Failure to include any of the listed documents will render your application null and void. Supporting documentation provides critical evidence of your business or project's viability and your team's capabilities. By submitting these documents, you increase your credibility and enhance your chances of securing support from the KZN Women Advancement Fund.**

## DECLARATION

*This is a formal declaration that all the information provided in the application is accurate to the best of your knowledge. Submitting this declaration is necessary to ensure the integrity of the application process and to confirm your commitment to providing honest and truthful information.*

**I hereby declare that the information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may result in the rejection of my application**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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