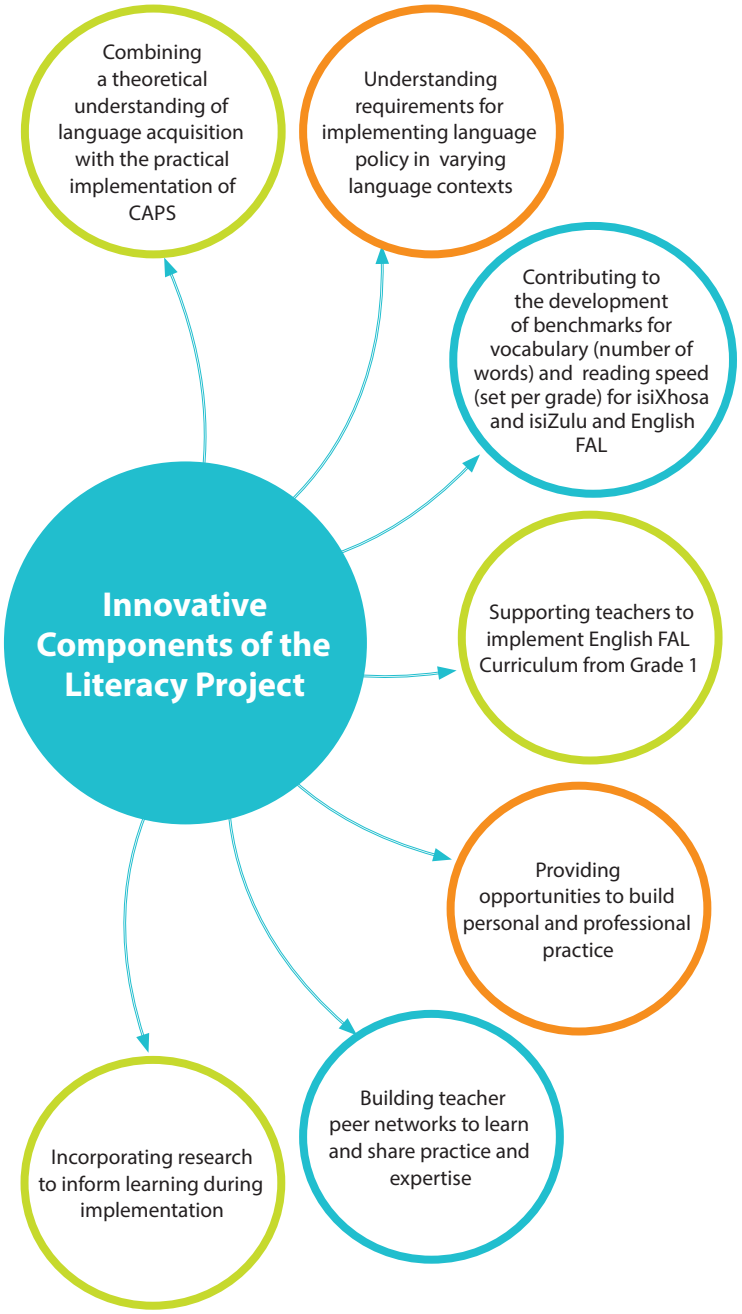
5. What are the Project's Innovative Components?



6. Who are the Literacy Project partners in the Provinces?

KwaZulu-Natal:

The Environment and Language Education Trust was established in 1984 as a non-governmental organisation committed to transforming education and working towards whole-school development and community enrichment. For 25+ years, ELET has worked towards the achievement of whole-school success through the development of able and committed educators, working with active and motivated learners, in an enabling and healthy environment.

Eastern Cape:

Molteno is a non-profit language and literacy organisation on a mission to change our world by developing literacy and language, teaching and learning materials, while providing institutional training and class-room mentoring to developing communities in Africa. Molteno develops learning material, provides training, and mentorship to Foundation Phase teachers with Mother-tongue and English development programmes.

Western Cape:

Read Educational Trust is a South African based NGO that operates in the education and literacy sectors broadly, and in educator training and school resource provision specifically. Established in 1979 and funded by foreign donors and the private sector, READ works alongside the Department of Education to implement teacher training and literacy projects in schools.

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Literacy Project

1. What is the Zenex Foundation Literacy Project?

The Zenex Foundation Literacy Project is an innovative teacher development intervention to assist teachers in the Foundation Phase with Home Language (HL) and First Additional Language (FAL) literacy teaching, aligned with the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS).

The Literacy Project is to be implemented in one district in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Western Cape. These three provinces provide the opportunity to work in three different language contexts, and in an urban and rural setting.

2. Why a Literacy Project?

- National and international assessments of literacy levels tell us our learners are not performing at the required grade levels.
- Research tells us that there is a critical relationship between children's acquisition of language in their early years and their ability to learn.
- Children need a strong foundation in their mother tongue to support the introduction of a second language.
- Low literacy levels are linked to learners' socio-economic background, including a language and print–rich home context.

Who is the Zenex Foundation?

The Zenex Foundation is an independent specialist grant-making agency undertaking the delivery of programmes and projects in Mathematics, Science and language education in South Africa. The aim of the Zenex Foundation is to improve the quality of learning and teaching, and to positively contribute to the education sector through research and programmatic contributions. Evidence derived from our work in Research and Evaluation underpins and informs all project work and also contributes to knowledge development in the education sector. The Foundation values innovation and prizes highly its partnership with government, donors and service providers. **Please visit www.zenexfoundation.org.za for more information.**

3. How will the Literacy Project address the problems?

Assist teachers to implement CAPS through a focus on classroom management, learner assessment, reading, writing and comprehension.

24 days of training and four in-class specialist coaching sessions will be provided per year.

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Assist HODs to strengthen their management and coaching skills to support and develop teachers.

A 14-day accredited management and coaching training course with on-site support will be provided to HODs.

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Provide top-up reading and classroom resources for learners.

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Support literacy learning at home with parents and caregivers.

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Improved learner performance in HL and FAL literacy in the Foundation Phase.

4. Who are the Project Schools?

The Literacy Project will be implemented in 22 schools, in three districts and in three provinces.

KwaZulu-Natal

District: iLembe (rural)
Service Provider: **Environment and Language Education Trust (ELET)**

1. Esidumbeni Primary School
2. Emkhambeni Primary School
3. Montebello Primary School
4. Gasela Primary School
5. Ezindlovini Primary School
6. Inthapuka Primary School
7. Magongolo Junior Primary School
8. Sion Primary School

Eastern Cape

District: Port Elizabeth (peri-urban)
Service Provider: **Molteno Institute for Language and Literacy (Molteno)**

1. Emsengeni Primary School
2. Daniels Primary School
3. Emafini Primary School
4. Cebelihle Primary School
5. Charles Duna Primary School
6. Enkwenkwezini Primary School

Western Cape

District: Mitchell's Plain (urban township)
Service Provider: **READ Educational Trust (READ)**

1. Eastville Primary School
2. Eisleben Road Primary School
3. Imperial Primary School
4. Parkhurst Primary School
5. Searidge Park Primary School
6. Rocklands Primary School
7. A.Z. Berman Primary School
8. Highlands Primary School