



12 August 2024

To : Local Community, Businesses, Alumni, and Potential Donors

Subject : Support Request – WSU NO! to Student Hunger Campaign

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: WSU NO! to Student Hunger Campaign Support

I am writing to you on behalf of Walter Sisulu University (WSU) to request your support for an urgent and critical initiative – the "WSU NO! to Student Hunger Campaign." This campaign aims to address the alarming issue of food insecurity faced by many of our financially disadvantaged students who are not covered by NSFAS funding.

### Project Overview

**Project Name:** WSU NO! to Student Hunger Campaign

**Objective:** To provide food parcels to financially disadvantaged WSU students who do not have NSFAS funding.

### Background and Rationale

Many students at Walter Sisulu University face significant financial hardships, which stem from loss of funding or not being approved for funding by NSFAS. This often result in students facing food insecurity. The Institutional Student Representative Council (ISRC) recognizes the importance of addressing this issue to support students' well-being and to ensure academic success.

### Purpose

- **Fundraising Goal:** We aim to raise an additional R2.2 million to supplement the current R800,000 available (R300,000 donated by the ISRC and R500,000 by the Vice-Chancellor's Office). This will bring the total funding to R3 million, which will enable us to support over 3,000 students.
- **Partnerships:** Establish partnerships with local retailers and malls to secure financial support and grocery donations.
- **Awareness:** Our goal is to increase awareness about student hunger and food insecurity through a comprehensive campaign.

## Beneficiaries

- This initiative will benefit approximately 3,000 unfunded WSU students who are in urgent need of food assistance.

## Requested Support – how do you get involved?

We kindly appeal to your organization to support our efforts to achieve the objectives of this vital campaign. Your support can come in various forms, including financial donations or in-kind contributions such as groceries.

### WSU Advancement Account Details:

Account number	: 62522620493
Branch name	: Mthatha
Branch Code	: 210521

## Why your gift matters?

Your donation helps bridge funding gaps, supports unfunded students against hunger (hence this campaign), and enhances students' lives. In return, enjoy benefits like:

- B-BBEE points
- Tax benefits (Section 18A Certificate)

## How can you get in touch with us?

For further details or to discuss your support, please contact:

### **WSU Institutional Students Representative Council (ISRC)**

President: 066 393 4636

Secretary General: 061 943 6581

The "WSU NO! to Student Hunger Campaign" is a crucial initiative to support our students' well-being and academic success. With your help, we can ensure that no student at WSU goes hungry. Join us in making a difference!

## Yours sincerely



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Director: Institutional Advancement