

Pertinent Pitfalls Associated with Provision of Education in South Africa with Examples from Eastern Cape Province: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT Irrefutably, the role of formal education in any society is paramount in steering the socio-economic development and breaking the cycle of poverty. It is an inalienable right that all should enjoy and embrace. Through a documentary analyses methodology, the paper explored the pitfalls to education provision in Eastern Cape Province. The analysis has emphasized the indispensability of education and elucidated the following pitfalls; inherited historical inequalities; violence in schools and homes; increase in drugs and substance abuse in schools; the use of second language as a medium of learning; poor learning and teaching infrastructure; and poor administrative and management prowess. The paper recommends ushering in tutoring NGOs in schools; fostering collaboration between the government and the private sector in supporting education services; establishing schools with child-friendly environment; motivating the youth to develop positive attitudes towards learning; and instituting quality assurance mechanism to monitor school progress and development.