

**FY2026**

# Q3 AT A GLANCE



As the Mr Price Foundation draws nearer to concluding the first year of its **10-year strategy, Q3 delivered strong performance** across all portfolios despite a challenging economic environment.

With a mission to **empower 500 000 youth** to secure sustainable economic opportunities by 2035, the ambition is strong, clear and well underway.

**In less than a year of undertaking the new strategy, we have empowered:**



**9068**

youth through Skills Development



**1125**

SME owners through Entrepreneurship Development



**274**

youth through Education Development.

Skills Development achieved high training volumes, Entrepreneurship Development gained strong national momentum, with growth in youth-led enterprises expected to translate into jobs over time, and Education Development remained on track, successfully concluding all school programmes while laying the foundation for new youth-focused initiatives.

**Fundraising:**  
**R2 million total funding raised externally**  
(corporate funders, associates, customers, grants etc.)

# Skills Development

The portfolio continued to deliver strong development volumes through its demand-led programmes:



**8956** candidates developed, year-to-date



**Strategic Institutional Partnerships:**



## Programme performance by number of youth

Active Programme	Actual
Retail Frontline Programme	2512
Retail Essentials Programme	64
Professional Retail Programme	14
Handpicked Professional Farming Programme	2
Handpicked Farming Essentials Programme	8
Pattern Making Programme	12

# Entrepreneurship Development

The portfolio demonstrated strong traction in Q3, with programmes entering key implementation phases and generating a strengthened pipeline of youth-led small enterprises.

## Bindzu Youth Fund:

Provincial disbursements to the top 27 businesses were facilitated. Early results show stronger business capability and readiness for scale.

### Top 27 Bindzu businesses by industry:

**8**

Agriculture, Agro-processing & Food Production

**3**

Green Economy, Recycling & Eco-Innovation

**5**

Retail, Consumer Goods & Product-Based Ventures

**6**

Services, Logistics & Business Support

**3**

Technology & Digital Solutions

**2**

Social Impact, Community Development & Care

**27** Entrepreneurs funded

**1125** SMMEs developed

🕒 **Waste Innovation Challenge:**

The partnership launched in November with strong expressions of interest. A digital academy has engaged 400 students across 26 universities, positioning the programme as a national pipeline for plastic waste innovation.

## Education Development

The portfolio remained stable through Q3. Foundational work for upcoming initiatives took place, including contracting for ECD Learning Hubs and the completion of Roots & Shoots fieldwork, positioning Education Development for stronger execution in Q4 onwards. This portfolio is also now underpinned by a new strategy, which seeks to go beyond developing foundational literacy and numeracy, by encouraging youth innovation to foster early entrepreneurial mindsets and economic participation.



**187 learners** recruited for the Entrepreneurship Olympiad (Pilot)



Service Provider appointed for the development of ECD Learning Hubs



Fieldwork and data cleaning for the Roots & Shoots Study concluded

## Looking Ahead to Q4

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### How you can support our impact

As we scale our strategic ambitions, partnership and collaboration become increasingly critical.

- **Donating** to help us expand high-impact programmes and reach
- Connecting us to funders and investors aligned with youth employment, enterprise development and education innovation.
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