



NSFAS

National Student Financial Aid Scheme

2017 & 2018 APPLICATIONS

NSFAS PRESENTATION TO PCHET

16th August 2018



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2017

In 2017, NSFAS recorded 564,011 economically eligible students

■ Universities:

- Universities confirmed registration for 300 095 students.
- NSFAS generated contracts for 94% of the students and 98% of the students signed.
- The 6% (18K) contacts not been generated because there were two groups of students that were funded late in 2017. (The quintile 1, 2, 3 and SASSA beneficiaries). These students are being processed as part of the 2018 programme.
- There is an action plan to ensure students sign working with the institutions with a deadline of 31 August 2018, after which date NSFAS will close the signing process and commence with reconciliation and 2017 final reports.

■ TVET Colleges

- TVET Colleges, confirmed 263 916 as registered.
- NSFAS generated (contracts)SOPs for 98% of the registration received
- 97% of generated SOPs have been signed.
- NSFAS followed up with TVETs to close the 3% of unsigned LAFSOP.

Summary Outstanding Activities 2017

Institution Name	Reg. Received	Generated Amount	LAFSOP Generate No. of Students	Accepted Amount	Accepted Count	Unsigned LAF/SOPS
UNIVERSITY	300,095	13,505,248,706	282,550	13,227,841,587	275,510	7,040
TVET'S	263,916	2,277,556,383	258,634	2,164,881,584	252,132	6,502

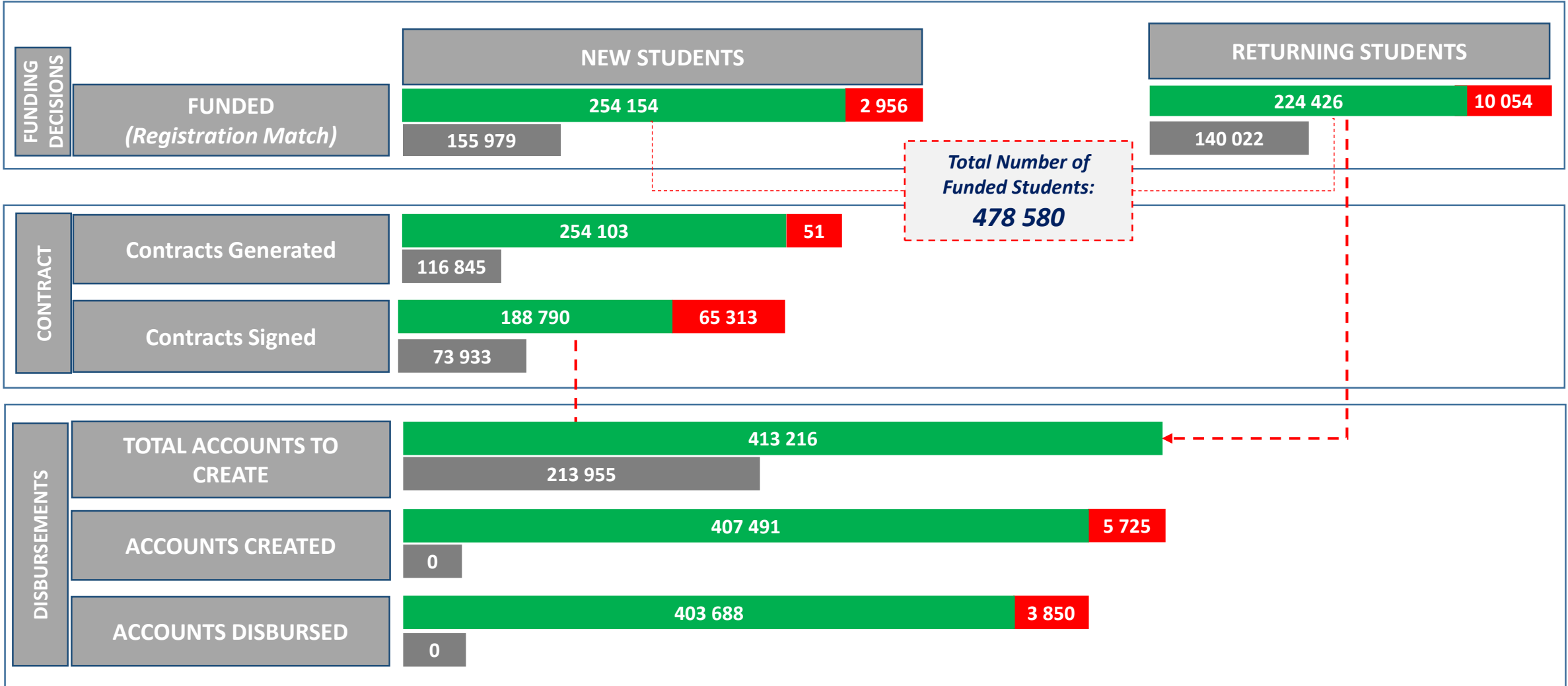
- Assist the Q1-3 and SASSA remaining students who have not signed their contracts to sign their contracts.
- Follow up institutions with the highest number of unsigned LAFSOPs as part of closing 2017 (UNISA, CPUT, UWC, UFH and CUT have the highest number of unsigned LAFSOPs).

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2018

Executive Summary

PROGRESS – 15 August	Incomplete
Progress – 30 May 2018	



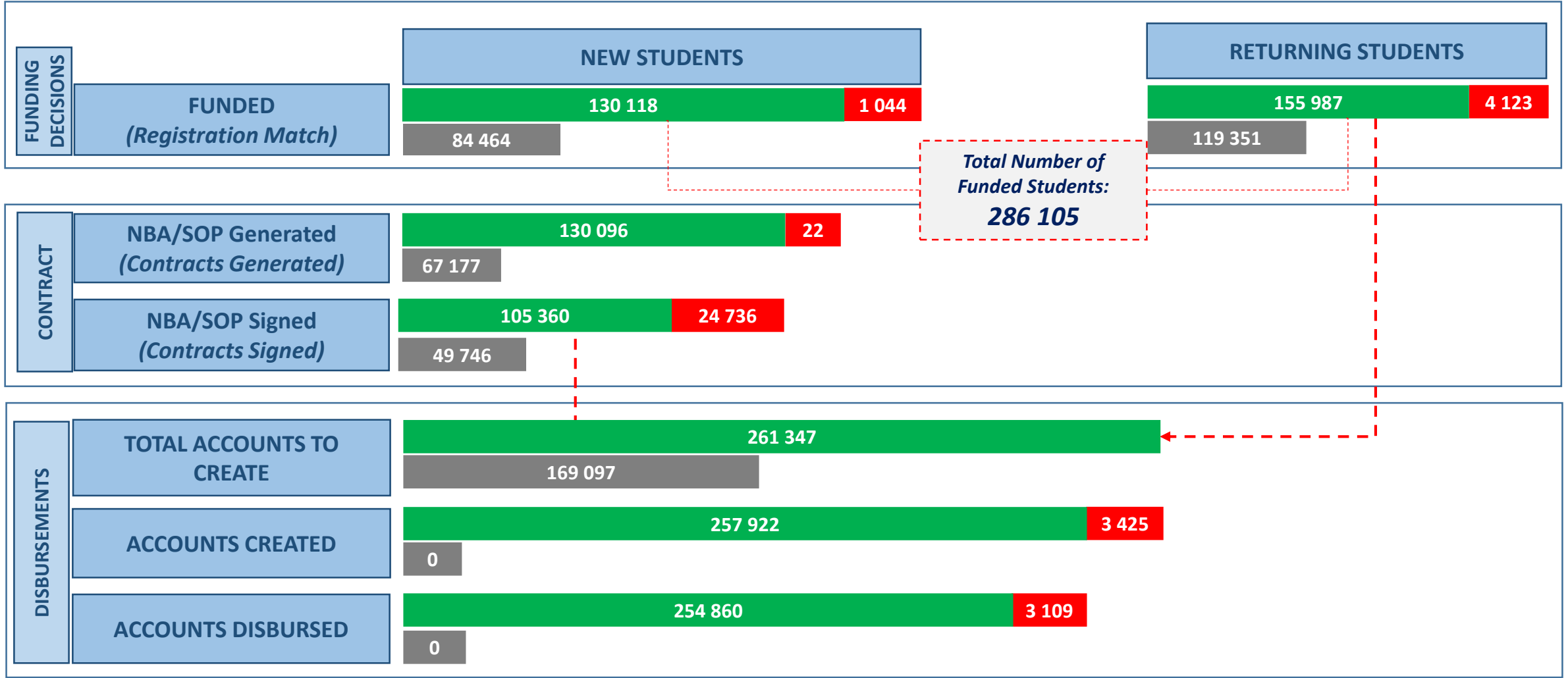
Executive Summary – Plan of Action

	ISSUE DESCRIPTION	MANAGEMENT PLAN
FUNDING DECISIONS	<p>2 956 NSFAS has received these registrations from institutions BUT these cannot be linked successfully with students</p>	<p>NSFAS has a specialised Exception Handling team dedicated to work through all exceptions in consultation with institutions. Some of the errors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutions send Course Codes that NSFAS does not recognise; • Students registrations are for courses that are not funded; • Process cycles that do not match the current ones required by NSFAS. <p>NSFAS is engaging both the university and the students individually to submit outstanding documents. These efforts have been complemented by messaging and by campaigns on social media as well as opening of a special portal for students to self-upload the documents.</p>
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	<p>Other – Cat2 9K Category 2 UNISA students where supporting documentation still has not been provided</p>	
CONTRACTING	<p>51 Registration Data Received BUT contracts are in the generation process</p>	<p>Contracts are generated every four hours. These contracts are queued to be generated with the next batch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage institutions to facilitate communications with students to sign contracts; ▪ Periodic visits to institutions to assist students to sign. ▪ Removed closing date for signing of contracts. ▪ Continuous reminder to students to sign via SMSes.
	<p>65 313 Contracts that have been generated BUT students have not yet signed.</p>	
DISBURSEMENTS & PAYMENTS	<p>5 725 Registrations for these students have not yet been successfully linked in order to create bursary awards</p>	<p>A continuous process is instituted to manage through the exception queue</p> <p>A continuous process is instituted to manage through the exception queue</p>
	<p>3 850 Bursary awards have ben created but disbursements are held up in the Quality Assurance process</p>	

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Appendix A – University Report

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Appendix B – TVET Report

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