



EFF STATEMENT EXTENDING OUR STEADFAST SUPPORT TO BANYANA BANYANA AS THEY HEAD TO THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) extends our steadfast support and well wishes to Banyana Banyana as they embark on their journey to the FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. We celebrate this incredible achievement of our national women's football team.

Banyana Banyana, the current Women's African Cup of Nations (WAFCON) trophy holders, have continuously exhibited unwavering dedication, skill, and passion on the global stage. Under the leadership of coach Desiree Ellis, they have proven themselves to be a consistent and formidable force, qualifying for the FIFA World Cup for the second time in a row.

It is therefore unfortunate that women's sport is suffering across the globe due to patriarchy perpetuating gender discrimination. This is incredibly evident in how Banyana Banyana have had to endure years of unequal treatment from the South Africa Football Association (SAFA) under Danny Jordaan, especially in terms of financial incentives.

The EFF have consistently stood with Banyana Banyana, and marched on SAFA alongside former captain Portia Modise in 2020 for the

eradication of the unjust disparities that have marginalised and undervalued our female athletes. It is discouraging to witness SAFA's consistent refusal to rectify this historical injustice.

As Banyana Banyana proudly represent South Africa on the global stage, we believe in their ability to showcase the true spirit of our nation and make us proud. We also extend special well wishes to the Super Falcons of Nigeria and the Copper Queens of Zambia also participating in this tournament. May they all achieve resounding success in this esteemed tournament. Go Banyana Banyana!



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