

Investment Policies

The GEPF's Board of Trustees believes that investment capital can be used to pursue social justice as well as socially and environmentally responsible development, all without compromising on returns. The Board is therefore working to combine sound investments with positive outcomes. In this way the GEPF can make good financial returns for its members and pensioners while helping to make South Africa more competitive by reducing social backlogs, creating jobs, supporting transformation and making the economy more sustainable, while at the same time helping to care for and support the environment. As the largest pension fund in the country the GEPF is setting an example to other institutional investors by leveraging its investments to the benefit of South Africa.

The Fund is thus developing policy that allows it to play a strategic role in supporting a socially and environmentally responsible development agenda. Such policies show a commitment towards investing in a way that will benefit members and pensioners in the long term, while at the same time impacting positively towards addressing some of the pressing social and environmental challenges facing South Africa, the African continent and the world at large. Such challenges, if left unchecked, could lead to an unsustainable future for all. This need not be the case, as some of these challenges present investment opportunities that can be pursued through such frameworks and policies.