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# Sowetan Study reveals SA's maths, science woes

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SOUTH Africa is rated among the five lowest-performing countries in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Stud.

The country is at the bottom with countries such as Botswana, Jordan, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

This was revealed by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in Pretoria yesterday at the release of the results of the 2015 study.

Gauteng is ranked as the highest-performing province followed by Western Cape and Mpumalanga in Grade 9 maths and science. Limpopo, North West and Eastern Cape are the lowest performing provinces.

In Grade 5 maths Western Cape takes the lead followed by Gauteng and Northern Cape.

North West, Limpopo and Eastern Cape are among the lowest-performing provinces.

Speaking at the release of the results at the Department of Basic Education offices, executive director at the HSRC, Dr Vijay Reddy, said in 2011 the country had aimed at achieving 30 points from a score of 352 for maths and 332 for science, but only improved by 20 points for maths and 26 points for science and got a score of 382 and 362, respectively.

However, the department is confident that in the next four years they will reach 400.