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## OUTCOME 5: A SKILLED AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE GROWTH PATH

### President launches employment initiative

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng



**President Cyril Ramaphosa, Gauteng Premier David Makhura and beneficiaries of the YES initiative celebrating at the launch.**

Gauteng Premier David Makhura welcomed and supported the YES initiative especially the partnership with Tshepo 1 million. "I welcome the YES initiative and its partnership with the provincial government's Tshepo 1 million initiative, which has given opportunities to youths in the province by providing training in areas demanding specific jobs," he said.

President Cyril Ramaphosa officially launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) programme to tackle youth unemployment through placement in participating businesses for them to gain on-the-job experience and build capabilities and references. The event took place on 27 March in Diepsloot.

The initiative is a collaborative social compact between government, business and organised labour, endorsed by the National Youth Council. "We see this initiative as one pillar of a broad and comprehensive national effort to create opportunities for young people. Another, central pillar of this effort must be the development of the skills and capabilities of young people," said President Ramaphosa.

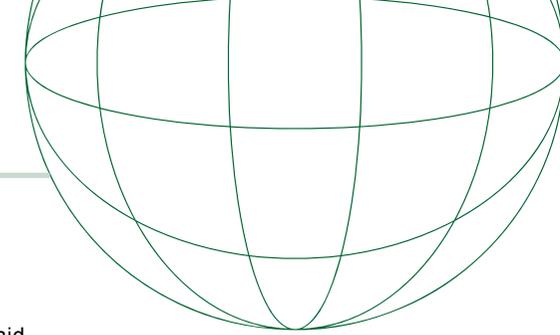
The President also said that through the initiative, government is determined to demonstrate the power of collective action in pursuit of an ambitious and far-reaching agenda.



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The programme has three channels through which employment opportunities will be created:

- Corporate work experiences: businesses that participate in the programme create one-year paid positions for youths aged between 18 and 35.
- Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMMEs) host placements: businesses that do not have the capacity to place more people in their organisations have the option of sponsoring the salary for a one-year placement in SMMEs (In year one for 7 to 10 months); and
- SMMEs development: Young people are empowered to start and grow their own businesses, with support from YES in the form of training, seed funding and value-chain integration.

The CEO of YES, Tashmia Ismail-Saville, urged companies to participate in the YES initiative and offer work experience even if it is for one young person or a thousand of them.

Theminkosi Josopu from the South African Youth Council welcomed the YES initiative and business participation in creating jobs for young people, which he said was lacking in the past five years.

More information on YES initiative can be found on [www.yes4youth.co.za](http://www.yes4youth.co.za)



**Molwantoa Morobi said:**

“I am an electrical trainee at Sasol firm. YES has given me the opportunity to grow and has open doors for me. I plead with young people to be part of the YES programme for them to gain work experience and skills in order to actively participate and contribute to our economy.”



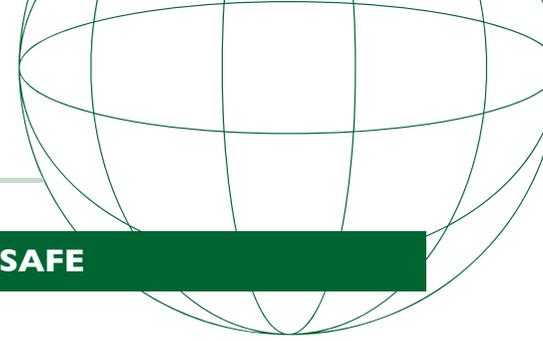
**Kgomotso Moretsele said:**

“I am so excited about the upcoming opportunities since I joined the YES programme. I have been working for Unilever as a business coach, coaching small businesses in Alexandra thereby making a difference in my community, something I am happy about. Young people must enrol to be part of YES, go out there to find more about YES.”



**Phantom Ledwaba said:**

“I am part of YES working for Unilever’s Business Coaching Programme. Being in the programme has helped me gain skills to develop as a young person. I urge young people to come forward and participate in the YES programme.”



**OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE**

**Government continues fight against corruption**

*By Nonhlanhla Sithole, GCIS: KwaZulu-Natal*



**Menzi Zulu said:**

“It is very sad that corruption is taking away money that is meant for our development. Every day we hear about it and we see it happening every where. Now that we have information on how to report it, we will act accordingly.”



**Bhezi Mthembu said:**

“We lacked information on how to report corruption. I am going to report corruption now that I have the numbers to call. We thank government for opening this opportunity for community members to report corruption.”



**Community members receiving information products on anti-corruption.**

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, and Ulundi Local Municipality in a distribution drive at Ulundi Taxi Rank on 16 March 2018. The move was aimed at fighting corruption. The event raised awareness on what constitutes corruption and also mobilised communities to report corruption. It also communicated institutions and helplines aimed at fighting corruption.

Ulundi community members supported government’s initiative to uproot corruption in South Africa by ensuring that they use the institutions and contact information provided to report crime and corruption. Communicators from the municipality and the GCIS distributed 300 flyers on anti-corruption and information to help informal traders with their businesses.



**Mqena Buthelezi said:**

“We did not know how to report corruption. We will report because corruption destroys the economy of our country.”



## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

### Youth dialogue on skills developments and opportunities

By Masego Mollo, GCIS: Northern Cape



**Kaelo Bogoto said:**

“I am a supplier and would like to know how government can assist service providers to register on the database and how we can establish a permanent working relationship with it.”



**Tsholofelo Chupologo said:**

“I would like to thank the GCIS for implementing this programme. The only concern I have is that young people do not read, our people do not want to read.”



Stakeholders making presentations.

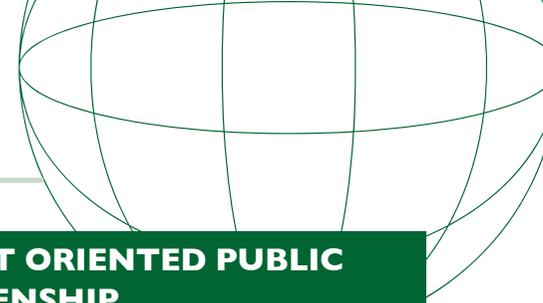
Young people in attendance.



Young people engaging with exhibitors and receiving information materials.

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with various stakeholders organised a dialogue on education, skills development and employment for the youth of Barkly West in the Northern Cape on 20 March 2018. The dialogue was aimed at exposing the youth of Dikgatlong Local Municipality to the existing education and economic opportunities. Private and public institutions such as the Department of Labour, National Lotteries Commission, National Student Financial Aid Scheme, the Department of Health and Welfare SETA, among others, shared information on their various youth programmes.

Young people received information on bursaries, learnership and internship programmes available at various institutions. The youth embraced the opportunity presented to them and engaged stakeholders for a feedback session. Presenters encouraged the youth to gain more knowledge by empowering themselves with lot of information, visit government and private institutions offices and websites, and social-media pages to access additional information.



**OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP**



**MEC Mathabo Leeto said:**

“This library belongs to the community and therefore, it is the responsibility of the community members to protect the library. The library has valuable information and the learners will have the opportunity to access computers and do their assignments. Access to information is a human right.”



**Mannana Molelle said:**

“We did not have a library, everything will be easy and we will not struggle with our homework. We will participate in debate competitions and our performance will be good.”

**Botshabelo library launch**

*By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State*



**Community members at the opening of Sechaba Mahobe Library.**



**A computer lab inside Sechaba Mahobe Library.**

The Free State Provincial Government opened a state-of-the-art library at Section E, Botshabelo on 21 March 2018. This was a befitting milestone for a Human Rights Day in South Africa, as the event endorsed the right to education and access to information as enshrined in the Constitution.

The library is named after Sechaba Mahobe, a struggle icon from Botshabelo who spent most of his life fighting for liberation. At the time of his death, Mahobe was a ward councillor. Some of the facilities in the library are a classroom, reading area, tablet area, game room, toy room and information desk.

The MEC for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation (SACR) in the Free State, Mathabo Leeto, said the library will address township revitalisation and also benefit the community, as children will no longer struggle with their school work and assignments.



**The inside of the library.**



**Dignitaries attending the opening event of Sechaba Mahobe Library.**



**Fikile Peter said:**

“This library will really help our children. They will no longer struggle with getting books because the library is close to their residential area. Even the community will be able to use this library to read and research. I thank our government for building us this state-of-the-art library.”