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## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Youth empowerment programme

*By Lecrecia Prins: GCIS, Northern Cape*

On 21 June 2022, the Government Communication and Information System and the Department of Employment and Labour embarked on a youth empowerment programme in the ZF Mgcawu District.

The purpose of the outreach was to expose young people to various job opportunities programmes that are offered by government.

Some of the activities include assisting jobseekers with the developing a Curriculum Vitae and to register them on the database of the Department of Employment and Labour.

Similar projects were also conducted in Kenhardt and Upington on 22 and 23 June, respectively.

Stakeholders used the platforms to educate and prepare the youth for the job market.

The GCIS also cautioned the jobseekers about the job scammers who exploit people for money.

Residents expressed their gratitude for the programmes, citing their anticipation for employment and a better future.

"I am thankful for this opportunity. It shows that government cares for us," said Kronieka Mcephe, from Upington.

Robert Williams, also from Upington, said that the project was a good initiative.

"Having government departments here to help prepare us for job opportunities is beneficial. We appreciate it and believe that things can only get better from here on," he said.



Department of Employment and Labour employees assisting unemployed youth in Kakamas to register the Employment Service Database.



Jobseekers visiting information stalls to engage on job opportunities.



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Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Youth empowerment and development seminar

By Phiwokuhle Zokufa and Okuhle Lunika: GCIS, Eastern Cape

Government is offering a wide range of opportunities for young people and in some instances these opportunities are not accessible to some young people.

In ensuring that government programmes are accessible to all citizens of South Africa equally, GCIS in O.R. Tambo District hosted a youth empowerment and development seminar on 23 June 2022 in Coffee Bay at Nenga Community hall.

The seminar was done in partnership with Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA), Agricultural SETA, Department of Labor, Independent Electoral Commission, Home Affairs, Nelson Mandela Museum, Ntinga Development Agency, National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Department of Social Development, Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, and the Office of the Premier.

Government has made great strides in ensuring that challenges faced by young people are addressed.

The development of the National Youth Policy, advocates for the need for key players within the State: government, private and civil society, to intensify their commitment in making youth development a priority.

The seminar was part of district-based interventions made by government to ensure that young people are aware of the opportunities that exist for them to start their business and to access training.

Different stakeholders who were part of the seminar that offered training, bursaries and also supported cooperatives.

The seminar had a specific emphasis on maritime economy as Coffee Bay is closer to the ocean and there are already cooperatives established but need assistance in training and accessing the market.

"We appreciate the programme, and we would appreciate it if the Office of the Premier and the NYDA live up to their promise of offering training for cooperatives," said one of the attendees.

She further enquired from Wholesale and Retail SETA the requirements for the R10 000 voucher that is offered to farmers who want to further their businesses.



Young people from Coffee Bay who attended the youth empowerment and development seminar.



Gangumzi Mshumpela from the Office of the Premier addressing the audience.





**Zanele Mtshali said:**

"Our project feeds all of us and we sell to the community around us."



**Ndaba Manqoba said:**

"We produce from the farm and work on the land from the training received. The training has created jobs for us."



**Nomusa Ndlangamandla said:**

"We depend on the products produced from the farm and sell the surplus for income."

## PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Donated land uplifts youth

By Vuyisile Cindi: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Nkosi Phathekile Holomisa as he launched an Agricultural Youth Empowerment Project at Amakhaya Farm in Mkhondo, Mpumalanga, on 22 June 2022.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has signed an agreement with the Madabukela Traditional Council for the donated land for the agricultural project.

The land will assist the department to enhance its Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Programme and most importantly, empower a total of 25 local youth who have been identified.

The land will also benefit the Amakhaya Farm community in general.

The selected young people were capacitated with agricultural skills and demonstrations required to propel them towards sustainable economic opportunities and contribute towards them becoming successful farmers.

The DCS boasts many farms across the country in its portfolio.

Parolees, inmates and officials working together with the Community Works Programme, and the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development will share farming skills with the youth.

Deputy Minister Holomisa said, "the department will continue to ensure that we work together with traditional leadership, to fight against crime, unemployment and poverty."

The Executive Mayor of Gert Sibande District Councillor Walter Mngomezulu indicated that through the District Development Model, more youth and women-focused initiatives will follow and be supported by the District Municipality.

The Mayor also pleaded with the traditional leaders in the district to donate and allocate land so that government can also intervene and fight poverty and unemployment.

In his closing remarks, Inkosi of the Madabukela Traditional Council said that as traditional leaders they also have a role in bringing development to the people as they work with government in various initiatives.



Deputy Minister Phathekile Holomisa inspecting the donated land that is used for agriculture by Amakhaya youth.



Deputy Minister Phathekile Holomisa hands over a token of appreciation to the Chief of Madabukela Traditional Council made by inmates at Standerton Correctional Centre.

## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Youth exposed to economic opportunities

By Doctor Marebane: GCIS, Limpopo

The Limpopo Provincial Government and its partners hosted thousands of young people during Youth Day on 16 June 2022, at Shongoane Stadium, in the Lephalale Local Municipality.

Speaking at the event, Premier Stanley Mathabatha said that government is concerned about assisting businesses that were affected by the COVID-19 to recover, following the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in job loss for many young people.

“We are working hard to ensure that all businesses that had to shut their doors because of COVID-19 are reopened,” said the Premier.

Premier Mathabatha further urged the youth to use available entrepreneurial opportunities and start their own businesses.

A 30-year-old owner of Internet Café and stationery supplier, Belinda Lebelo, said that she received funding of R50 000 from the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) for her business, and currently employs four young people.

“I encourage all young people interested in getting support for their business to apply and help in fighting unemployment, inequality and poverty as we recover from the scourge of coronavirus,” said Lebelo.

Lebelo also supplies stationery to local schools in and around Thabo Mbeki village in Lephalale.

The Limpopo government offered avenues for such opportunities to be explored through workshops and dialogues across districts during Youth Month.

The National Lottery Grant funding workshop was held in Bela Bela and assisted about 200 youth with business plans, applications for funding and establishment of early childhood development.

In another workshop held in Waterberg, over 80 applicants had their Funza Lushaka bursaries assessed for approval. Once finalised, these young people will specifically study towards teaching.

The activities for youth empowerment continued throughout the month of June in various municipalities, with the support of NYDA and other stakeholders.

Jerry Shirinda from NYDA said, “We will ensure that young people of Limpopo realise their vision for economic participation through our grant programme and additional business development and support programme.”



The youth of Limpopo at the information exhibition stalls during the Youth Day event.





**Martin Moruane said:**

"The event brought the youth together. We shared information, and the youth were encouraged to stay away from drugs and alcohol, which are the root, and causes of teenage pregnancies and other social ills."



**Jane Ngoape said:**

"I have a tertiary qualification, but I am unemployed. This event has taught us to remain positive and focus on establishing our own businesses rather."



**Gaetsemang Legodi said:**

"The Youth Day event has brought in some economical spin-offs in the area. It is up to the youth of Lephalale and Ga-Seleka to grab them with both hands to reduce unemployment."