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FOREWORD | PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL |

Yesterday we marked the end of a month dedicated to the youth, who stood up against the apartheid government, laying down their lives for freedom and a fair and just education system. That generation of young people was characterized by vigilance, robustness and guided militancy as they paved the way for many generations of young people to follow.

Young people of this generation are waging battles of their own and are called upon to ensure that they take on these battles with the same vigilance, robustness and guided militancy.

The young people of today wage the battle of unemployment, inequality, drug abuse and Gender Based Violence in most instances at the hands of not only their partners but also relatives. They are now also waging the battle of the COVID-19 global pandemic which has disrupted many of our lives.

This generation is called upon to be the Generation of Change, a generation which will come up with innovative and ground breaking solutions to the many challenges that we face in the Health, Agricultural, Education and Tourism sectors in our Province, which will leave a statement distinctive of their character as young people of this generation. We have as a Province articulated a vision of a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape and we are cognizant of the fact that we will not be able to realize this vision if we do not take

young people along in the journey of its attainment. As the Northern Cape Provincial Government we remain committed to ensuring that the youth of this Province, acquire skills that will place them at the cutting edge of key industries in our country and province.



Yesterday, we had a robust conversation with young people from across the length and breadth of our Province.

During the conversation it became apparent that we need to work hard as government to ensure that young people acquire the necessary skills set to compete in the market with their peers, it was also clear, that young people are ready to work together with the Northern Cape Provincial Government and we need to accelerate the pace at which we provide different services to them.

I am looking forward to many more of these engagements with young people as we continue to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape.

We have included in this publication, some youth development initiatives and ways in which Government has been trying to assist young people in business from the devastating effects of COVID-19.

I trust that you will enjoy this offering, until we meet again next week.
Yours in building a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape.



NYDA IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE YOUTH

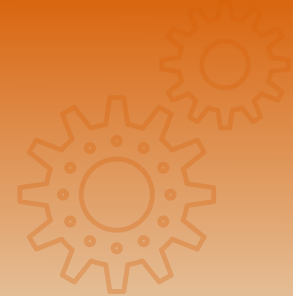
In an effort to offer relief to youth owned businesses affected by COVID-19, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) introduced the Youth Micro Enterprise Relief Fund, which offered relief grants to youth owned businesses to the maximum of R10 000.00 to cover operational costs during the lockdown period.

Before the closing date of 31 May 2020, a total of 120 applications were received and of this 40 have been successful in accessing the fund thus far. Others are still being processed whilst a few were rejected for a variety of reasons.

With the start of level three, all NYDA offices resumed operations albeit with skeleton staff, working on a rotational basis. Although the agency is still not allowing walk-in clients into their premises, NYDA is currently in the process of making the offices ready and compliant from an Occupational Health and Safety perspective to receive walk-in clients, so as to give the youth access to a full basket of products and services offered at the branches.

The outreach bus which is a mobile office is also being prepared to be COVID-19 OHS compliant so that it can go out to render services to youth in the rural parts of the province.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS



The Phakamile Mabija Artisanship Programme sets to train youth in becoming electricians, diesel mechanics, boilermakers, fitters & turners and millwrights.

The programme stretches over three years of which phase one and two are institutional and theoretical training while phase three entails workplace training. Phase four allows for revision, preparation and completion of a trade test.

Currently 24 women from five districts are enrolled and will obtain a red seal qualification that is internationally recognized during November 2020. Out of 67 apprentices, 59 successfully completed the programme and obtained work opportunities in the private and mining sector.

Through this programme and in alignment with government's mandate, action is being taken against the triple burden of poverty, inequality and unemployment.

Furthermore, the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority awarded the Department a discretionary grant to the value of R8,6 million to develop and train 170 unemployed youth in the trade of Electrical Engineering Renewable Energy equivalent to NQF Level Three. The learnership intends to commence in July 2020.

The Department was awarded a Discretionary Grant worth R10 million by the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MERSETA) which are invested towards the training of 60 youth towards becoming qualified riggers, welders, refrigeration and diesel mechanics.

In a quest to fight scarce skills in the province, these are just but some of the departments' initiatives to eradicate poverty, unemployment and inequality amongst youth.



GBV CONTACT DETAILS

Know and share these contact details:

GBV Command Centre:

0800 428 428 / *120*7867# from any cell phone

Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531

Women Abuse Helpline:

0800 150 150

Child Line:

0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop:

0860 10111

GBVF-Related Service Complaints (SAPS):

0800 333 177/complaintsnodalpoint@saps.gov.za

National AIDS Helpline:

0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline:

0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline:

0800 567 567

National Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int>



DISCOVER THE NORTHERN CAPE TOURISM EXPERIENCES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

In response to the Premier's call for a Modern, Growing and Successful Province and the continued impact of technology on our society and work force, the Northern Cape Tourism Authority (NCTA) and the Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism has launched a special campaign to encourage the use of technology by our youth which will be available on www.experiencenortherncape.com website from 28 June - 10 July 2020, on the home page. Users must click on Discover the Northern Cape Digital Experience tab to access it from a link <https://places.ncdev.co.za/>

The Discover the Northern Cape virtual Experience is aimed at enhancing and developing the programming skills of our youth. Technology can create many opportunities for our youth, from job creation in spheres such as gaming, coding and cyber research but also entrepreneurial opportunities such as development of gaming platforms, web development, social media development for many industries and businesses including tourism.

We have partnered with the young developing team known as Geelkucha who has developed the virtual tour experience. The creation of the virtual tour afforded the team an opportunity to put their developing and programming skills to work. The participating youth will have the opportunity to learn more about the tourism offering of the province, the importance of tourism to the economy as well as stimulating their digital competency.

The Youth will further be informed on any available national opportunities that are available for them during the COVID-19 lockdown through virtual webinars and meetings, and funding opportunities.

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