

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 07 JUNE 2017:**

(OFFICE OF THE PREMIER)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 empowers the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature to maintain oversight of provincial executive authority and any organ of state in section 114 of the constitution. The legislature has constitutional powers to develop mechanism to discharge its mandate and consequently passed Standing Rules and Orders which provides for the establishment of the committee.

The **Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities** (the committee), is established in terms of Rule 135 (h) of Standing Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature 2013 .

The select committee is vested with the power to monitor, investigate and enquire on transversal and transformation matters to ensure a province free from gender discrimination and inequalities and promotion of the Bill Of Rights. The Committee conduct oversight on transformational and transversal programmes of the state to ensure that policies are implemented and benefit designated groups in communities.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The Committee met with the Office of the Premier to assess progress made by departments on issues relation to youth programmes 2017/18 financial year and challenges thereof, on the following areas of work:

- Youth Economic Empowerment
- Social Cohesion programmes for youth
- Education and Skills development
- Internship and Learnerships programmes
- Women's Programme

3. METHOD OF WORK

A meeting was held on 07 June 2017 between the Committee and the Office of the Premier.

4. PRESENTATION MADE BY OFFICE OF THE PREMIER ON YOUTH ISSUES

4.1 2017/18 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Office of the Premier presented its programme of action in ensuring that relevance and responsiveness to the challenge faced by the youth of the Province with the radical integration and multi-sectional approach for 2017/18 financial year is achieved as follows:

PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR 2017/18

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	KEY GOVERNMENT PARTNER
1. Fly Ash Brick Manufacturing Incubation Programme.	Enhancing the existing youth owned brick factory in Govern Mbeki Municipality and Rolling out the rest of the programs.	DEDT DHS
2. Coal Haulers Incubation programme	Creation and development of 50 youth owned trucking companies in partnership with major coal producers over a period of five years	DEDT
3.Future Miners Incubation Programme	Mining project in association with private sector crate small to mid-sized (5-10 million tons coal reserves) mines which will be minimum 40 % owned by the youth of the Mpumalanga province supply Eskom and international markets.	DEDT DARDLEA
4.Mine Rehabilitation Program	Developing mine rehabilitation competency amongst youth owned SMMEs and establishing projects in rehabilitated old mining sites	DEDT DARDLEA
5.Youth Research Farms	Three year programme with a target of 3 farms in each district focusing on research and development to support land restitution farms and farms under government programme	DARDLEA MEGA MRTT UMP
6.Moloto Road Youth Supplier Incubation	Creation of two owned quarrying consortiums to supply material into the partnership with the DMR and private sector.	DPWRT DEDT
7.Regional Flagship Events	Creation of Three annual national scale entertainment events to stimulate tourism and cultural developments in the province. 40% minimum procurement of goods and services to be provided by the youth	DEDT

8. Mpumalanga Youth Online	Creating an effective, real time and interactive free online platform to provide access to development and Economic information to youth	DEDT MEGA
9. SMMEs Training Programme	200 entrepreneurship skills training conducted for youth owned SMMEs and Co- operatives.	DEDT MRTT DoE
10.Litsemba Lethu Job Creation Programme	Programme target at job creation opportunities for 1500 young people in partnership with Lulaway. Lulaway is a youth development and placement facilitator with a large national network of Job Centres and digital job kiosks where unemployed youths register for job and training opportunities	DSD
12.IM FREE Campaign (HI Social ILL Awareness Campaign)	High impact social development project focusing on drug substance abuse. This will be one year campaigns; social media complains marketing and billboards, workshop, sports programmes and social events. Young people will be encouraged to be "FREE" from their social challenges and to share their freedom with the rest of the IM FREE society.	DSD DoH DoE DCSR

The committee welcomes the 308 Youth EPWP opportunities created in Social, Culture sector and Library services as this create job opportunity for the youth. Noted that initial the number was 138 and exceeded target due the increase of conditional grant.

Furthermore, the committee noted that Office of the Premier plan to coordinate the Youth Legacy Projects, Young Women empowerment programmed and that both plan programmed were not achieved. The committee raised its disappointment in this regard as the office should lead by example. The Office of the Primer must achieve its programmes or planned targets to be exemplar to other departments.

BURSARIES

The committee welcomes the following Bursaries that will be awarded to students to address scares and critical skills shortage:

Mpumalanga Provincial Government Bursary Scheme

The committee welcome that 912 existing external bursars and 750 New intake external Bursaries awarded for 2017 academic year , and for the 2017/18 financial year R188 000 000 to maintain already existing and new intake bursars.

Cuban Bursary Programme

The committee noted the allocation of 1.5 million for the recruitment of 10 (10) young people on the Cuban programme.

Mpumalanga Nursing College

The committee noted that Mpumalanga department of Health has an annual allocation of R23 100 000 for 250 students in the nursing field of study.

The committee wanted clarify in terms of the intake of student on whether youth of all the province are considered in terms of the demographic spread and equal admission as there is an outcry of community members.

Artisan Development Programme

The office of the premier will train 120 young TVET Graduates with Level 4 as artisan in Mechanical Fitting, Diesel Mechanic and Electrical Engineering, though a funding secure for mining qualification authority.

Mpumalanga Traffic College

The committee noted the 64 young people from all corners of the province that will be recruited in the 2017/18 financial year and raised a concern that community members where the college is are not happy with the recruitment processes.

Youth Brigade

The committee welcomes the 200 participants of youth brigade programme that will undergo Theory and Practical training at a budget of R990 000, as this programme is coordinated by the department of Human Settlement.

INTERNSHIP AND LEARNERSHIPS

The committee noted that Mpumalanga Department of Education will monitor and coordinate the implementation of youth learning programmes in different department 1000 interns and 200 learners will be appoint in various departments.

The committee further noted that office of the Premier will recruits 1200 TVET students in an Administrative Learnerships programme funded by Service SITA. These learners will be place in various schools across the province.

4.3.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) Communication on government programmes plans for youth not reaching all the demographic of the province.
- 2) There is inadequate preparation of young people to take leadership and be economical effective and be sustainable on the incubation programmes.
- 3) There is no equal intake of student in the colleges (Mpumalanga Nursing College; Mpumalanga Traffic College) especially student from the deep rural area and the community where the colleges are located there is an outcry of community that they are not considered.

4.3.2 RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend that:

- 1) Information on government plans and programmes should be disseminated to all youth in all the municipalities, youth centres, community radio station, churches, councillors and social media to ensure effectiveness and participation of youth in the economical.
 - 2) Self-employment can be a positive choice. The office of the Premier must ensure that the incubation programmes is resources in educating the youth to reach their potential.
 - 3) The Office of the Premier together with the department of Health and Department of Community Safety must ensure that student intake in the colleges are admitted equal from all the municipality of the Province. There must be a clear message
- There must be a clear message in the advert in terms of the number of intake students per municipality to avoid the outcry of community members that the colleges are for local student.

4 CONCLUSION

The Chairperson appreciated all Members of the Committee, the Office of the Premier, and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during deliberation in enhancing the oversight role of the Legislature.

The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations and that the office of the Premier submits progress.



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29/09/17
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