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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HONOURS 100 YOUNG PEOPLE

In mitigating youth unemployment in the country, the Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlements honoured 100 young people who graduated in Construction Trade under the department's Youth Brigade Programme in Volksrust, Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality recently. More than 200 participants have been recruited from Dr J.S Moroka, Chief Albert Luthuli, Pixley Ka Seme, Nkomazi and Bushbuckridge Local Municipalities.

Scores of young people attended the ceremony to forge a way forward on Economic Opportunities for young people within construction sector. Talking to the youth Ms Sweetness Shabangu Transversal Manager mentioned that the programme is a joint initiative between the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, National Department of Human Settlements, NYDA, NHBRC and participating local Municipalities.

"I would like to thank all participants for their patient I know we had challenges but we were able to overcome them moved forward, make use of this certificate to your benefit" said Special Programmes Head, Ms. Sweetness Shabangu. The programme will not only create work and training opportunities for the unemployed youth but ensure their participation in community service delivery and also instill the spirit of patriotism in young people.

During the ceremony Cllr Lucky Nkomo from the hosting municipality applaud the initiative by the department and other stakeholders involved for to assist young people from the province with building skills. He commended the beneficiaries for their decision, "I am proud of you for choosing this program other young people take this for granted and are captured by drugs, I am also glad to see that woman are dominating in this field" said Nkomo.

The Department has allocated 10 percent of its budget to support youth owned enterprises therefore the department is well positioned to facilitate coordinated planning towards the realization of progressive development to the youth. The programme is sought to strengthen youth participation in service delivery, promote their participation in building environments and to assist youth to gain work-related skills that are necessary to access sustainable livelihood opportunities.

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