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## A BASKET OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIMPOPO YOUTH

Limpopo Provincial government has kicked-off the 2022 Youth Month with great determination and resolve by outlining a basket of opportunities available for youth to tap on. Addressing the launch of the Limpopo Youth Month at Rotterdam, Greater Letaba Municipality, the MEC for Department of Social Development, Ms. Nkakareng Rakgoale, outlined a month-long programme of activities that are aimed at youth during this period of recovery. These will include how youth may access funding, empowering youth on basic business skills, job preparedness, real estate consumer awareness, amongst others.

“Government understands that the youth of today face challenges that are unique and peculiar from those that were faced by their predecessors 46 years ago, therefore requiring a more innovative approach and intervention techniques,” said Rakgoale.

It is for this reason that MEC Rakgoale emphasised that month-long activities will cut across all districts in Limpopo, simultaneously targeting the youth they would want to see empowered. The activities would manifest the theme of the month: “Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience of Young People for a Better Tomorrow.”

MEC Rakgoale said: “Today’s launch of Youth Month, marks a series of activities that have been lined up by the provincial government to demonstrate the determination to empower the youth and to highlight the strides that have been made since the infamous 1976 Soweto uprising. These activities will act as build-up to the June 16 commemoration to be held at Shongwane Stadium, Lephalale, Waterberg District.

The month-long activities will be implemented in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), National Lottery, various provincial departments and municipalities.

“NYDA is in a process of establishing the Limpopo Youth Fund. The fund aims to assist the young people in entering the business markets and start their own companies. An announcement on how to participate will be made later in this month,” said Phetole Seodi, Manager: Public and International Investments.

In an endeavor to address challenges facing young people, the provincial government has sought various way to implement the Limpopo Youth Development Strategy with key pillars such as employability, active labour market and entrepreneurship. The strategy also articulates how youth should participate in the mainstream economy. The province has also introduced the Limpopo Procurement strategy, whereby all spheres of government are encouraged to procure goods and services from young people, to achieve youth empowerment targets.

“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest. I am pleased to unveil the Limpopo Provincial Youth Month programme 2022, with a marathon of activities that aim to transform the lives of our young people,” concluded MEC Rakgoale.

The youth month programme and its activities are available on the provincial website [www.limpopo.gov.za](http://www.limpopo.gov.za) and provincial government social media platforms from 02 June 2022.

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