

Unemployed youth to be recruited for security jobs

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YOUNG people struggling to get employed will now be recruited to provide security at all government buildings and that of state owned entities in the province.

This was one key resolution made at the recent villages townships and small dorpiets (VTSD) skills development lek-goda. Premier Supra Mahumapelo said the time has arrived to move away from security tenders but rather employ more young people to do security provision in the province.

"The department of community safety and transport management must work with the North West Development Cooperation (NWDC) to stop the tendering system on security and start a process of equipping our young people with the necessary skills in the security sector.

The department must allow creativity by building youthful entrepreneurs in the process, give these young people the entire technology work that goes

with security," he said.

According to the released statistics, unemployed youth stand at 37% in the province.

This is about 600 000 young people who do not have employment in the province.

The premier advised that the department of education and sport development must work with NWDC through EPWP programme to recruit youth in aerobics to contribute to one of the Setsokotsane 10 by 10 points on healthy lifestyles in all schools of the province.

"We have about 1500 schools in the VTSD areas of our province which means that each school will now have one unemployed young person focusing on all our 658 villages and 78 townships," he said.

The premier also urged young people to come up with more ideas on how best and creatively Setsokotsane Bua Le Puso community meetings can be implemented while at the same time dealing with unemployment in the province.



CREATING JOBS: Young people will be recruited to provide security.

Mahumapelo said a resolution on what can be implemented immediately creatively by the municipalities working with various departments.

"The municipality must ensure that they attract community members to the Setsokotsane Bua Le Puso meetings by empowering local young entrepreneurs ranging from procuring food to

artists performing before the meetings take place in each VTSD area of the province.

Young people must further come up with more innovative way to these meetings which are taking place on the eleventh of every month to respond more on issues of unemployment among the youth in the province," he said.

The premier also advised that the NWDC must work with the department of community safety and transport management to ensure that all minor service of government vehicle must be done by unemployed young people in the province.

"One of the things that we must do immediately is that all minor service of state owned vehicles in the province must be done by young people.

Young people will have jobs through our EPWP programme working with NWDC to carry out immediately this resolution, which will equip them with the necessary skills while at the same time dealing with unemployment," he said.

There was also a suggestion that the three quotation systems in the government procurement must be more VTSD youth biased in the province.

Mahumapelo said all schools that were closed and unused must be used as an extension of Kgora Agricultural Institute which is situated in Mahikeng.

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