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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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**Premier Maape encourages young people to be resilient and emulate the spirit of the class of 1976**

**Mahikeng** – North West Premier, Kaobitsa Bushy Maape has encouraged young people to never allow themselves to be overwhelmed by the current harsh socio-economic hardships but must seek opportunities to change their situation.

Premier Maape issued the message of support as part of commemorating June 16 - Youth Day, which is held under the theme – Promoting sustainable livelihood and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow.

“As we commemorate June 16, we always need to remember the sacrifices of those who came before us. We need to emulate the energy and the spirit of the class of 1976 to deal with challenges that the current generation is confronted with” said Premier Maape.

As part of commemorating Youth Month with a view of capacitating young people in the province, North West Office of the Premier is coordinating the Youth Advocacy Programme to encourage young people to rise from the undesirable effects of Covid-19 by linking them to available opportunities in provincial government departments, state owned entities, National Youth Development Agency as well as SEDAs.

Some of opportunities includes skills training as well as business support such as Internships and learnership programmes, bursaries for youth, funding of business plans, support to small businesses, automotive repair skills, tourism workplace skills, recruiting

unemployed youth on Road Traffic Management Learnership Programme, agriculture graduate placement programme, farmer support and development, community health workers, training on child & youth care work as well as youth in construction programme.

Premier Maape has appealed to young people to seek opportunities available to deal with the rising youth unemployment. The commemoration of Youth Day also comes at a time when Office of the Premier is concluding preparations for the hosting of the Provincial Youth Summit as pronounced during the State of the Province Address and the Office of the Premier Budget Speech.

“We’re concluding the preparations for the hosting of Provincial Youth Summit to produce a North West Provincial Youth Empowerment Plan which will be a guiding document in coordinating youth empowerment in the province. With the plan, we will be able to monitor and track progress in the implementation of youth empowerment programmes by departments and other entities” concluded Premier Maape.

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