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## **NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM, PHASE THREE**

As a continuation of the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention, through the National Youth Development Agency's is excited to announce that through the Revitalized National Youth Service programme has been able to offer over 65,000 community service opportunities to youth over the last three years.

This year the NYS is excited to announce the opening of 16 000 more opportunities on the SAYouth.mobi site for youth between the ages of 18 to 35.

The primary goal of the NYS Programme is to mobilize young people to become active and empowered citizens in our nation's democracy while providing them with a source of income and enhancing their employability. The Community Service activities envisioned under the NYS Programme aim to bolster service delivery efforts and improve the quality of life for marginalized communities. Of the 65 000 young people contracted in phases one and two, 15 696 have transitioned into other longer term and more sustainable work and self employment opportunities. The NYS is deliberately designed as part-time program to enable income generation during the service period and support young people to identify opportunities that unlock sustainable earning pathways after the service period.

The National Youth Service has collaborated with 10 implementing partners who have been identified, in different service categories to assist in realizing the success of these programs. The 10 implementing partners and their implementation points are the following;

1. Spotlight Education Foundation - Community Works, Food Security, Learner Support; Social Support
2. Seriti Institute - ECD, food security, digital mapping & surveys
3. Charisma Music Foundation - Sports, Arts & Culture
4. Youth Life - Sports, Arts & Culture, ECD, Social Support, Digital Mapping & Surveys
5. Kwetso Foundation - Learner support & community works
6. Community Chest Western Cape – Learner support, Community Work, Solidarity & care, Social support
7. Cricket South Africa – Sports and recreation and learner support
8. Sport for Social Change Network – ECD, Learner support, community works, sports and recreation

9. South African Association Youth Clubs – Food security, Learner support, Youth Voter Education
10. Lulwazi Lethu – Social Support, Solidarity & Care, Food security & community works

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The General Theory of Change for all NYS Projects posits that if a young person is provided with meaningful work experience, they will experience an increase in confidence, job-specific skills/competencies, civic commitment, personal and professional development training and mentorship, and pathway support. If these components are combined, more young people will successfully progress into work and/or studies, there will be an increase in community involvement amongst young people, and a lower share of young people will be not in employment, education, or training.

“Given the current alarming rates of youth that fall into the category of not being in education, employment and training, the NYS forms as a direct response to disenfranchised youth that needs to urgently be located within the mainstream economy. Being able to implement the third phase of the NYS is incredibly exciting for the NYDA and we cannot wait to ultimately aid the transition of young people into employment,” said Asanda Luwaca, the Executive Chairperson of the NYDA.

All opportunities by various partners are available on the SAYouth.mobi site which is zero-rated for all young people to use. Through its long standing partnership the agency and SAYouth has managed to ensure that all opportunities presented by implementing partners are vetted to ensure the maximised safety of our young people.

The NYDA is committed to supporting young people to be active citizens of our young democracy.

To find out more about the National Youth Service, engage with various NYDA pages as follows:

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