

# Limpopo to empower unemployed youth

Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will on Thursday launch the Youth Development Programme aimed at empowering the province's unemployed young people in Mookgophong, Limpopo.



© ANTONIO BALAGUER SOLER – [123RF.com](https://www.123RF.com)

In his State of the Nation Address this year, President Cyril Ramaphosa made a commitment that job creation will be at the centre of government’s agenda in 2018.

The President subsequently launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) initiative responding to the youth unemployment. Youth unemployment is the most pressing and socio-economic challenge facing the country.



## First YES Community Hub launches in Tembisa

29 Jun 2018



In his State of the Province Address, Premier Mathabatha indicated the need for Limpopo Provincial Government to develop the Limpopo Youth Development Strategy, to clearly define the youth development agenda in the province and allow young people to come together under one roof to determine their own future.

The launch will be held under theme: “Moving towards a meaningful Economic Transformation driven through Youth Empowerment”.

The Province has since finalized the Youth Development Strategy in February this year and approved by the Executive Council in May 2018.

The objectives of the strategy are:

- To reassert youth development as a cross-cutting responsibility of all sector departments and state agencies in Limpopo Provincial Government and Municipalities;
- To ensure that youth development issues are mainstreamed and occupy their rightful place and space in the planning, budgeting and implementation of programmes of the Limpopo Provincial Government;
- To strengthen the capacity of key youth development institutions in the province and ensure integration and coordination in the delivery of youth services;
- To create a wider range of learning pathways to provide young people with multiple routes and exit opportunities for them to realize successful transition from youth to adulthood; and
- To design and implement interventions that seek to provide a wide variety of opportunities for needy young people, especially in rural areas.

The Provincial Economic Cluster subsequently developed a practical programme aimed at empowering 9 000 young people in 2018/2019 financial year.

The Economic Cluster comprises the following departments and agencies: Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Agriculture and Rural Development, Transport and Community Safety, Limpopo Tourism Agency, Limpopo Gambling Board, Great North, Limpopo Connexion, Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure and Office of the Premier.

The Economic Cluster has delegated champions to implement and report progress on 9,000 opportunities which were committed by Limpopo Provincial Government at the beginning of the financial year.

The opportunities provided are in the following sectors: Agriculture – 410, Transport and Logistics – 641, Tourism – 490, Environment – 976, ICT – 500, Green Economy – 50, Engineering services Mechanical – 406, Artisanal, Manufacturing and Construction – 3510, Business Services Entrepreneurship – 2603, and General Government – 70.

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>