



**PRESIDENTIAL
YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT
INTERVENTION**



**PYEI QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT:
Q2: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Empowering Youth-owned Non-profit Organisations



**THE PRESIDENCY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**





Message from the Deputy Minister in the Presidency

The Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI) concluded the first quarter of the new financial year with significant progress towards its targets. The National Pathway Management Network now reaches more than 4.5 million young people. Young people have been supported to access over 1.5 million earning opportunities – including those delivered through the Presidential Employment Stimulus, the revitalised National Youth Service, and private sector efforts such as the Youth Employment Service.

These results indicate that the PYEI continues to be an important vehicle for unlocking earning opportunities for young people and addressing the barriers to youth unemployment by catalysing innovation, accelerating delivery and driving systems change.

This quarterly reports spotlights the Revitalised National Youth Service, a flagship programme of the PYEI. Phase three of the Revitalised National Youth Service (NYS) launched in October 2024 and it will provide 16 000 young people with paid community service opportunities. The primary goal of the Revitalised NYS Programme is to mobilise 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.

Complementing this effort is the launch of the NYS Incubator Programme, an innovative platform designed to support youth-owned NGOs. The programme equips participants with the tools and skills to grow their NGOs and provides support to youth leaders who are committed to addressing social issues in their communities. This programme recognises the importance of young people not just as job seekers but as job creators, social innovators, and change agents.

Through the incubator, we are empowering a generation of young South Africans to take the lead in solving the challenges they encounter and strengthening the social fabric of our nation.

We will continue to share our progress on these priorities and the implementation of the PYEI through our quarterly reports. As always, detailed data can be accessed through the PYEI dashboard at www.stateofthenation.gov.za/presidential-youthemployment-intervention/tracking-progressand-facilitate-learning.

With warm greetings.

Ms Nonceba Mhlauli

**Deputy Minister in the
Presidency**



Introduction

The President launched the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI) in 2020 as a comprehensive approach to address the country's youth unemployment challenge. The PYEI is a multi-stakeholder partnership that accelerates efforts to transition young people from learning to earning.



The Presidency's Project Management Office (PMO) coordinates and provides strategic direction while key national departments and entities lead the implementation together with a diverse set of partners.

In the PYEI, partners are working to achieve three core objectives:

- ▶ Drive systems change to address the barriers that young people face in establishing themselves in the labour market
- ▶ Aggregate existing opportunities and create new opportunities for young people
- ▶ Link young people to opportunities and available support in a single national network

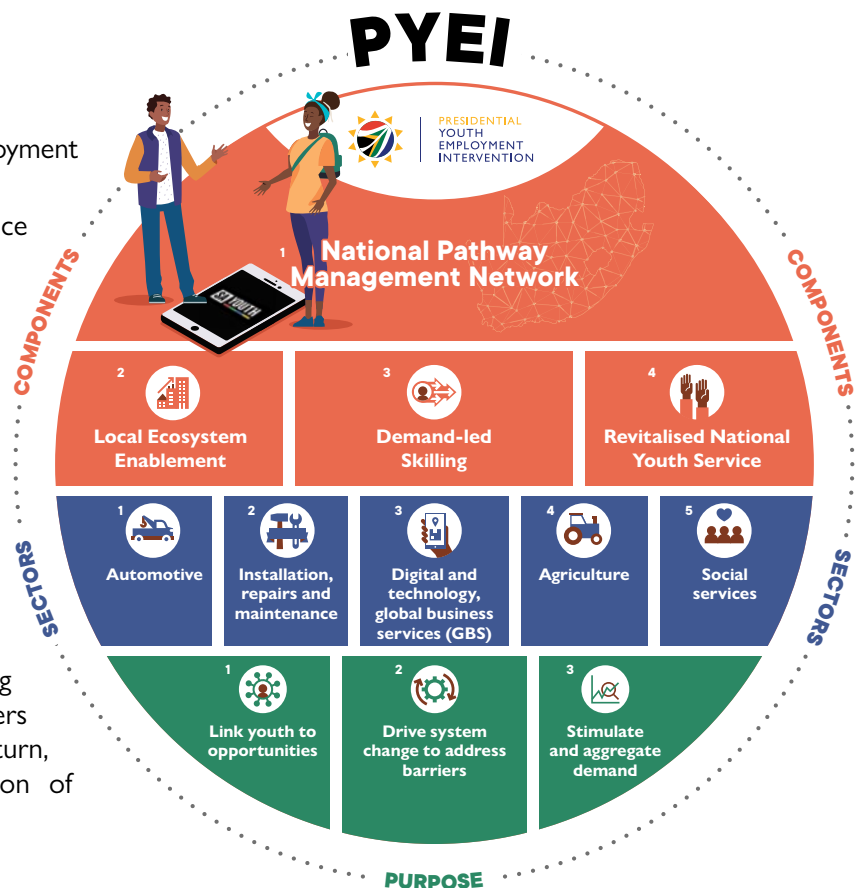
Central to the PYEI's efforts is the establishment of a National Pathway Management Network. The NPMN allows young people to find and seize opportunities that unlock earning pathways.

Other PYEI components include:

- ▶ Demand-led skills development
- ▶ Enabling local ecosystems to facilitate self-employment and enterprise opportunities
- ▶ The revitalisation of the National Youth Service (NYS)

The desired impact is to **contribute to a South Africa where young people are actively participating in the economy with greater dignity and a sense of agency over their contribution to society.**




The PYEI closely integrates with other interventions coordinated by the Presidency to drive structural reforms and enable job creation, such as Operation Vulindlela and the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES). PES provides funding for several PYEI components and directly delivers public employment opportunities for youth. In turn, the PYEI's NPMN supports the implementation of PES programmes.



What has been achieved since inception?

The PYEI continues to make significant progress towards achieving its targets for supporting young people and linking them to earning opportunities.

The PYEI has three overarching targets that capture how the intervention seeks to support young people on their journey to sustainable earning. This includes reaching the most vulnerable young people and providing them with targeted support that helps them build their profile and earning potential.

| TARGET (2020 – 2025) | ACTUAL (2020 – to date) |
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| At least 5 million young people are engaged in the National Pathway Management Network and access services to help them grow their employability and pursue opportunities. | Over 4.58 million young people are registered and accessing opportunities in the National Pathway Management Network.  |
| Young people supported to access 1.5 million temporary earning opportunities including work-based placements, work-integrated learning opportunities, and paid service opportunities. | Young people have been supported to Access over 1.5 million temporary earning opportunities including work-based placements, work-integrated learning opportunities, and paid-service opportunities.  |
| 500 000 young people engaged in sustainable earning opportunities through workforce development programmes. | Work-in-progress. Evaluations and tracing studies have commenced.  |





Achievements and highlights from Quarter 2

(JULY – SEP 2024)

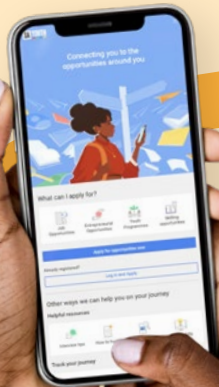
Young people secured over 54 447 earning opportunities through the NPMN.

In the second quarter of the new financial year, **37 743 earning opportunities** were secured by young people through the SA Youth platform. A further **16 704 earning and learning opportunities** were secured on ESSA.



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Expanding workplace experience opportunities for 14 792 young people.

In the second quarter of the financial year, the Youth Employment Service (YES), a private sector led initiative, placed **8 899** young people in workplace experience opportunities in various sectors of the economy. In addition, the Department of Higher Education and Training placed **5 893** young TVET learners and graduates into workplace experience opportunities.



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Launch of Phase 3 of the Revitalised National Youth Service.

Phase 3 of the Revitalised National Youth Service has launched and recruitment is underway to place **16 000** young people in paid service opportunities. Of the **65 000** young people contracted, **15 696** transitioned to other learning and earning opportunities.



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Supporting young people to build their enterprises.

In Q2 of 2024, young people continued to receive direct support for their enterprises. A total of **12 803** financial and non-financial enterprise opportunities were provided by the National Youth Development Agency.



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SPOTLIGHT 1

Launch of Phase 3 of the Revitalised National Youth Service

Phase three of the Revitalised National Youth Service (NYS) has been launched and it will provide 16 000 young people with paid community service opportunities. The primary goal of the Revitalised NYS Programme is to mobilise 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 under the NYS Programme aim to bolster service delivery efforts and improve the quality of life for marginalised 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 programme 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 programmes. The 10 implementing partners and their implementation points are the following:

National Youth Service mobilises young people to become active and engaged citizens while earning an income and increasing their employability.

1. Spotlite 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





SPOTLIGHT 2

The Revitalised National Youth Service Empowers Youth-owned NPOs



In October 2024, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and with support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), hosted a five-day Learning Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa. The event brought together over 120 youth-led non-profit organizations (NPOs) from across the Provinces, with the goal of enhancing their organisational capacities to support the objectives of the Revitalized National Youth Service (NYS) under the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI).

The forum featured key stakeholders, including representatives from the Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD), National Development Agency, SARS, and the Department of Social Development and civil society. The event featured facilitated discussions on critical issues such as compliance, governance and leadership, tax compliance, digital transformation, innovation, resource mobilization, and fundraising. Each of these topics is essential for the long-term sustainability and growth of youth-led organizations, ensuring they are well-positioned to deliver meaningful community impact.

As part of the event, Digify Africa donated 20 laptops to NPOs with a focus on reducing the digital divide, while the Hollywood Foundation awarded ten NPOs with grants of R10,000 each following a pitch competition designed to support essential programme resources.

By bolstering the capabilities of youth-led NPOs, the NYS Incubator programme aims to create a network of implementers well-equipped to drive positive change within South African communities.

The Learning Forum is an extension of the NYS Incubator programme, a capacity-building initiative run by the NYDA that annually recruits 90 youth-led NPOs. The objective of the learning forum is to establish a pipeline of organizations capable of advancing the mandate of the Revitalized NYS to empower young people to address community challenges and actively contribute to nation-building.

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This structured support underscores the commitment of the PYEI to address youth unemployment by equipping young South Africans with the skills and resources they need to foster social cohesion, economic inclusion, and community development.



The PMO in the Presidency continuously monitors progress with implementation. Information on the PYEI and quarterly updates are published on the PYEI website available here:

stateofthenation.gov.za/pyei



The Presidential Youth Employment Intervention is funded from the fiscus and is implemented by participating departments. Strategic oversight is provided by the Project Management Office in the Presidency. Development partners provide technical and research support to the PYEI.



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