

Smashblock Youth Empowered

Thabazimbi-Smashblock informal settlement youth empowered. National Youth Development Agency in partnerships with Thabazimbi Local Municipality, GCIS, SEDA, LEDA, Provincial Treasury, IEC and Hand in Hand SA held a very informative and successful Youth Development Information Session last Friday.

The main purpose was to empower unemployed youths who are in business and outside business to start their own businesses. The session also was to encourage youth who are currently not comfortable with their status of being unemployed and not studying to have platform in business.

The event was organized as a feedback session to follow up issues of unemployment that were raised by the youths during an Imbizo held on the 12 September 2015 by Minister Faith Muthambi from Department of Communications .

The Ward Councilor Mr Steve Lerumo indicated that Smashblock has a total number of 3500 unemployed youths. Only 1 youth has registered a company and it's functional. Mr Richard Makhubele added that they have only trained 10 000 youths in Limpopo Province in SMMEs. This indicates that there is still a huge population of idling youths.

Presentations and information were received from NYDA, LEDA, SEDA, IEC, Provincial Treasury and Hand in Hand SA. During presentations comments, inputs and questions were raised by youth and all that were given necessary attention. Commitments were also made by some of the sector departments to visit Smashblock and do some thorough research as well as to share more information in as far as youth empowerment is concerned.

An appeal was also made to all the youths to grab opportunities provided by the government to empower them. They should not sit back and relax saying there are no employment. Opportunities. The motto is Vukuzenzele-“ do it for yourself”