

UYF Development Objectives

- To achieve improved livelihood for the young people in South Africa
 - Self-reliance for targeted youth
 - Economic and social growth and development in targeted communities
- Main-streaming of youth development in South Africa



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Youth in LED Programmes

- The programme is geared at aligning UYF interventions to government initiatives and resources as centralised through the Municipal Infrastructural Grant (MIG) programmes that include the Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP) and Urban Renewal priorities in nodal areas and identified poverty pockets.

Objectives of the Youth in LED Programme

- Formulation of development programmes in partnership with local government for the purpose of facilitating youth participation in local economic development
- Capacity building of development partners in mainstreaming youth participation in local economies.
- Mobilisation and leveraging of requisite resources through strategic partnerships.
- Co-funding of youth development initiatives/programmes within the context of broader local economic development parameters.

Employment and Development

- Solve chronic poverty existing in many countries
- Address problems of Social Security facing many developing countries
- Response to the Millennium Development Goals, WSSD, and ILO's Decent Work agenda

Current Challenges

- Young people worst affected by Unemployment
- Young people with little education, women and rural youth worst affected by unemployment
- Insecure employment and low levels of self-employment, characterise the work experience of young people
- Social Capital key to accessing economic opportunities

Current Challenges

- The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has not delivered the results
- Trickle-down approach has not delivered the desired employment results
- Youth unemployment remains as the economy struggles to absorb new entrants in the labour market

Future Prospects

- Build continuous support for labour-intensive employment creation mechanisms
- Increasing the scale of current in labour-intensive schemes
- Explore creative partnership models including Public-Public partnership

Role of the Research and Evaluation Unit

- To improve the performance of youth practitioners (within and outside of UYF) and the public sector by promoting research and therefore, facilitating the understanding of the complex issues impacting on young people.

Role of the Research and Evaluation Unit

- The Youth Affairs programme seeks to be an authoritative organ on youth development and knowledge on youth affairs in the country. It is mainly responsible for conducting and promoting research on topics relevant to the youth development sector and in response to the changing needs of young people.

Role of the Research and Evaluation Unit

- The core objective of knowledge management programme function is to improve programme practice and implementation within and outside UYF. As such, the programme function involves the accumulation and distilling of experiences, insights and learnings into knowledge and transforms this knowledge into knowledge products.

Role of the Research Unit

- Conducting strategic research on issues impacting directly on young people
- Record and analyse different trajectories on issues ranging from social, economic and political issues facing young people
- Garner, distil and share experiences and best practices in the youth development sector
- Mainstream youth development through knowledge generation and implementation of effective youth development practices