

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES 09 FEBRUARY (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Legislature is duly vested with a mandate to maintain oversight of provincial executive authority and any organ of state and all provincial executive authority including provincial organs of state are accountable to it in compliance with section 114 of the constitution. The legislature is independent and performs its functions impartially without prejudice enshrining the rule of law.

In terms of Standing Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature 2013, the **Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities** (the committee), is established in terms of Rule 135 (h) and has powers to conduct oversight on transversal issues affecting designated groups. The Committee is composed of a multiparty representation and is empowered to develop mechanisms to conduct oversight over provincial departments and public institutions.

The select committee is vested with the power to monitor, investigate and enquire into and make recommendations concerning any organ of state or constitutional body regarding transversal and transformation matters to ensure a province free from gender discrimination and inequalities in promotion of the Bill Of Rights.

The committee in accordance with Rule 119 may summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath/ affirmation, or to produce documents and permit oral evidence. The committee may compel an institution or a person to comply with a summon subject to the rules and orders or a provincial legislation.

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The objective was to engage the department of Economic Development on progress made in the following issues:

- Progress Report on programs targeting women, youth and people with disabilities on Economic Empowerment.
- Progress Report on funded cooperatives for women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Progress Report on the development of the youth business portal.

3. METHOD OF WORK

The Committee invited the Department of Economic Development on the 09 February 2016 to a committee meeting held at committee room 7 at Mpumalanga provincial Legislature. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism presented a progress report to the committee.

4. PRESENTATION MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The department made the following presentation:

Economic Empowerment

Key focus area	Achievements	Challenges	Mitigation	Women	Male	Youth	PWD
Economic Empowerment /Cooperatives	<p>Tyre initiative supporting 3 outlets owned by youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ntuli Tyres in Nkangala -Skroof Tyres in Ehlanzeni -Mogolo Thapelo Tyres in Nkangala 	Shortage of Technical support and equipment	Provision of Technical support and Equipment.	0	3	3	0
	<p>Sanitary Towels Building is near completion already packaging Liquid Sopa , body lotion and sanitary pads-(13 youth in Bushbuckridge Municipality and Ehlanzeni District</p>	Certain Part of the floor needs to be redone. due to	SABS has been brought in to guide the process	10	3	11	0
	<p>Fly-Ash-10 youth cooperatives registered for the Majuba Power Station, Voltrust.</p> <p>Tourism Buddies programme</p>	<p>Project not yet operational construction dispute between Eskom and Service Provider</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Department is working with Eskom to fast track the appoitmnet of new service provider</p> <p>None</p>	<p>0</p> <p>297</p>	<p>0</p> <p>127</p>	<p>0</p> <p>424</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p>
Buy Bulk Recycling P Project	-A secondary cooperative was formed out of 4	Working Capital not yet secured.	Discussions with DFIs on going	14	13	15	2

established in Govern Mbeki Municipality (Secunda)	primary cooperatives -The coops were trained on business management -Municipality assisted with land and equipment -Building completed						
Brick Making	Payless Brick Making Cooperatives in Dipaliseng supplied with brick equipment.	None	None	3	2	2	0
	Sibambiseni Brick Making Cooperative in Mkhondo .Full functional	None	None	0	6	6	0
	Lomalingo Brick Making Cooperative supplied with brick making equipment	None	None	4	3	2	0
Incubation projects	Mpumalanga Stainless steel Initiative (MSI) established to beneficiate stainless steel: -15 Youth SMME's undergoing training on stainless steel in order to obtain contracts form industry.Steve Tshwete	Building which houses incubator collapsing	New site being identified	10	05	15	0
	Mpumalanga Tooling Initiative.	Students being absorbed by industry prior to completing the course.	Keep tracking students to encourage them to complete course	10	15	25	0

Incubation Projects	Furniture Technology Incubator (Furntech): 20 Youth trained with small scale furniture manufacturing and upholstery Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Not represented in all district	Expand programme to Gert Sibande and Nkangala District (already in progress)	7	13	20	0
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COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

Key focus area	Achievements	Challenges	Mitigation	Women	Male	Youth	PWD
Economic Empowerment /Cooperatives Welding	- Umjindini Welding coop trained by SABS on quality control and standard procedures. -Barberton Mine Signed a contract with the cooperative	None	None	0	8	6	0
Farming	Cooperative development (Mega) Sabelosethu Farming Primary Cooperative in Thembisile Hani (Nkangala)R 213576-00 None None			8	2	5	0

The committee noted the progress made to date as included in the performance indicator on funding of Agricultural Cooperatives for 2015/16 financial year Annual Performance Plan as follows:

1. Two (2) Coops with women participation were funded, to the combined value of R 463,576 out of the 16 cooperatives 121 beneficiaries are women with the trend of mixed membership.
2. 50% of all funded enterprises and cooperatives will flow to women owned business.

Funded Projects (MTPA : Nature Reserve Management)

Project	Number of Project	Number of Beneficiaries	Planned Budget	Expenditure	Male	Females	Youth	Over 35
EPWP Incentive	17	128	R2,538 00	R1,134 686.93	70	58	86	41
MTPA Funded Fire	15	253	1m	R131 957.60	153	100	198	56
MTPA Security Projects	09	56	6m	3 628 549,36	39	17	29	27
MTPA Fence Sterkspruit	1	13	1,604 388	1,604 388.91	10	3	8	5
MTPA Fence Project	1	18	3,302 864	1,096 378.49	15	3	11	7
MTPA Head Office Maintenance Project	1	10	250 000	R105 181	8	2	6	4
EPWP Externally Funded Project	1	2	40,00	15,130	1	1	2	0
Head Office Cleaning	1	5	250 00	242 388.72	5	0	3	2
MTPA Picket Projects	1	-	25m	-				
Total Number of beneficiaries	47	485	19,947 835	8 943 531	301	184	343	142

YOUTH PORTAL

The committee noted that the Mpumalanga Youth Portal has been developed and operationalized to ensure that youth has access to business opportunities within the Province. The portal was launch in November 2015 with 19 registered businesses on the website.

The committee further noted the establishment of the website, www.mpyouthbiz.co.za worth R 500 000.00 across all 3 Districts of Mpumalanga.

4. FINDING

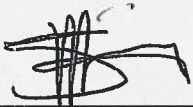
- 4.1. Not complying with policy of 2% representation and the economic development of people with disability
- 4.2. The department is not in cooperation with the cooperatives in Agriculture for sustainability as there is no farming taking place due to challenges in funding.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The department must comply with the 2% representation and ensure that the people with disability benefit economically.
- 5.2 The department must cooperate with the department of Agriculture in assisting cooperatives to ensure sustainability in terms of management, and marketing.

5. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson thanked all the Honorable Members and further extended his words of gratitude to the support staff and departments who participated during the deliberations.



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**CHAIRPERSON: SELECT COMMITTEE ON
WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

15 March 2016
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