

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



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## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide youth with relevant information and skills to become economically active.



## OUR VISION

To have an Informed Youth that is skilled, Independent and has access to economic opportunities.

## OUR VALUES

- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Ubuntu Driven
- ✓ Lead by Example
- ✓ Trust



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The celebration of the tenth anniversary coincides with the celebration of the youth and their successes, and in appreciation of the importance of the role of the Board in the process of prosperity and development of Get Informed Youth Development Centre.

As the Chairperson since its inception, the organisation has dealt with many challenges and difficulties, which were fading away thanks to the commitment of all members of the organisation to a specific vision and a clear mission, which is to enable the organisational youth to find better opportunities to contribute to the development of themselves and their families.

The organisation was classified as the first non-profit organization in Tembisa concerned with the professional development of young people, and it worked over these years according to strategies prepared very carefully to achieve its goals and vision, taking into account the needs of young people in the areas we serve, with the aim of enabling them to exercise their leading role in society, nothing the organisation was able to form partnerships with governmental, private and civil institutions, to implement its development programs in multiple versions and from which nearly 5000 young men and women benefited, appreciating the direct and indirect support of all partners and individuals for the organisation.

The board has announced the launch of the new identity of Get Informed YDC "Centre of Hope", and the which documents the organization's work over the past decade. Looking ahead we seek to strengthen the partnerships already made then also attract new once as we implement the Skills Development Academy with the hope of Sustaining the organisation.

**ERIC MOKGAHLA**  
CHAIRPERSON

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## MANAGING DIRECTOR'S YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2023 Annual Report has provided an opportunity to highlight the organization's commitment to youth development and its successful track record in creating positive experiences for young people. Key points for reflection include:

### **1. Reflection on Success**

GET INFORMED YDC's remains committed to being a youth model, showcasing determination and insistence in shaping positive experiences for youth. It underscores the significance of leveraging promising job placements and refining them with cumulative experiences from various agencies and institutions.

### **2. Job Placements**

The organization has enjoyed success in securing promising job placements for youth and is cognizant of the importance of refining the placement process with the inclusion of cumulative experiences from various agencies and institutions, both locally and externally.

### **3. Belief in Youth Presence**

The recognition of the importance of the youth presence in the community arena and its integration into the comprehensive development process underscores the organization's strategic approach and has been pivotal to its success.

### **4. Board and Staff Support**

Acknowledgment to the Management team and the Board in steering the organization's success. Their oversight, support, and implementation are deemed crucial in impacting the lives of ordinary youth in the communities served by Get Informed YDC.

### **5. Decade of Achievements**

Get Informed YDC has proven its presence in the youth arena within the past decade. The organization can be credited with creating a positive and inspiring environment for youth, launching pioneering initiatives and projects, and contributing to positive youth development with a realistic vision.

### **6. Adaptation to Global Changes**

Vital to future impact and success is the organization's responsiveness to the accelerating changes in the world. This is achieved through the dissemination and application of knowledge, ensuring that youth are equipped to navigate and contribute to a rapidly evolving global landscape.

### **7. Call for Continued Efforts**

Finally, I wish to issue a call for continued efforts in youth development, building on the achievements of the organization. The support and contributions from partners and individuals who believe in the capabilities of South African youth are acknowledged and appreciated.

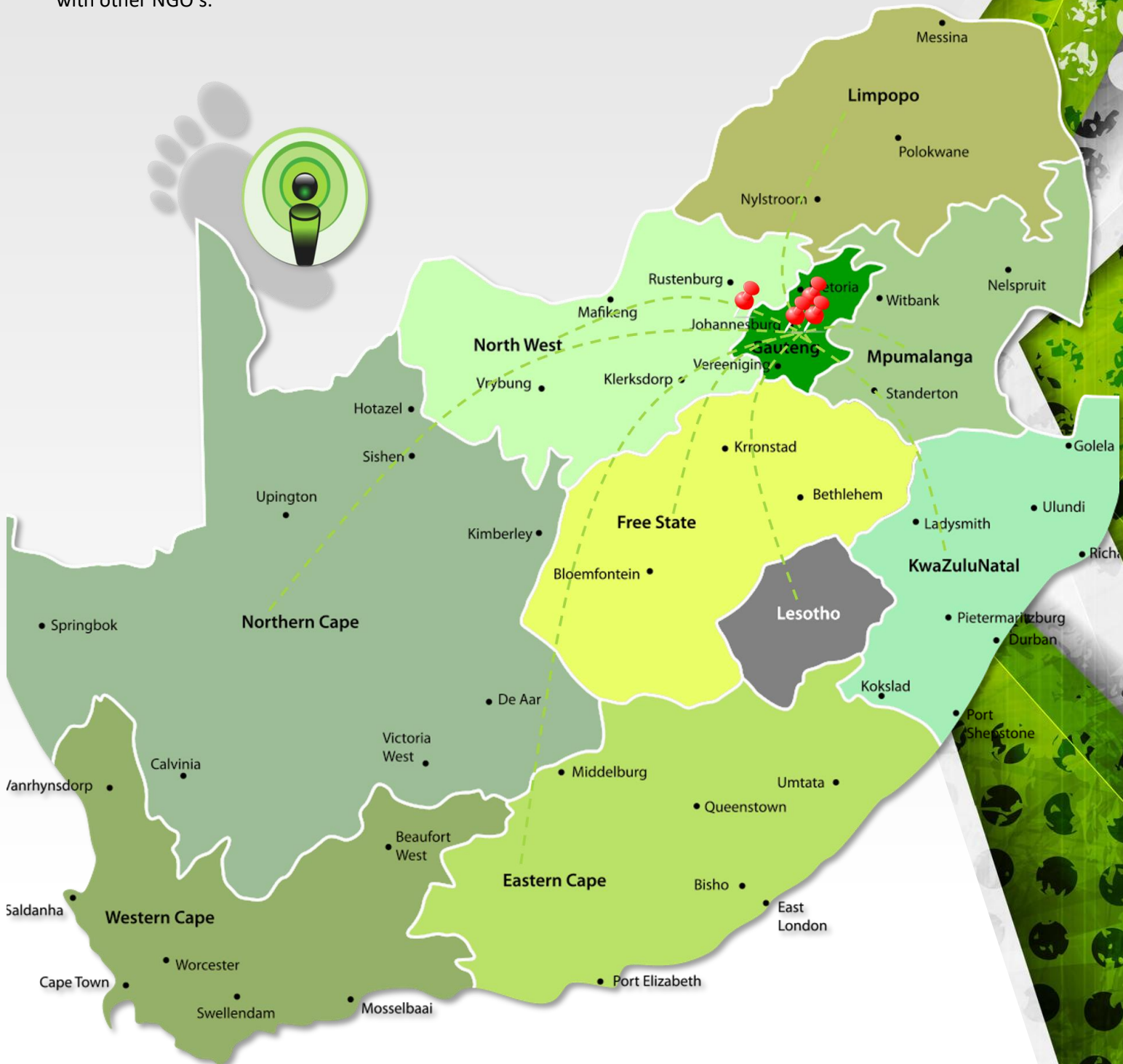
**LESEGO TSHABALALA**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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## ORGANISATIONAL OBJECTIVES

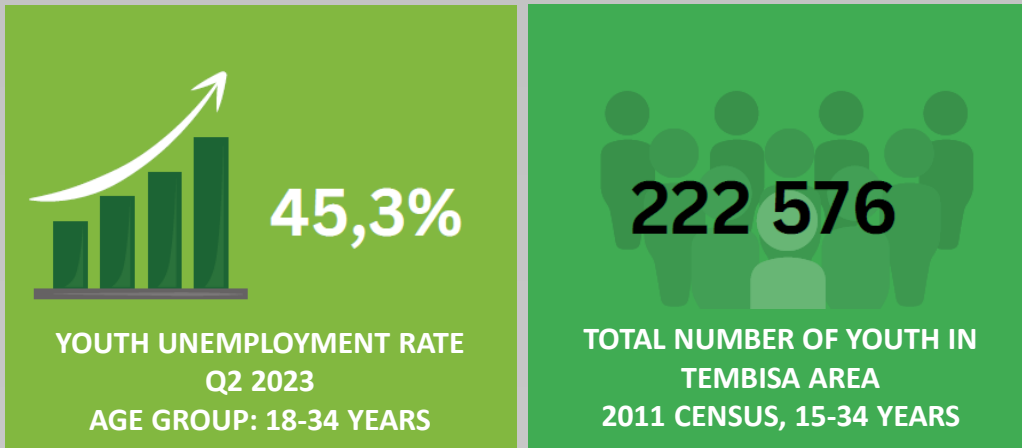
Established in Tembisa township in Gauteng, we have extended our reach within the greater Ekurhuleni District Municipality via our four offices in - Phomolong, Isithame, Edulwini Section and Kempton Park. We have also increased our reach through strategic partnerships within the Ekurhuleni district as well as into the North West Province.

We envision replicating the Get Informed - Centre of Hope model nationally through collaboration, capacity building, partnership and shared value creation with other NGO's.



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## REALITY ON THE GROUND



In line with global trends, South Africa grapples with the task of rejuvenating a weakened post-Covid economy. The adverse socio-economic effects persist, deepening the struggle for numerous households residing below the poverty line. The youth, in particular, find themselves in a precarious position, contending with increasingly formidable challenges that threaten their aspirations and dreams.

Essential to breaking this cycle is the provision of crucial information, skills, and attitudes for success to the youth. Empowering them with the necessary tools not only enhances their prospects for a better quality of life but also equips them to pursue and achieve their goals in the face of formidable obstacles.

Marking its milestone tenth anniversary, the Get Informed - Centre of Hope Youth Centre has played a pivotal role in bridging the gap between personal development and entrepreneurial skills. This initiative is dedicated to fostering sustainability and expanding access to economic opportunities for those benefitting from its services.

Grounded in a needs-based philosophy, the Centre remains highly responsive to the evolving needs of youth. Through targeted and foundational skills training, the aim is to significantly enhance their employability and marketability, paving the way for a brighter future.



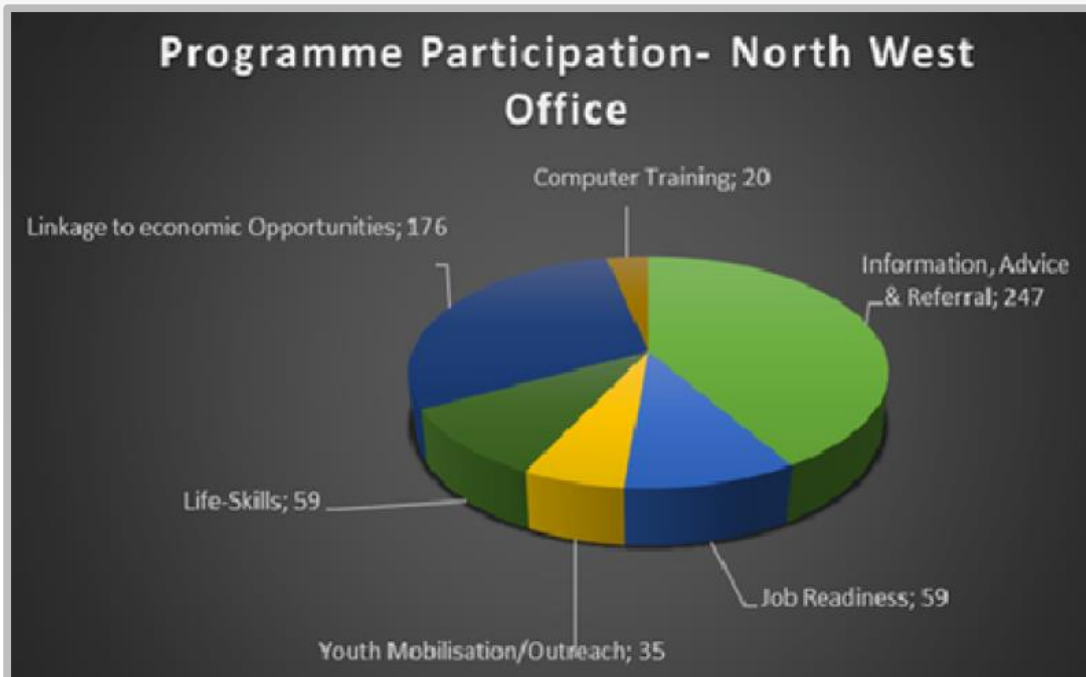
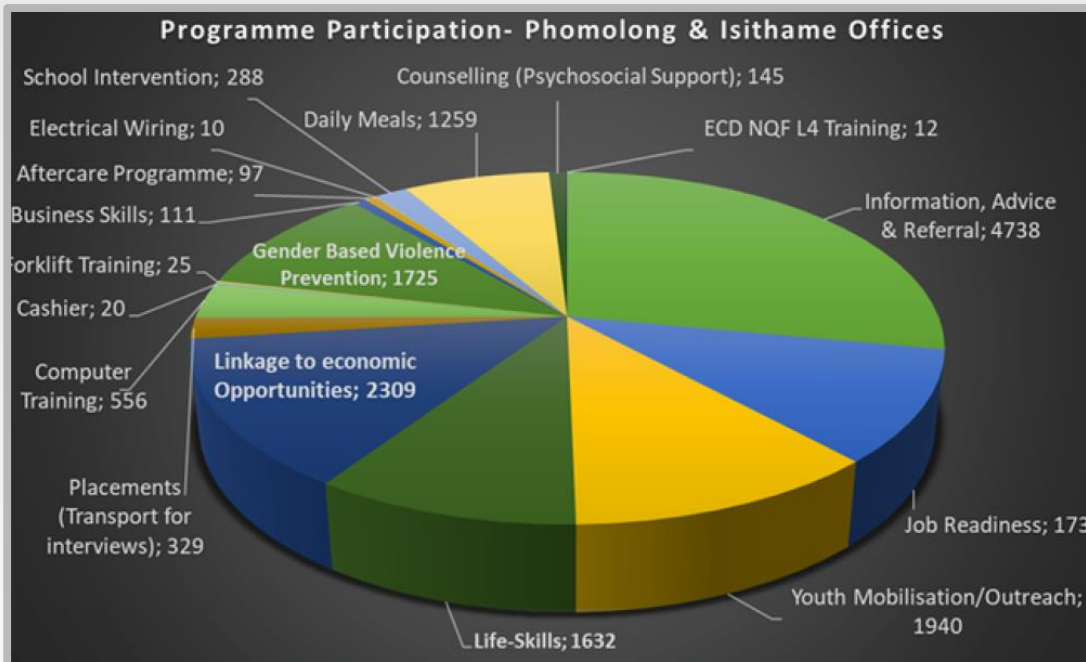
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## WHAT WE DO

PROGRAMMES/PROJECTS	TARGET GROUPS
 <b>Early Childhood Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Development NQF Level 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>• Non-Profit Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECD Practitioners</li> <li>• ECD Centres</li> </ul>
 <b>Schools Interventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Development</li> <li>• Life-Skills</li> <li>• Social Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Health &amp; HIV Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth in School</li> </ul>
 <b>Youth Development &amp; Skills Development Academy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accredited Skills Programmes</li> <li>✓ <i>End User Computer Training</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Forklift Training</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Wholesale &amp; Retail Courses</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Technical Support</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Electrical Training</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Solar PV Installation</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Hair &amp; Beauty Training</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Nail Technician Training</i></li> <li>✓ <i>System Development</i></li> <li>• Life Skills and Job Readiness</li> <li>• Job Linkage and Placements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth out of School</li> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Matriculants</li> </ul>
 <b>Women, Men &amp; children Empowerment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of Gender Based Violence &amp; Child Sexual Abuse</li> <li>• Victim Empowerment</li> <li>• Counselling Services (Psychosocial Support)</li> <li>• Paralegal Services</li> <li>• Men and Boy Child Programme</li> <li>• Skills Development &amp; Economic Opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Girl Child and Child Headed Households</li> <li>• Victims of Abuse</li> <li>• Men &amp; Boys</li> </ul>
 <b>Aftercare and Community Nutrition Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework Assistance</li> <li>• Urban Farming</li> <li>• ICT Skills</li> <li>• Robotics &amp; Coding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in school</li> </ul>
 <b>Business Mentorship and Incubation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Venture Creation NQF Level 4</li> <li>• Assessment &amp; Recruitment</li> <li>• Business Skills programme</li> <li>• Mentorship &amp; Coaching</li> <li>• Incubation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth out of School</li> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Start-ups</li> <li>• Existing small enterprises</li> </ul>

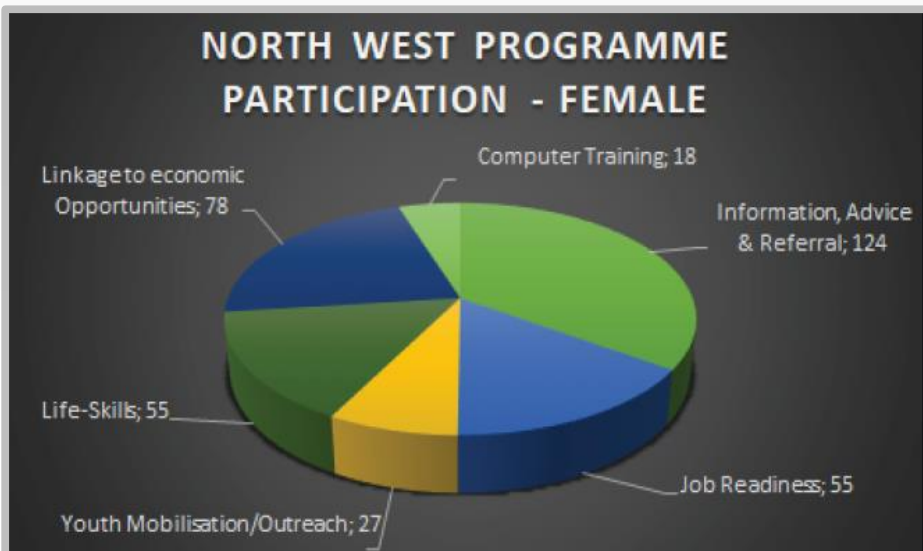
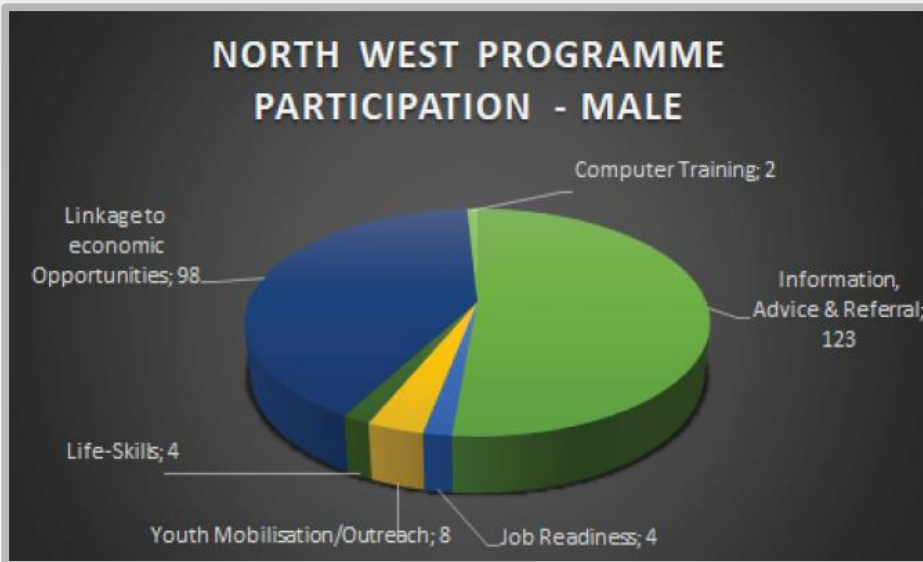
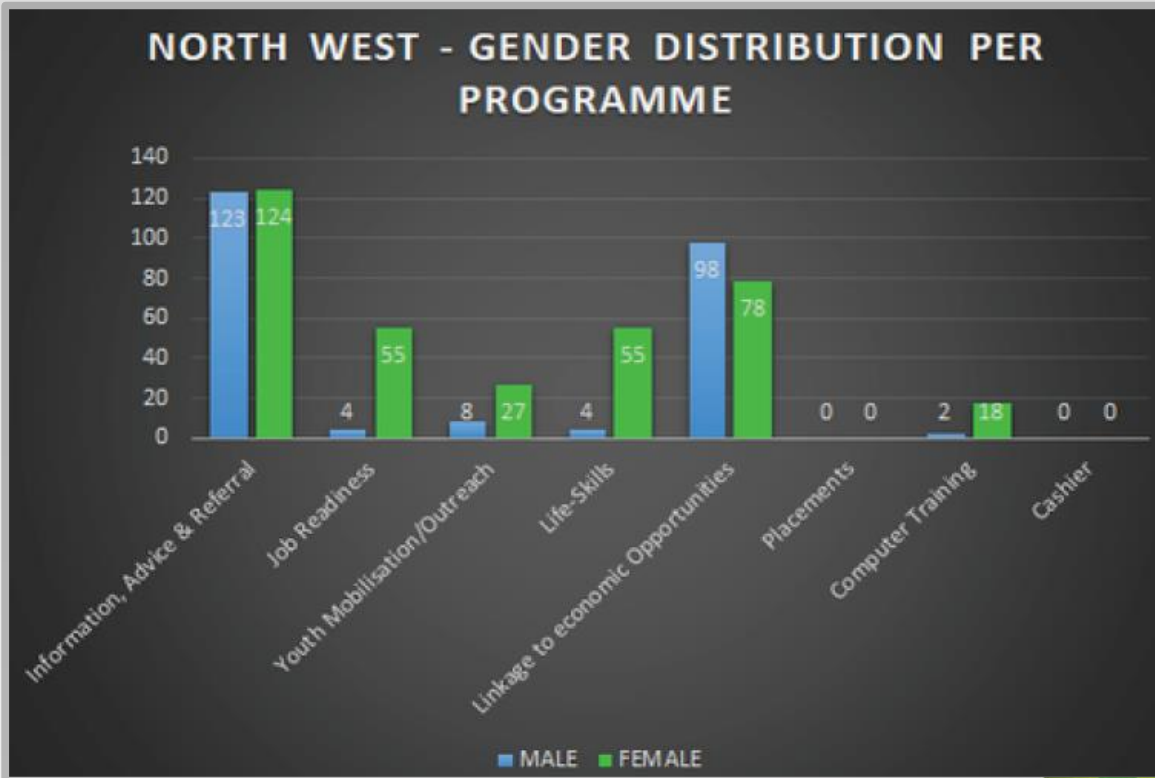
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## PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION - IMPACT IN NUMBERS

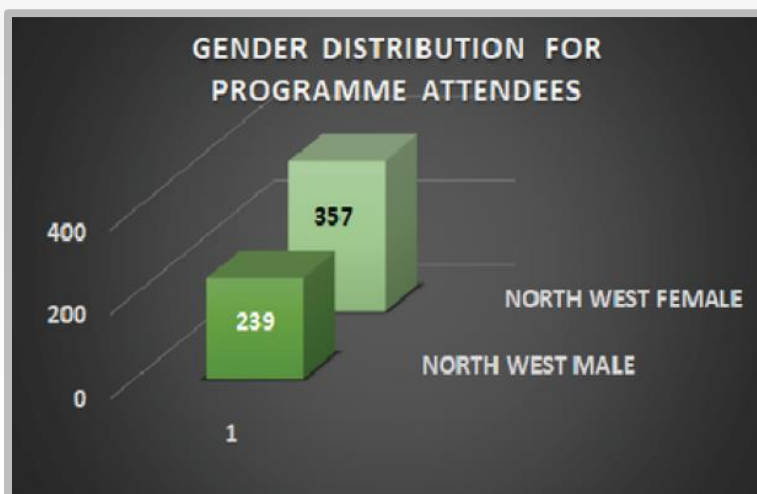
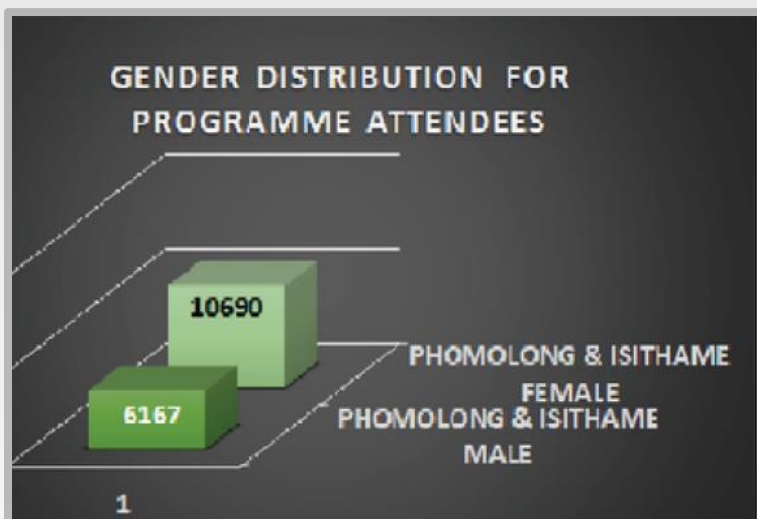
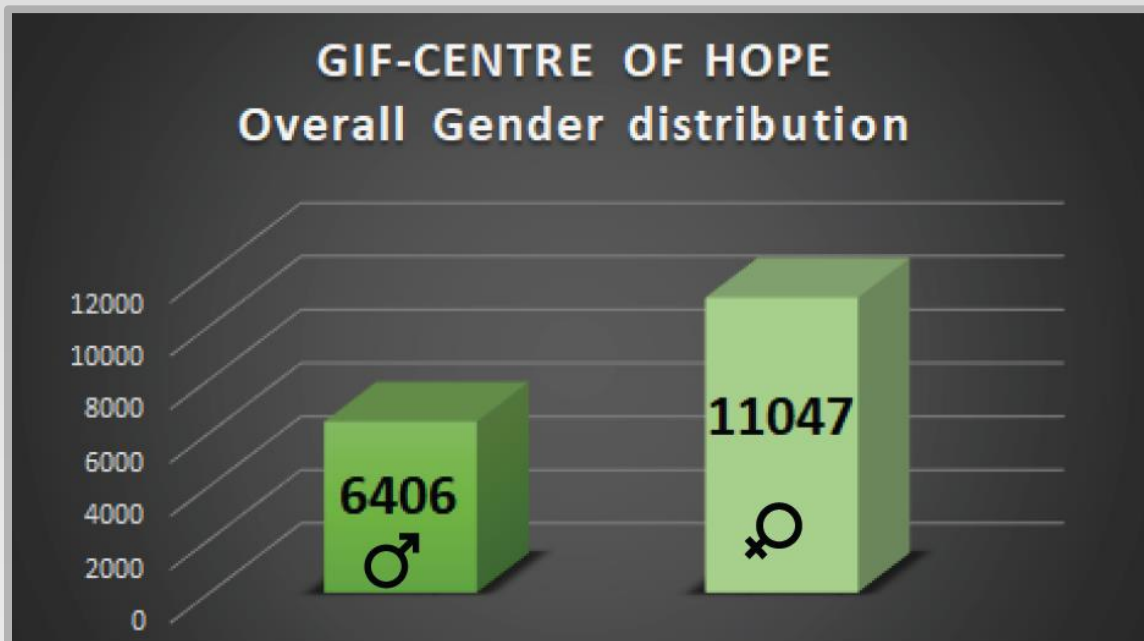


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The past year has seen an increase in service user registration via the different Get Informed Youth Development - Centre of Hope offices. A total of 17525 individuals participated in the different programmes offered across the organisational footprint. 28% of individuals made use of the Information, Advice and Referral service, 14% made use of Linkage to economic opportunities, while 11% participated in the Youth mobilisation, while Life Skills, Gender Based Violence prevention and Job readiness programmes each serviced 10% of service users.

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AT A GLANCE - FINANCIAL INFORMATION



**REVENUE**  
**R 3 884 164**



**ASSETS**  
**R 284 558**



**EXPENSES**  
**R 4 077 098**

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### EVENTS THROUGH THE YEAR




  
 - HELP US END HUNGER -  
**67 MIN SOUP KITCHEN**  
 MANDELA DAY  
  
 PRELOVED CLOTHING AND CUP OF SOUP TO KEEP YOU WARM IN THIS COLD WEATHER  
 200 SOUP CUPS TO BE SHARED  
 SEE YOU AT OUR LOVELY PHOHLONG OFFICE ON THE 18TH  
 011 821 8543  
 GAUTENG PROVINCE  
 City of Ekurhuleni




  
**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**  
**OBJECTIVE**  
 To contribute and take positive steps to protect women's rights, participation in the Development process, peace building and Enhance Access to Justice.  
**INTERVENTIONS**  
 Provision of CBV & HIV...  
 Child and Men Outreach...  
 Gain employment & Access to Skills...  
 Development...  
 Supporting Services/Paralegal Services...  
 Training Skills...  
 Economic Opportunities  
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## IMPACT STATEMENTS

*Good day, Sir*

*My name is Lerato Mokobori, I am one of the beneficiaries at Get Informed Youth Development Center. I heard about Get Informed Youth Development Center through social media and how they helped most of the youth with job opportunities, computer lessons, etc.*

*Since then, I took a step forward of being one of their beneficiaries, after matriculating last year.*

*The center has helped me so much with a job opportunity under a programme called Jumpstart, which placed me at Mr Price. I am now currently working at Mr Price home.*

*I was also recently placed under a Fundamental Leadership Course learnership for 3 months. I have truly benefitted from their programmes as a youth living in Tembisa.*

*Yours sincerely  
Lerato Mokobori*



*Dear Sir*

*I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to Get Informed Youth Development Centre for the invaluable opportunities they have provided me.*

*My journey with Get Informed YDC commenced in January 2022. I was fortunate to participate in one of the Life Skills and Job Readiness workshops, which significantly contributed to my mental preparedness and understanding of the dynamics within the working environment, including the expectations from employees.*

*Subsequently, I enrolled in a computer skills programme where I honed my computer literacy. Through dedicated effort and active participation, I earned a scholarship to pursue the Wholesale and Retail Skills Programme. I am immensely thankful that, within a span of six months, I earned two skills certificates.*

*Furthermore, I had the opportunity to participate in a Business Management Skills Programme facilitated by Get Informed YDC in collaboration with Services SETA. I am pleased to share that I am currently employed as a Cashier at McDonald's. I attribute this success to the valuable investment made in me by Get Informed YDC.*

*I extend my deepest appreciation for the support, guidance, and opportunities provided by Get Informed YDC. The impact on my personal and professional development has been profound, and I am genuinely grateful for the positive influence it has had on my life. Thank you once again for your commitment to empowering individuals and making a meaningful difference in our community.*

*Sincerely,  
Thapelo Talane*



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To whom it may concern,

Re: GET INFORMED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER NPO NUMBER-122-865

I, the undersigned hereby write this letter for your attention as a reference concerning the abovementioned organization.

People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA) is a 43-year Feminist organisation which works to ensure that women in South Africa enjoy the freedom and rights guaranteed by the State. To achieve this aim, over the years, the organisation is structured in a manner that allows for the engagement with grassroots women's organisations, private and national institutions including influential individuals. In this light, POWA has partnered with Unilever / JOKO to embark on #EndDomesticSilenceCampaign which aims to:

- End the silence about Domestic Violence
- Increase the speaking out and reporting Domestic Violence (DV)
- Increased awareness and education around Domestic Violence

Against the above-mentioned background, POWA has partnered with Get Informed Youth Development Centre as one of the sectors strengthening organisations to collaborate in the implementation of JOKO / POWA #EndDomestic Violence campaign activities in Tembisa, which is one of the South African GBV hotspots. This partnership enables us to curb the source of Domestic Violence., especially in this area.

The organization has a good working relationship with POWA given the commitment to the work at hand. I trust that you find the information contained in this letter in order.

Kind regards  
 Jeanette Sera

- Acting Executive Director  
 POWA



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for Enrolling our Children at St Georges Home on Scholarship for Skills Course. Your donation is a symbol of your love for children who need protection and care. Thank you for putting a smile on their faces and making them feel valued.

At Coach, we continue to advance our mission to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential, to become more responsible and to achieve all their educational goals. Through our programmes we have seen their lives change for the better, and we are so thankful for your contribution which helps us to continue providing quality services to those who need it the most. It is only because of wonderful donors such as yourself that we are able to keep our children safe and ensure that their daily needs are met. We are therefore extremely grateful for your support during this challenging time. Thank you for caring and supporting our vision in "Helping Children take the Next Step!"

Yours Sincerely,  
 Nagapushnum Reddy  
 - Managing Director - Coach



## THE BOARD



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We deeply value the continuous support from our longstanding sponsors and partners, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome new funders into our community.

Our connections with donors go beyond mere material support; they signify the creation of meaningful partnerships and collaborations as we create opportunities for youth.



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