# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION NUMBER: 1190 DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 07 MAY 2021 INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NUMBER: 12 OF 2021

**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

(a) What extraordinary measures have been taken by her Office to cushion the youth from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, given the high rate of unemployment it is facing and (b) how will the proposed plans be sustained in the Post-COVlD-19 period? NW1381E

# Reply

1. The National Youth Development Agency, an entity of the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities implemented the following programs in the financial year 1 April 2020 — 31 March 2021.
   * A total of over 2200 youth owned enterprises were supported through the NYDA Grant Programme compared to a target of 1500. The number was accelerated by the 1100 youth enterprises assisted by the Youth Micro Enterprise Relief Fund.
   * Over 2665 beneficiaries were supported with business development support services offered by the NYDA.
   * More than 8047 jobs were created and sustained through supporting business entrepreneurs.
   * 5078 jobs were facilitated through placements in job opportunities.
   * Over 2445 young people were capacitated with skills to enter the job market.

In addition to the above, the NYDA has supported the rollout of Phase 1 of the Employment Stimulus which has resulted in the following outcomes as at 30 April 2021:

* + The Department of Basic Education has supported 313 000 young people with jobs who were enrolled as Teacher Assistants and General Assistants in 26 000 public schools between December 2020 — April 2021.
  + The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development supported 74 426 small scale farmers and 2000 agriculture graduates were utilised to verify 130 000 applicants claims.
  + The Department of Social Development is supporting 25 000 Early Childhood Development Centres.
  + The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition has supported 8 000 jobs in the Business Process Outsourcing Sector.
  + The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has appointed 1 886 young people in rural bridges and other programs.

1. Phase 2 of the Employment Stimulus will commence in June 2021.

Approved by:

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**Minister Date: 28 May 2021**