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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1402**

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**1402. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, in light of the newly revised National Rural Service Corps (NARYSEC) policy 2022, which focuses on three main intervention areas for sustained employment by recruiting youth for skills-development programmes, there have been any successes in the area of job placement and opportunities and the re-skilling and/or training and provision of job placement opportunities for youth trained under the 2010 NARYSEC Policy given the current unemployment rate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1436E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Yes. Some success has been observed in area of job placement.

The NARYSEC programme was mainly focused on providing the youth with skills programmes since inception. In 2022/23 the NARYSEC policy was revised to make provision for partnerships with the private and public sector as well as civil society for exit employment opportunities and business enterprises to increase.

After the revised policy, the first group of young people from rural areas was 705 who reported for the programme in line with the revised policy and commenced their Induction and Youth Leadership Development Programme (YLDP) on 18 July 2022. The youth who completed the programme participated in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) pass out parade. 21 of the 705 dropped out from the programme. Currently 684 youth completed YLDP and are attending skills development programmes with various colleges for a duration of between six and 18 months depending on the type of training programme they have enrolled for. This will then be followed by exit into identified opportunities. **(Please refer to Annexure A).**

With regard to up-skilling youth trained since 2010, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is currently auditing the learner database by tracing all the young people who have been trained since the inception of the programme, to determine their current economic status. The outcome of the audit will form the basis for the development of a structured up-skilling programme to assist those who might still be unemployed. Since the implementation of the new NARYSEC policy in March 2022, a total of 280 rural youth located in Gauteng and Limpopo have been upskilled during the 2022/23 financial year and have been linked to exit opportunities. **(Please refer to Annexure B).**

**ANNEXURE B OF NA-QUESTION 207 OF 2023**

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| **Province** | **Economic Opportunity** | **No. Youth** | **Learning Programme** |
| **Gauteng**West Rand District, Sedibeng District and City of Tshwane, Gauteng | Upskilling of exited NARYSEC youth. Through South West Gauteng’s collaboration with Lulaway, these youth will be place into temporary employment at various Guvon Hotels for a period of 12 months. | 25 | Skills Programme: Hospitality Reception |
| Upskilling of exited NARYSEC youth. As part of the YES Programme with Lulaway, South West Gauteng College will host these youth at their Call Centre upon completion of training for a period of 12 months during which time the youth will receive a stipend. | 50 | Skills Programme: Contact Centre Management |
| Upskilling of exited NARYSEC youth. South West Gauteng College will fund these youth for 12 months upon completion of training at various Two Oceans Marketing outlets, which are distribution and merchandising outlets. Youth will receive a stipend during the 12 months from the College. | 50 | Skills Programme: Wholesale and Retail Operations |
| Upskilling of exited NARYSEC youth to place them in a better position to access employment in the areas they have previously been trained in. | 25 | Skills Programme: New Venture Creation |
| **LIMPOPO**Waterberg DistrictModimolle MookgophongMogalakwenaLephalaleBela BelaThabazimbi | These learning programmes will have direct potential opportunities for the 130 youth upon the completion of their training. Most of the youth to be upskilled have registered enterprises and are already in production. Through the Directorate Cooperative and Enterprise Development (CED), 80 of the youth have been assisted to register primary cooperatives in poultry production and goat farming, while another50 youth are already producing in small scale backyard gardens.  | 50 | Skills Programme: Animal Production (Broiler) |
| 30 | Skills Programme: Animal Production (Small Stock) |
| 50 | Skills Programme: Vegetable Production & Small Business |
| **TOTAL** | **280** |  |