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**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether her department instituted educational programmes to empower the **youth** in the tourism sector from 1 January 2020 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so, what is the status of the specified programmes? NW2566E

**REPLY:**

Yes, the Department of Tourism has, together with the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA), implemented the following capacity building programmes to empower the youth in the tourism sector:

1. **Hospitality Youth Programme: Fast Food Services**

This is a National Certificate in Fast Food Services accredited by the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA). It is a one-year learnership programme. 2 321 beneficiaries completed the programme.

1. **Wine Service Training Programme: (Sommelier)**

The early stages of the programme cover areas such as Bar Attendant and Drink Service Skills. In the later stages, the programme covers Sommelier training aspects such as international Wines, Wine Stewardship, Event Support Assistant, Customer Care, Culture and Nature guiding. The programme is accredited by the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority. (CATHSSETA) and South African Sommelier Association (SASA). 241 learners completed the programme in June 2020.

The following capacity building programmes to empower the youth in the tourism sector are in the implementation phase:

1. **Hospitality Youth Programme (Food and Beverages)**

It is a one-year learnership programme. This is a National Certificate in Fast Food Services accredited by the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA). The programme is targeting 1000 unemployed and retrenched youth in Northern Cape, Western Cape and Eastern Cape Provinces.

1. **Wine Service Training (Sommelier)**

The programme will be implemented as a learnership for a period of one year. The programme covers Sommelier training aspects such as international Wines, SASA Wine Steward, Customer Care, Bar Attendant and Drink Service Skills. The programme is accredited by the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority. (CATHSSETA) and South African Sommelier Association (SASA). The programme is targeting 252 learners in the KwaZulu Natal and Western Cape Provinces.

1. **Food Safety Quality Assures**

The programme covers the following areas: Hygiene and Food Safety Practices, Conduct Audits and Optimise Product and Process Quality within a Quality Management System in a Food Processing Environment as well as Occupational Health & Safety Unit standards (Accredited with CATHSSETA and the FoodBev SETA). The programme will be targeting 500 unemployed and retrenched youth in KwaZulu Natal, Western Cape and Gauteng provinces.

1. **Chef/ Professional Cookery**

The programme will be implemented for one year. It is a National Certificate in Professional Cookery accredited with the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education Training Authority (CATHSSETA). The programme is targeting 300 unemployed and retrenched youth in the Northern Cape, North West and Free State Provinces.