

NPO highlights unemployment

Lentswe, Klerksdorp - Leano la Bophelo's Mpone ke Gobone unemployment campaign took place in the city and was kick-started with a freeze mob led by unemployed youth, women and men. Leano la Bophelo is a local NPO.

The freeze mob was staged in Matlosana Mall and Flamwood Walk respectively on February 27 and 28. Other members of the community were displaying messages of concern on the N12 traffic lights near Tower Mall to raise awareness.

The NPO is concerned about high levels of unemployment amongst young people, graduates and the general population around Matlosana and the province.

As indicated in the 2024 SONA that youth unemployment is over 60%, that report is worrying because this alarming rate consist of young people and graduates who are supposed to be economically active and contributing in the mainstream of the economy.

They are also concerned about lack of oversight and monitoring from the regional office of DMRE on social labour plans from local mining houses and

other private sector initiatives like CSI which should be contributing to community development and supporting youth empowerment programmes.

Another worrying factor is individuals from age group of 35 to 59 years, which

seems to be neglected from participating in the economic streams and empowerment programmes. These are persons responsible for family units and households who are also unemployed in high numbers. As an

organization they call on government to initiate policy to include this category of age group and private sector to provide opportunities and sustainable jobs for everyone.

The campaign was concluded in Jouberton by members of the community submitting a memorandum of grievances to the NW Progressive Professionals Forum (PPF) to be presented to the Office of Premier and Office of the Presidency. The chairperson of the NW PPF, Charles Modisane, received and signed the memorandum of grievances and promised everyone that the forum will consult with relevant stakeholders present and will provide feedback on March 8.

They would like to thank the Independent Development Trust for its continued support towards a programme on empowerment of PDI (previously disadvantaged individuals) through short term employment and self-help skills while conserving the environment.

Contact the NPO on leanolabophelo@gmail.com and www.leanolabophelo.co.za for more information.



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