

Economic Opportunities Intervention

A review of the intervention's achievements and plan for the years 2024/25



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Achievements

Second Chance Matric



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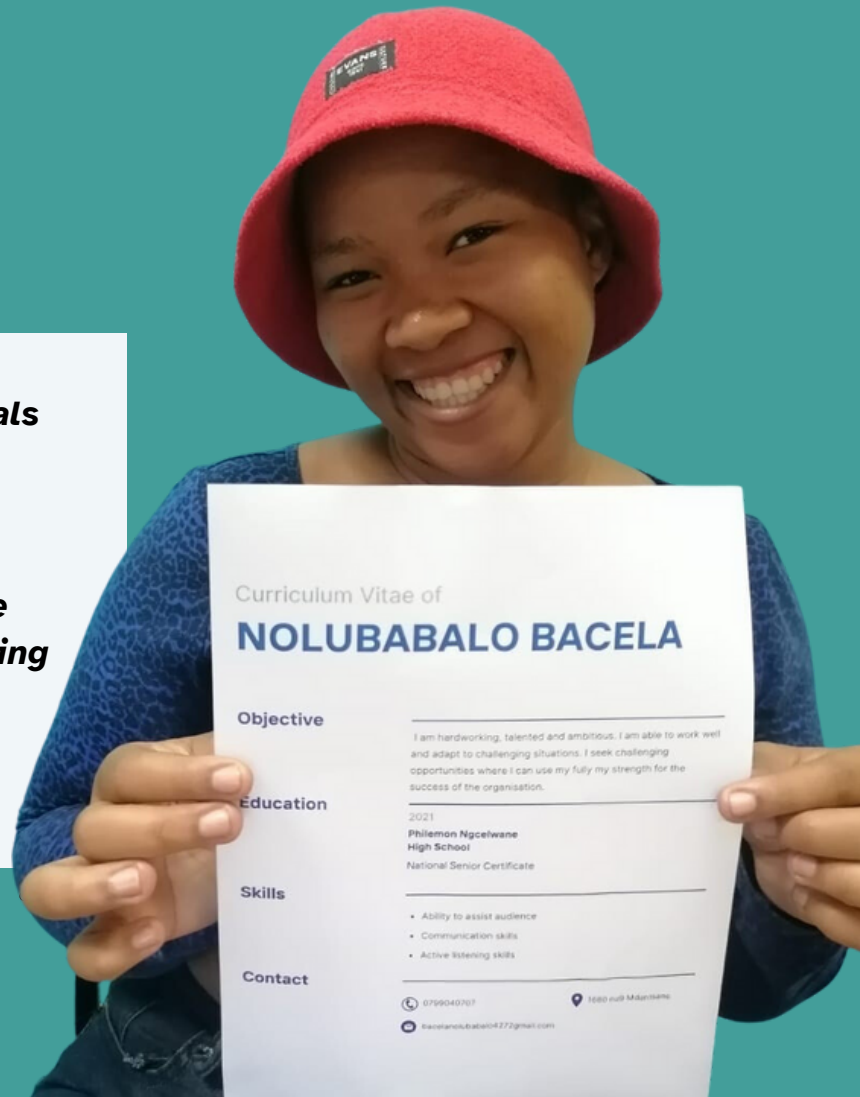
Successfully registering 12 young people from Tsholomnqa in our Second Chance Matric program through the Economic Opportunities intervention. In addition to their registration, we have extended further support by supplying essential learning materials and establishing a dedicated digital support group on WhatsApp to address any inquiries they might have. Moreover, these students have been granted access to study facilities at the Lingomso Youth Centre. Their dedication to education and self-improvement serves as a tangible demonstration of our unwavering commitment to fostering brighter futures.

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Achievements

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More than ten young individuals have had comprehensive curriculum vitae (CVs) meticulously prepared and professionally printed at the Lingomso Youth Centre, enabling them to actively pursue employment opportunities



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Supported the youth in acquiring their Microsoft Online Blended Learning Certifications through the Thint'iMillion Platform.

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Achievements



Professionalism and Work Ethics Workshops

Provided guidance and assistance to more than 180 TVET College students through work-readiness workshops that included valuable insights on professionalism and work ethics. These workshops not only equipped the students with essential skills but also prepared them for the challenges of the professional world.

Mentors Training

Effectively organizing comprehensive workshops, including sessions like Work Seeker Support, Give Yourself A Job, Professionalism and Workplace Ethics For Behaviour Change and Communication and IKHWELOlethu mentors in King William's Town, East London and Amathole District Municipality.



Economic Opportunities Intervention Plans for 2024/25

Accessing learning related opportunities (bursaries, learnerships, and internships).

- Stakeholder engagements and relationship-building relationships.
- Roundtable discussions regarding the status of young people accessing opportunities, areas to be strengthened and commitments from stakeholders.
- Community of practice meetings to discuss the status and strengthening of existing support services for young people not in education, employment or training in the community.

Second Chance Matric

- Registrations.
- Coaching/guidance at Opportunity Hub to assess the main challenges and identify necessary referrals.
- Provide basic stationery, learning space, study material and old question papers.
- Identify tutors to support young people twice a month.
- Reach out to surrounding schools and form collaborations towards making Lingomso a “Holiday School”.

Work Seeker Support

- Pathway management.
- Continuing with CV and Cover Letter Writing, Interview Preparation, Email creation, and basic computer skills.
- Making information about opportunities accessible to young people in the hub and providing application support.
- Constant communication with members on the EO database regarding available opportunities.
- Adding an aspirational component, building hope and building the agency of young people to become self-driven and take the initiative to seek opportunities through the support of the economic hub.
- Link work seekers with BI psychosocial support services for their mental as job seeking can be daunting and cause young people mental health challenges, which in turn causes loss of hope and discouragement.
- Form BI clubs for work seekers – a platform to connect and provide support to one another.

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✓ Entrepreneurship Support

- Promote and encourage entrepreneurship amongst young people.
- Give Yourself A Job workshops for young people to be introduced to and explore the concept of entrepreneurship as an options for economic participation.
- Entrepreneurship Challenge for 4 cohorts; introducing entrepreneurship, practical challenges, masterclasses, linkage to business mentors and start up for successful business pitches upon completion of the three-month programme.

✓ Linking young people to learning and earning opportunities

- Continuous stakeholder engagement and active seeking of potential employers for young people.
- Application drives for college and university applications including bursaries.
- Linking with government departments for learnership and internship opportunities.
- Start up stock for entrepreneurs.

✓ Young people supported with completion of online blended learning

- Continuing with supporting young people with completion of online Microsoft course.
- Young people supporting with accessing JobStarter and completing courses.
- A cohort of young people supported with completing 6-month and 12-month SETA accredited online courses.

✓ High risk young people not in education, employment or training supported through BPS

- Understand available pathways [back] into education, training and work.
- Refers to existing support services to connect to, take up and complete such pathways.
- Connects them to employment, education and training opportunities through EO and other support services.
- Continuous support and re-engagement.



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