



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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The Department of Social Development to host the Provincial Youth Camp in Phalaborwa.

It is all systems go for the hosting of the Provincial Youth Camp where about 300 young people from across the province are to participate. The Youth Camp that is being held in conjunction with the South African National Defence Force was first launched in the year 2012, with the aim to give the youth the platform and opportunity to discuss issues that they are experiencing in their communities on a daily basis.

Some of the key dialogues which will be conducted during this year's camp will be done to enable the youth to discuss solutions to societal ills that they face.

Gender-based violence, substance abuse, unemployment, the HIV infection rate, sustainable development, the rights of persons with disabilities and social cohesion are some of the issues to top the agenda. The Department of Social Development will use the opportunity to highlight some of the government programmes that have been put in place to address the challenges faced by the young people.

Members of the South African National Defence force will be playing a leading role in instilling discipline and physical exercises during the week long activities.

MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale will officially open the Youth Camp scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 19th November 2019

Venue: 7SAI (SA Infantry Battalion), Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality, Mopani District

Time: 10:00

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