



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Today marks the last day of the Department of Social Development Youth Camp in Phalaborwa. About 300 young people from across the province participated in the Youth Camp that is being held in conjunction with the South African National Defence Force. It 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 that the youth engaged in are gender-based violence, substance abuse, unemployment, the HIV infection rate, sustainable development, the rights of persons with disabilities and social cohesion.

Other departments were brought on board to talk to the youth about government programmes that are aimed at empowering young people.

Members of the South African National Defence force who militarized the camp, played a role in instilling discipline, teaching survival skills to the youth and also offering physical exercises during the week long activities.

MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale will officially close the Youth Camp which will be characterized by a number of cultural activities scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 23rd November 2019

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

Time: 18:00

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