

The Role of National Unemployment Initiatives in Reducing Youth Unemployment in South Africa: The Case of Capricorn District Municipality

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Abstract

Youth unemployment in South Africa has been high for many years and is one of the country's major socio-economic challenges. In line with the research objectives for this study, the research began with the review of relevant literature on the current unemployment initiatives in South Africa; data on the unemployment interventions in the country was analysed. Major unemployment policy interventions in South Africa were identified. The research employed a qualitative research method. A questionnaire was developed for the collection of primary data. The questionnaire contained closed-ended questions. It was administered face-to-face with 29 officials from Capricorn District Municipality, which is one of the five district comprising Limpopo province. The other districts are Sekhukhune, Vhembe, Mopani and Waterberg. In conclusion, it is recommended that government must encourage and support the unemployed youth to enter the informal sector as they cannot afford to start businesses on their own. Further, both government and business must implement anti-corruption measures as corruption is viewed as the source of unemployment in Capricorn District Municipality.

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