

Presidential Women Economic Empowerment Programme workshops in Northern Cape

[SOUTH AFRICA] – The National Empowerment Fund (NEF) in collaboration with the Presidency, provincial Premier’s offices, district municipalities and other government entities will be hosting the Presidential Women Economic Empowerment Programme (WEEP) workshops in the Northern Cape this July.

Empowering women entrepreneurs

This national roadshow is designed to equip emerging women entrepreneurs and informal traders with essential skills and resources, covering topics such as business compliance, procurement strategies, financial literacy, marketing and accessing funding opportunities.

Inviting residents of Northern Cape: WEEP workshop dates

The NEF invites residents from various districts in the Northern Cape to attend the upcoming workshops under the WEEP, **starting at 09h00** as follows:

- **July 10th:** Namakwa district: Blou Dak Saal, 1559 Goodhouse Weg, Concordia,
- **July 17th:** Z F Mgcawu district (David Kruiper, Kai !Garib, !Kheis, Tsantsabane, Kgatelopele)
- **July 18th:** John Taolo Gaetsewe district (Joe Morolong, Gamagara, Ga-Segonyana)
- **July 24th:** Pixley Ka Seme district (Umsobomvu, Ubuntu, Emthanjeni, Renosterberg, Thembelihle, Siyathemba, Kareeberg, Siyancuma)
- **July 25th:** Francis Baard District (Phokwane, Sol Plaatje, Dikgatlong, Magareng)

“We are really excited to announce the upcoming workshop which aim to empower women entrepreneurs with essential business skills and to provide access to resources for economic independence. Your participation is crucial in building a sustainable and inclusive economy in our communities,” says NEF Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mziwabantu Dayimani.

Promoting economic independence

Ms Siziwe Zulu, the Post Investment Associate who oversees the NEF’s participation in WEEP, explains that the initiative stems from the National Strategic Plan on Gender Based Violence & Femicide (NSP GBVF) and “seeks to address the critical issue of economic dependence among women. The aim is to reduce gender-based violence by enhancing women’s economic self-reliance”.

“The NEF’s involvement in WEEP aligns with its mandate to promote economic and social empowerment for historically disadvantaged groups, including women, youth, and rural communities,” she says.

Supporting women's empowerment through strategic partnerships

Mr Dayimani acknowledged the generous support of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has provided a grant towards the implementation of WEEP activities.

“This funding will enable WEEP to expand its reach and impact across communities, particularly in underserved areas like Northern Cape. Through strategic partnerships and targeted interventions, we are determined to foster economic resilience and sustainable growth among women entrepreneurs,” he concluded.

The WEEP workshop is also a capacity building initiative in response to Pillar 5 of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). Pillar 5 sets out to address women’s unequal economic and social position through access to economic opportunities including government and private sector procurement, employment, housing, access to land, financial resources and other income generating initiatives.

In addition to the NEF, presentations will be shared by the National/Provincial Treasury, District/Local Municipality, **the dtic**, SARS, B-BBEE Commission, SABS, SEDA, SEFA, DSBD, DWYPD, LED, DARLD (National & Provincial), UN Women SA, Absa Group, IDC, Old Mutual Masisizane Fund, Standard Bank, and other stakeholders.

All women in the region are encouraged to attend these important workshops, which aim to empower them with practical knowledge and tools to succeed in their businesses.

For more information and workshop registration details, please contact Ms Ntombi Ngwenya on ngwenyan@necorp.co.za.

Venue details for 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th will be released in the coming week and will be shared with communities through various media platforms.

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