



# Success Factors of Youth Employment Programmes in South African Informal Settlements: An Entrepreneurship Training Analysis

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## Abstract

Youth unemployment remains a significant challenge in South African informal settlements, where poverty levels are high and resources limited. A qualitative case study approach was employed to gather insights from local stakeholders including community leaders, programme participants, and educators. Effective youth employment initiatives must incorporate entrepreneurship training to boost local economic opportunities while addressing specific community needs. Programmes should focus on developing practical skills, providing mentorship opportunities, and ensuring alignment with industry requirements. Collaboration between government agencies and non-profit organizations is recommended for sustainability and impact.

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