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**NYDA PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL YOUTH OFFICES
IN MUNICIPALITIES**

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BACKGROUND TO LOCAL YOUTH OFFICES

The National Youth Development Agency Act No. 54 of 2008 provides the legislative mandate in terms of which the NYDA engages with Municipalities for the establishment of Local Youth Offices.

Section 5 of the NYDA Act indicates the functions of the NYDA, which includes:

5. (1) The Agency must, in order to achieve its objects,—
 - (b) establish offices of the Agency at provincial and local levels and appoint the necessary personnel to those offices.

Section 7 of the NYDA Act outlines the role of organs of state (including Municipalities), companies and civil society organisations in youth development.

7. (1) Organs of state must—
 - (a) take national priorities in respect of youth development into account in planning their activities; and
 - (b) submit, in the prescribed manner, annual reports to the Agency regarding their implementation of youth development priorities.

The NYDA took a strategic decision to establish Local Youth Offices by partnering with, and leveraging resources from Municipalities to host such offices.

Local Youth Offices are walk-in Youth Advisory Centres providing information on NYDA products and services, including career information, to young people visiting these centres. These offices are hosted by municipalities and are approximately 50m² to 100m² in size. The staff component is typically 2 to 5 personnel.

ROLE OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS STRATEGIC PARTNER

The role of the Municipality as the strategic hosting partner is as follows:

- Avail basic office facilities.
- Provide existing furniture.
- Computers (used by staff and the public) and printer/fax facilities.
- Internet connectivity.
- Salaries of the existing Municipality staff designated to the Local Youth Office.

ROLE OF THE NYDA

The role of the NYDA is as follows:

- Provide support to the hosting partner with regard to the activities related to Youth Development, in particular the Youth Office within the Municipality or hosting partner and outreach activities.
- Provide content by supplying brochures, pamphlets and other marketing materials for distribution.
- Provide ongoing capacity building and support to the Youth Office staff on NYDA products and services.
- Provide training to Community Development Workers and other relevant personnel currently employed by the Municipality for information dissemination on the NYDA's products and services.
- Assist with data collection from Youth beneficiaries and reporting.
- Ensure connectivity to the NYDA portal and other business systems through the Municipality's internet connectivity.
- Encourage the use of the help desk at the NYDA head office by availing this resource to the Municipality for any enquiries.
- Develop fixed schedules for visitation to the Youth Office. During these visits all services and products, not available at the Youth Office, will be delivered.

PROGRESS ON LOCAL YOUTH OFFICES DURING 2013/14

The NYDA has established **27** new Local Youth Offices during this financial year, against an annual target of 30. The balance of three (3) more Local Youth Offices will be established before the end of the financial year.

KPI: NUMBER OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACCESS POINTS ESTABLISHED	
Target for the Financial Year	30
Actual Performance by January 2014	27
Balance to be achieved before 31 March 2014	3

The NYDA has established a total number of **194 Local Youth Offices since inception**. The table below provides an indication of the number of Local Youth Offices per province:

PROVINCES	NUMBER OF LOCAL YOUTH OFFICES
Mpumalanga	55
Western Cape	28
Kwazulu-Natal	26
Eastern Cape	18
Free State	13
Northern Cape	12
Limpopo	8
North West	14
Gauteng	20
TOTAL	194