Youth trends in KwaZulu-Natal
“The more we increase the active participation and partnership with young people, the better we serve them…. And the more comprehensively we work with them as service partners, the more we increase our public value to the entire community”

~ Carmen Martinez~
Problem Statement

• KwaZulu-Natal is characterized by high levels of youth unemployment, youth-headed families, lack of skills, poverty, and inequality. Four of 11 Districts have 50% of Youth unemployed. Amongst others, unemployment leads to:
• Drug abuse, criminal activities, human trafficking, prostitution, begging, teenage pregnancies, high rate of HIV & AIDS in young people
• Additionally, Youth in rural areas are confronted with the following challenges:
  • Fewer opportunities for education and training
  • Smaller industrial base for employment and business opportunities

Sources:
STATSA Social Profile Report, 2009
http://historymatters.co.za/what-is-facing-sa-youth-in-todays-society/

OSS Youth Ambassador Programme
Problem statement – Youth Profile (status quo)

KwaZulu-Natal is characterized by high levels of youth unemployment, youth-headed families, lack of skills, poverty, and inequality.

- **Youth Unemployment Rate in KZN**
  - 15-24 years: 49.7%
  - 25-34 years: 50.3%

- **Total Unemployed Youth in KZN**: 714,081

- **18.2%** of youth (15 – 34) in KZN were unemployed.

Census 2011
Problem statement – youth profile (status quo)

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- Of households in KZN were headed by youth aged 15 - 24: **5,1%**
  - South Africa = **5,6%** youth (15 – 24) headed households

- Of households in KZN were headed by youth aged 25 - 34: **20,9%**
  - South Africa = **21,1%** youth (25 – 34) headed households

Social Profile of vulnerable groups 2002 - 2012, released 2013
Problem statement – youth profile (status quo)

KwaZulu-Natal is characterized by high levels of youth unemployment, youth-headed families, **lack of skills**, poverty, and inequality.

Of 18–24 year olds in KZN has **ONLY** Matric as a highest level of education

Only 35% of 15-34 year olds were enrolled in some form of educational institution

51% of 25-34 year olds in KZN has matric and higher level of education

The main reason for 15–24 year old South Africans not attending an educational institution in 2012 was “No money to pay for fees”

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- **28.1%** Of households in KZN headed by youth are informal.
- **21.1%** Of households in KZN headed by youth do not have access to electricity for lighting.
- **54.2%** Of households in KZN headed by youth do not have access to flush toilets.
- **24.8%** Of households in KZN headed by youth do not have access to water from the regional/local water scheme.

Poverty based on living standards i.e.:
- Informal dwellings
- Access to electricity
- Access to flush toilets
- Access to piped water
Unemployment rates in KwaZulu-Natal

**Working age (15-64)**

- Uthukela
- Umzinyathi
- Umngungundlovu
- iLembe
- eThekwini
- Harry Gwala
- Ugu

**Youth (15-34)**

- Uthungulu
- Amajuba
- Umkhanyakude
- Zululand
- Umzinyathi
- Uthukela
- Umngungundlovu
- iLembe
- eThekwini
- Harry Gwala
- Ugu

Census 2011

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Population per Province, 2014

- GP: 12,91M
- LP: 5,63M
- NW: 3,68M
- FS: 2,79M
- EC: 6,79M
- KZN: 10,69M
- NC: 1,12 M
- WC: 6,12 M
- MP: 4,23M
## Population Rank By Province

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Population by age groups, 2014

- **Male**
- **Female**

- **0-4**
- **5-9**
- **10-14**
- **15-19**
- **20-24**
- **25-29**
- **30-34**
- **35-39**
- **40-44**
- **45-49**
- **50-54**
- **55-59**
- **60-64**
- **65-69**
- **70-74**
- **75-79**
- **80+**

- **15-34**
Share of youth (15 – 34) in KwaZulu-Natal, 2014

3 929 159

49.6%

50.4%

98 males per 100 females

36.7%
Share of youth (15 – 34) in KwaZulu-Natal in the working age population, 2014

- Youth: 59.3%
- Other: 40.7%

Share of youth (15 – 34) in KwaZulu-Natal in employment, 2014

- Youth: 44.1%
- Other: 55.9%
The unemployment rate for youth (15 – 34) in KZN is: 30.5%

10.6% youth discouraged work-seekers

With a 27.7% youth unemployment rate for males

And a 34.1% youth unemployment rate for females

Share of youth in:

- Skilled employment: 36.7%
- Semi-skilled employment: 49.2%
- Low skilled employment: 41.5%

National and Provincial Labour Market: Youth, June 2014
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