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REFERENCE LETTER FOR COMMUNITY KEEPERS NPC

This letter serves to confirm that the Jobs Fund is currently partnering with Community Keepers NPC in support of their longer-term goal of expanding their footprint and impacting 100 schools by 2025.

Their project is two-fold, offering psycho-social support to school communities in low-income communities and including local community members (largely unemployed youth who are termed NEET since they are not in education, employment, or training) in their workforce to offer frontline support. This model appealed to us in that it not only presented a case for the training and development of unemployed youth but also it contributes meaningfully to a holistic approach to the development of our young people through the provision of psycho-social support. This is an area often overlooked in the narrative. In the long-term, the support will contribute to the employability of young people, where in most cases they are presented with trauma that becomes a barrier to learning and also a barrier to getting and keeping a job.

The Jobs Fund currently supports a two-year project towards their efforts to open 44 new sites across 3 provinces, employing 64 previously unemployed people. During their training courses, they invite cohorts of community members who could be outboard into other job opportunities such as classroom assistants, sport coaches, au pairs or child minders. An unexpected consequence was the personal development of these candidates since the course material allows for reflection and introspection. They shared positive stories of how candidates reported feeling that they are better mothers and spouses, and how their children have echoed these sentiments.

The project to date has been successful in meeting its projected targets. Of the 64 recruits 2 have since moved on to better opportunities having benefited from the training and experience gained in the project.

While the Jobs Fund is pleased with what has been achieved to date, what is more important is the impact that the program has had on the young people being supported. This is in no small measure due to the passion and enthusiasm the Community Keepers team goes about implementing its vision.

The Jobs Fund has no hesitation in supporting Community Keepers in its endeavour to seek funding for the expansion of the programme.

Should you require any additional information or have further inquiries regarding the Community Keepers NPC application, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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