



THE BASIC PACKAGE OF SUPPORT (BPS*)

for youth who are not in employment, education or
training

INFORMATION SHEET

The aim of the BPS programme is for young people who are NEET to gain a sense of possibility and connect to opportunities that could further their pathways, and help them meet their future goals.

It will support young people to show increased wellbeing, enhance their ability to take steps to achieve their goals, and improve their employability.

*We are in the process of identifying a name for the BPS programme that will be used in further communications, especially to young people.

WHAT THE BPS IS:

The Basic Package of Support (BPS) for youth who are not in employment, education or training is a programme to promote the social and economic inclusion of the large cohort of young people who are currently disconnected from labour market and training opportunities.

By placing young people at the centre, and making them part of their own solutions, the BPS recognises the individual's challenges and strengths, draws in community-based and government services, and provides a guiding hand, resources, referrals, and a sense of possibility. It offers youth-facing, individualised support.

It has two components:



A youth-facing component in which young people can access:

- In-person, customised guidance and support based on a comprehensive understanding of their current situation and their own goals;
- Referral to a range of appropriate services and opportunities in their local community (informed by a comprehensive, audited, and user-friendly database);
- Follow up and the opportunity to loop back into the BPS for further support regarding their next steps



A service system approach that

- Encourages collaboration and integration of services and opportunities at the local level;
- Supports a learning network of service partners committed to making their services better and more youth-friendly.





WHAT THE BPS IS NOT:

The BPS is not just another youth programme. Rather, it works to ensure that existing services and opportunities become more accessible to young people and are working better for young people. At the same time it provides youth with support to navigate these existing opportunities and services, so they are able to overcome the barriers they face.

Importantly, the BPS is not a job placement intervention.

Rather, it works to support young people to access the services and opportunities they need to achieve their goals.



HOW IT WORKS



The BPS programme youth mobilisers will proactively reach out to young people who are NEET.



Youth coaches (specially trained Child and Youth Care Workers) will conduct a comprehensive assessment process with the young person.



Based on the assessment youth coaches will provide comprehensive, long-term and tailored support.



The programme will work with community services to improve service delivery and promote young people's inclusion.



Young people will be actively referred to available services and opportunities that can help them achieve their goals.



Young people will have the opportunity to loop back and reconnect with the programme and its coaches as long as they need support for the duration of the pilot.



WE ARE NOW READY TO PILOT THE BPS



Atlantis in the Western Cape has been selected as the first pilot site for the BPS. The venue is still being confirmed.



100 young people will have an opportunity to join the programme. We will not have capacity to manage more young people in the initial stage.

WHAT THE PILOT IS ABOUT:

The aim of the pilot is to:

- learn whether the programme approach is working.
- assess how young people respond to the programme.
- understand what needs to change in the programme to improve it.

Youth in the pilot sites will be consulted on how well services are working in their area.

Engagements with service providers will form the basis of the local community of practice - a service stakeholder forum focused on learning and improving service delivery.

FAQS:

How will youth be selected to participate?

Young people can sign up via SAYouth.mobi but we will also recruit through local forums. Mobilisers will also ensure that young people in the area hear about the programme and can sign up.

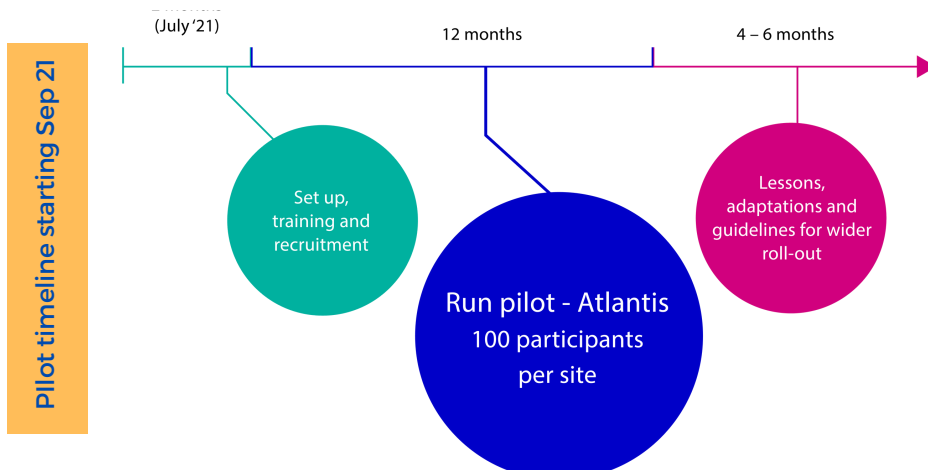
Does a young person have to be part of a programme or party to be selected?

No! Any young person (18-25 years) who is not in employment, education or training can participate. In fact, preference will be given to young people who are not part of existing programmes/organisations.

How will youth mobilisers and coaches be selected?

Youth mobilisers will be selected via SAYouth.mobi and will have to meet certain criteria. Ideally they should be from Atlantis.

Youth coaches have to be qualified Child and Youth Care Workers and will have to apply for the job when it is advertised. They will be trained to become youth coaches.



How do I find out more?

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