



CHANGING CLASS
A Report on Education in
South African Rural Communities

Emerging Voices

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Bridging the research policy divide: YPI in SA

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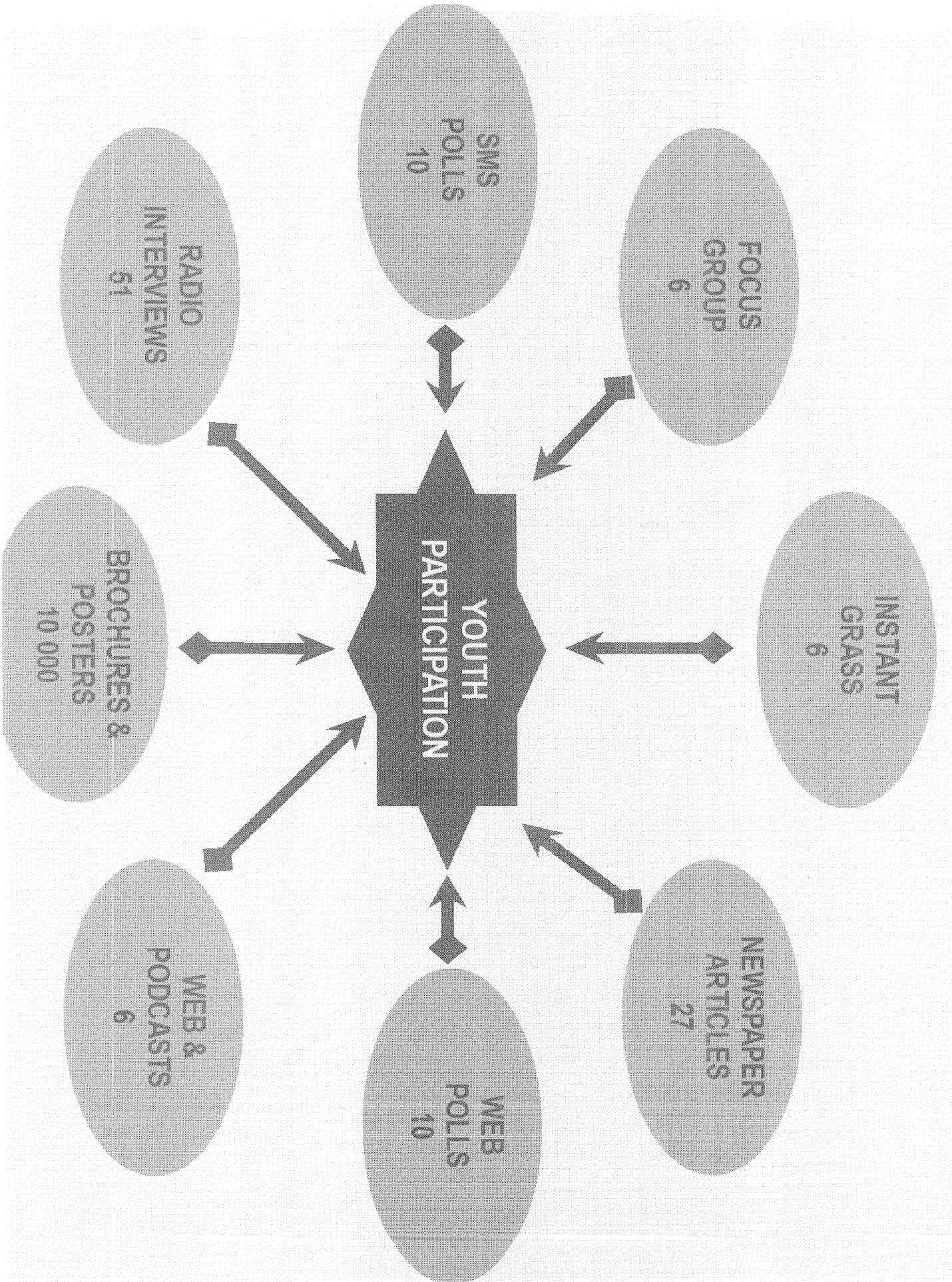
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Youth Policy Initiative

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RT 8	Private sector & local govt	Nov 08

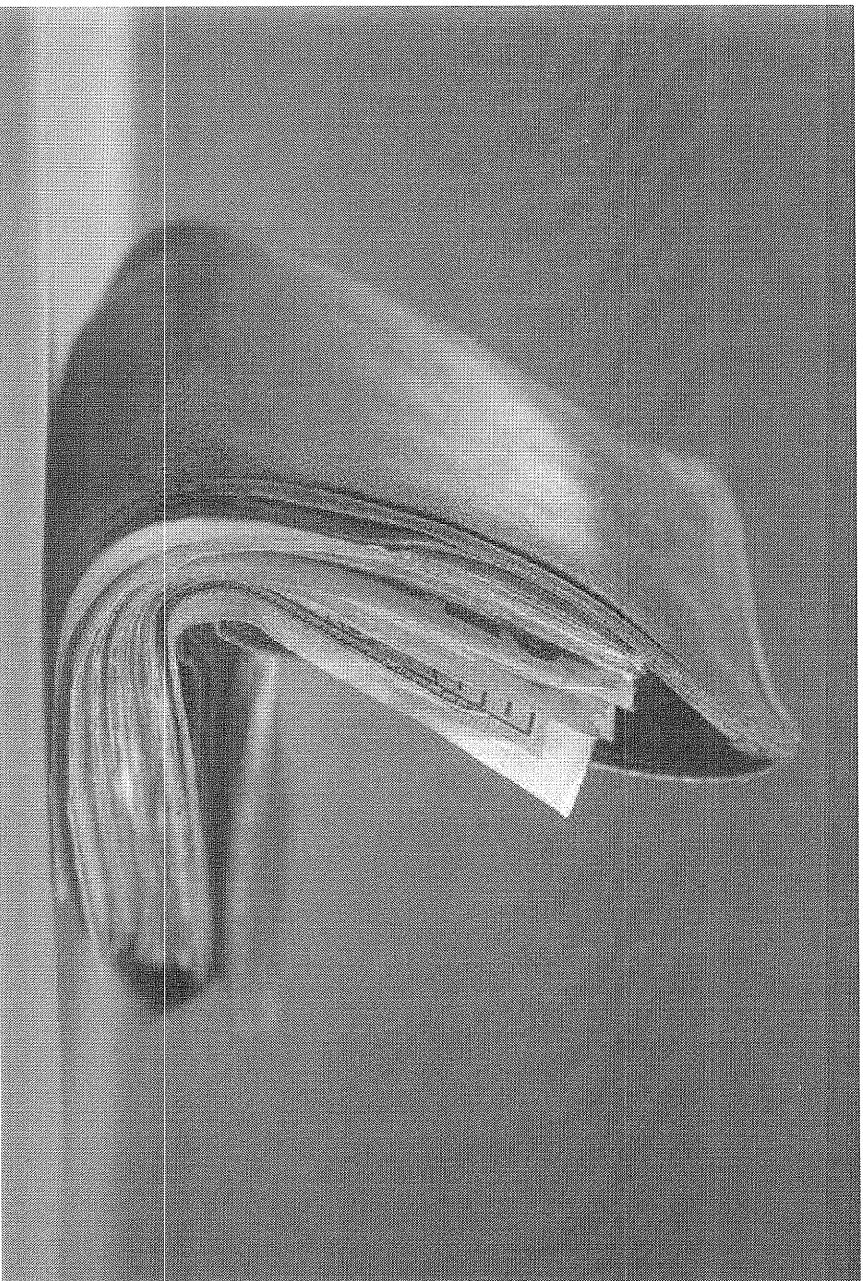




DEEP PROJECTS
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“My wallet is my ‘savings’ account”

The youth will withdraw all the money they receive in a month on pay day and keep this money in their wallet for safe keeping. People feel that they do not earn enough money to use banks. The wallet in their pocket is adequate for the amount of money they earn. They can also show off how much they earn, even though this could be a security risk.



- “Mostly guys, withdraw all their money at the end of the month for show and keep most of it in their wallets and a bit of it at home in the cupboard..for rainy days”

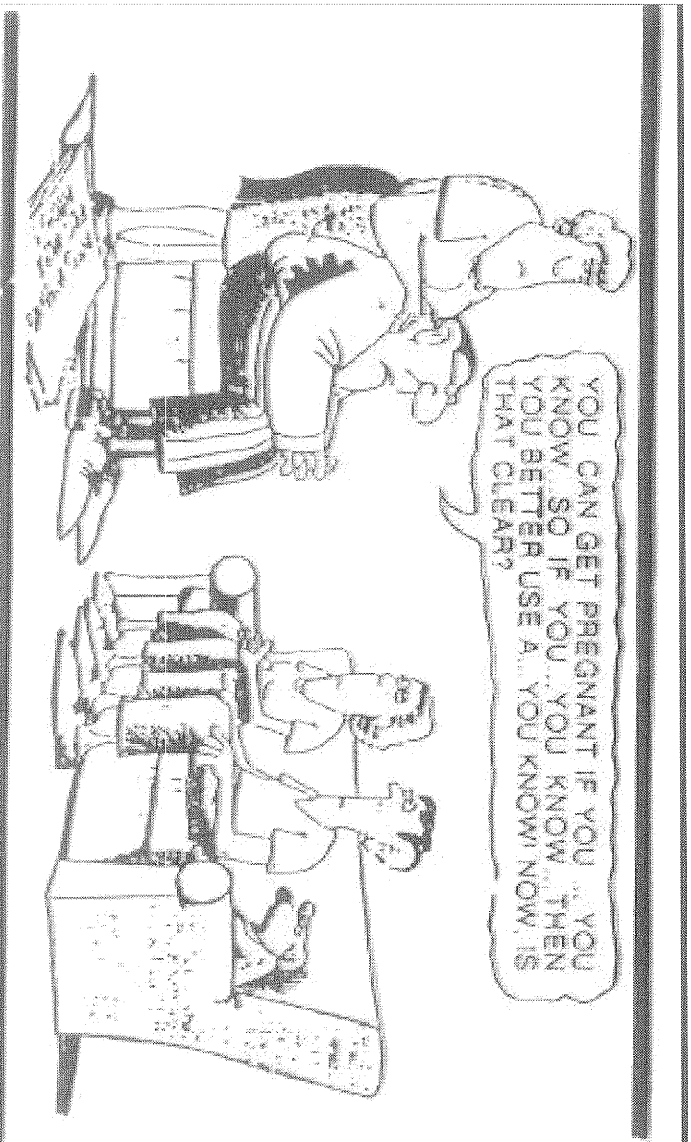
- “I get two thousand bucks a month, I can put that money in my one pocket, it's little and the banks charge for services even for little cash, AIN'T WORTH IT.”

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“Parents not open with their kids”

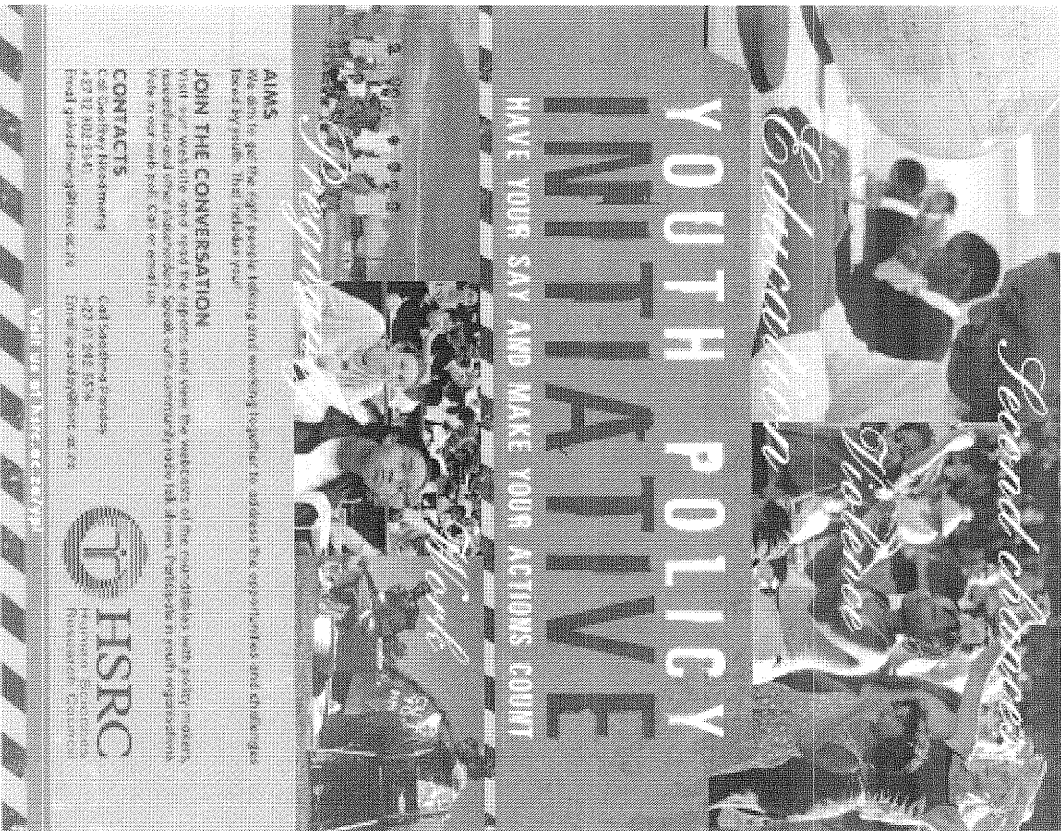


Because parents feel uncomfortable about talking to their kids about sex, kids tend to refrain from talking to them and asking them necessary questions.



■ “The reasons these pregnancies happen is because my friends are afraid to talk to their parents/ teachers/ elders about family planning and scared to tell them they are having sex and scared to ask for contraceptives because of the stigma that is out there about sex especially amongst older people.”

YPI poster & brochure



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YOUTH POLICY INITIATIVE

HAVE YOUR SAY AND MAKE YOUR ACTIONS COUNT

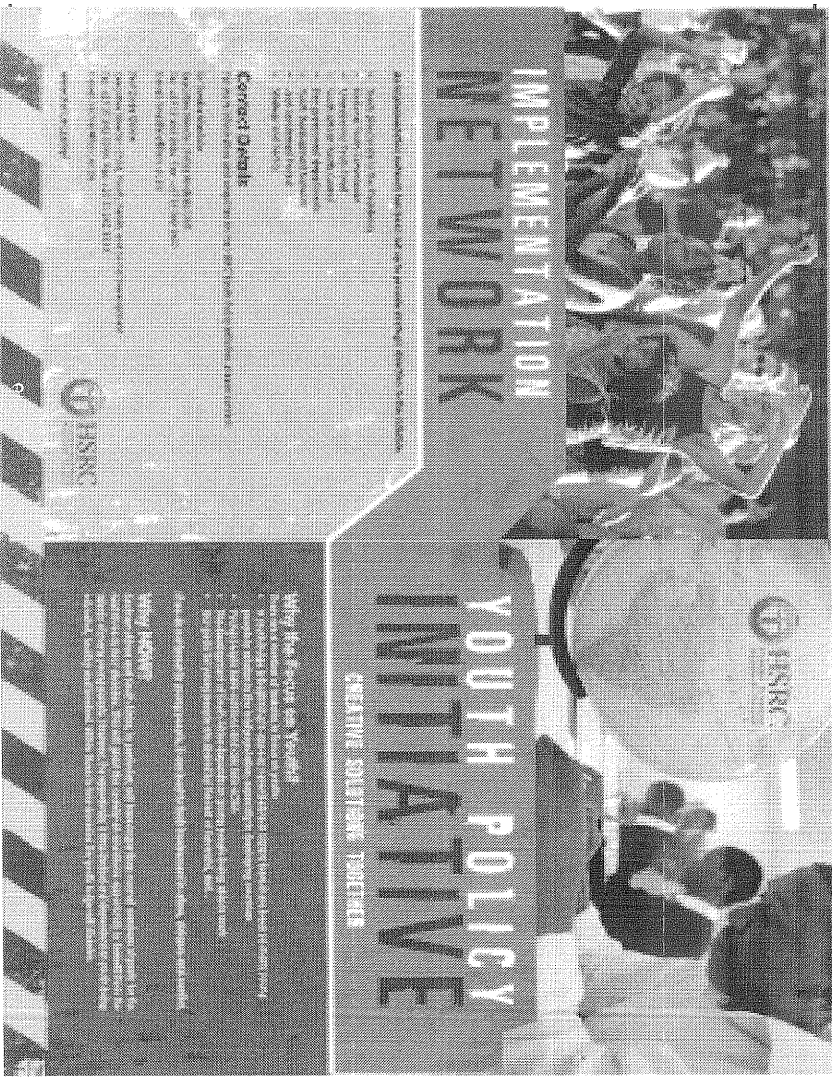
AIMS
We don't get the right people talking and working together to address the issues facing our children and youth. That's why we're here.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION
Visit our website and meet the representatives from the municipalities, youth policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders. Share your knowledge and insights. At once, YPI initiates a youth engagement, both in our web post box or email list.

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IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK

At the heart of the network are the youth of the province of Alberta. The network includes:

- Youth organizations and coalitions
- Municipalities
- Community groups and youth-led organizations
- Youth policy makers
- Youth researchers and advocates
- Youth service providers
- Youth organizations

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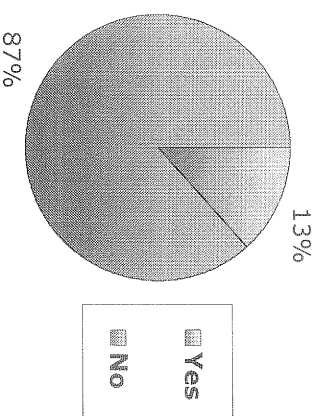
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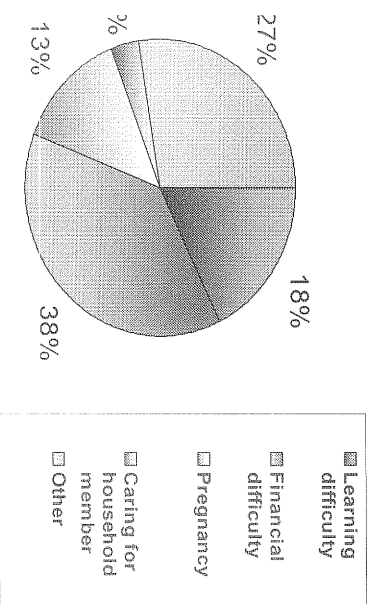
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Web poll

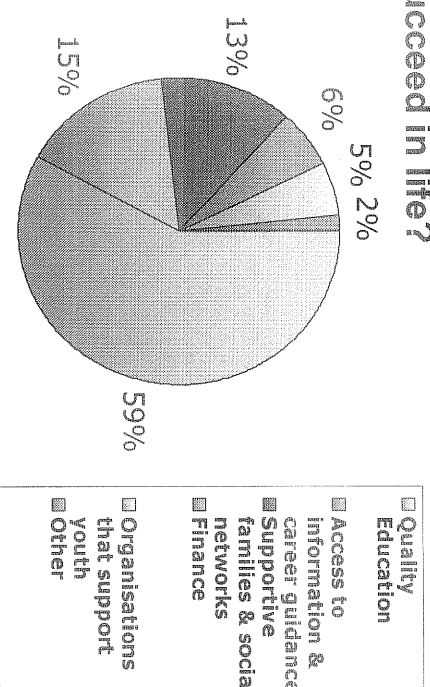
Has the youth policy made a difference in the lives of young people in South Africa?



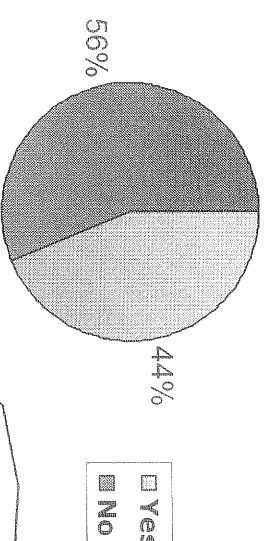
What is the main reason learners dropout at school?



What do young people need the most to succeed in life?



A new education policy recommends that young mothers should not go back to school for two years after giving birth. Do you think this is fair?



Group discussions

Province	Partners	Age	No. of Participants	Topics
Mpumalanga	Colour My World	20 - 35	20	Learner retention
KwaZulu-Natal	Mpofana YAC	18 - 35	30	Learner retention
Limpopo	ECYD Giyane	18 - 38	60	Learner retention & livelihoods
Limpopo	ECYD Masisi	15 - 35	55	Learner retention & livelihoods
Limpopo	ECYD Bochum	20 - 35	45	Learner retention
Mpumalanga	UYF & ECYD Bushbuckridge	18 - 36	40	Learner retention

Radio interviews

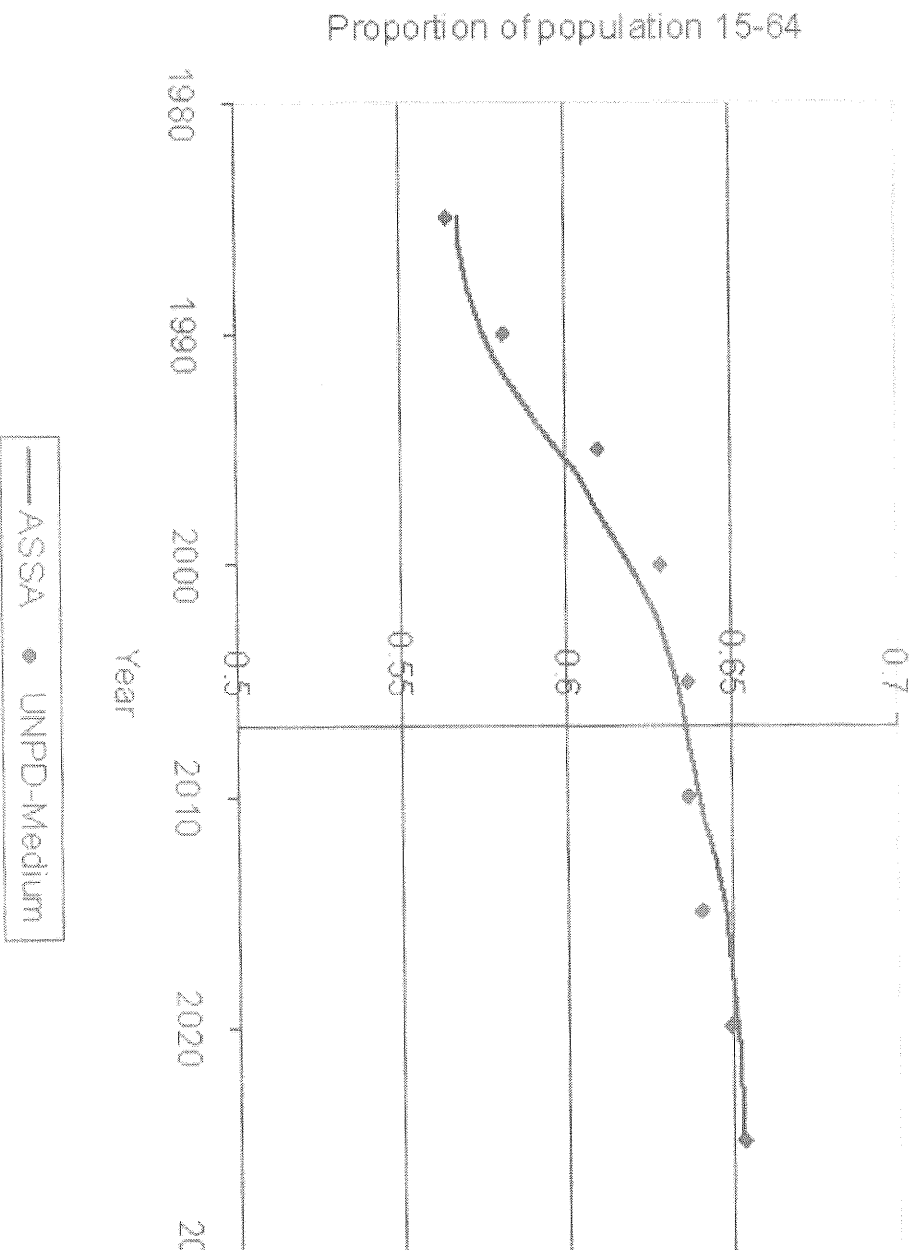
Date	Radio station	Topic	Interviewee
26-Jun-07	GMFM	Youth Policy Initiative	Majuta Mamogzale
07-Aug-07	Musupatsela	Youth Policy Initiative	Geoffrey Nkadimeng
06-Oct-07	Ikwewezi fm	Youth participation	Nomhle Ndimande
06-Oct-07	Mughana Lonene fm	Youth participation	Khanyisa Phaweni
08-Oct-07	Lesedi fm	Youth participation	Geoffrey Nkadimeng
09-Oct-07	Thobela fm	Youth participation	Geoffrey Nkadimeng
10-Oct-07	CKI fm	Youth participation	Thokozani Mhlambi
13-Oct-07	Legwalagwala fm	Youth participation	Glodean Thani
13-Oct-07	Umlhobo Wonene	Youth participation	Thokozani Mhlambi
25-Oct-07	Ukhozi fm	Youth participation	Nomhle Ndimande
15-Sep-07	Phalaphala fm	Youth participation	Mulalo
07-Mar-08	RSSG	Learner retention	Fabian Arends
02-Apr-08	RSSG	Learner retention	Fabian Arends
09-May-08	Radio 2000	Crime & Violence	Saadna Panday
12-May-08	Radio 2000	Crime & Violence	Cathy Ward
13-May-08	E-TV	Crime & Violence	Patrick Button

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Figure 2 Proportion of the South African population aged between 15 and 64, 1985-2025, ASSA model and United Nations population projections (medium variant)



The bulge will last ± 2-3 decades from 2010

Youth bulge offers a positive frame to view young people

Provided...

- Healthy
- Educated
- Able to find work
- Participate in civic life

About 67% of the population is aged 15 to 64 years, leveling off

...but youth development in crisis

Healthy?

- Pregnancy: 27% pregnant (19 yrs of age), 70% unplanned
- HIV, substance use, mental ill health peaking
- Crime & violence: 180 000 young men in prison

Educated?

- Quantity - 1 million leave school / yr, 29% matric
- Quality - poorest on maths & science scores

Able to find work?

- 50% of 18-24 yr olds are unemployed

Participate in civic life?

- Expanding rights, contracting participation

First chances

Get it right first time around

- expand ECD & foundation phase
- keep children in school for as long as possible
- education for life – reading, writing, counting, health education, balancing the books
- strengthen families to provide support & care
- build social networks with capacity & reach

Second chances

- Focus on the youth we have today
- Youth policy – legislate for second chances
- Second chances ≠ second rate
- Youth in the mainstream need second chances – adequate resources
- Linked to exit opportunities
- Support services - holistic

“You lack a sense of belonging, you feel like a loser/failure, you become a beggar, its like living in a prison, society labels you an outcast”

Protection

Poverty is at the heart of the challenge

- Youth challenges reflect national challenges & national policy choices (e.g., macro-economic policy)
- Participation is compromised by lack of protection
- Need incentives to stay in school, protect from pregnancy & HIV, not get involved in violence
- Discounting consequences (finding a job, drop-out, pregnancy)
- Need hope for the future & opportunities