

FROM COLLECTIVE VOICE TO ECONOMIC ACTION

A six-month learning, research, and mobilisation initiative

R500,000

FUNDING REQUEST

6 months

PROGRAMME

6 people

PROPOSED TEAM

Johannesburg

PROPOSED FORUM

01 THE OPPORTUNITY

Unemployment is often discussed through national numbers. Those numbers matter, but they do not tell us enough about the people behind them: what they can do, what is stopping them from participating in the economy, what their communities need, or where useful connections might be made.

MOYA has already begun listening to young people through an individual registration process. Depending on a respondent's circumstances, the form captures education, skills, barriers to work and study, support needs, access to resources, local priorities, and willingness to participate in collective action. More than 300 registrations have been reported as already available. Their completeness, consistency, and practical usefulness still need to be assessed.

ZAMORU and MOYA propose to take a careful next step: examine what is already known, bring outside perspectives into the conversation, and test how people, community knowledge and potential economic opportunities might be connected. We are not presenting a proven model. We are seeking support to investigate whether a useful, repeatable approach can be built.

02 WHAT WE WANT TO LEARN

- 01 What can the existing MOYA registrations reliably tell us about people's skills, circumstances, barriers and support needs?
- 02 What community information is available, and can it be compared meaningfully with the youth data?
- 03 Which economic questions or opportunities deserve further investigation, and in which places?
- 04 What additional information would be needed to make purposeful connections between people, community needs and opportunities?
- 05 Can a small team working across ZAMORU and MOYA develop an effective way of listening, learning, mobilising and acting together?

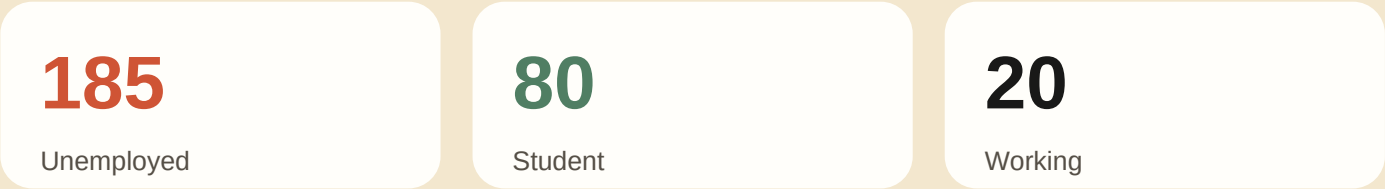
WHAT THE REGISTRY IS SHOWING

Public Data tab snapshot | All South Africa | Accessed 15 October 2026

309
REGISTRATIONS

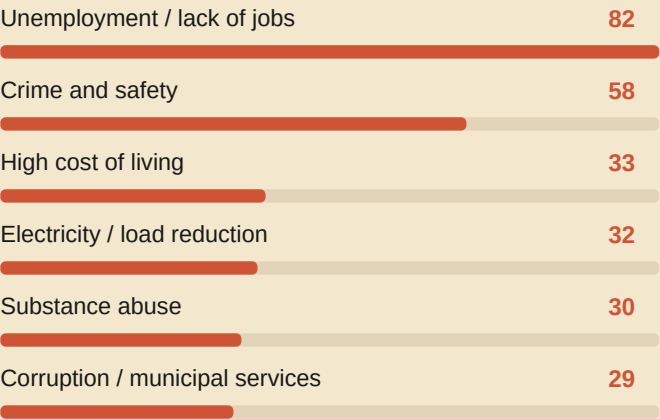
An existing starting point for listening, research and purposeful community engagement.

WHERE RESPONDENTS STAND

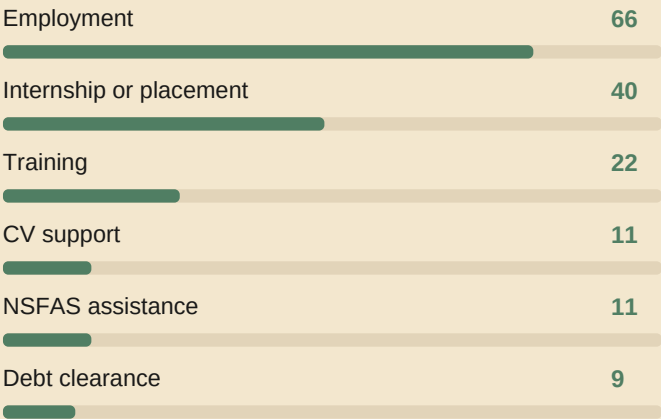


The public chart shows 285 classified responses. This differs from the 309 registrations displayed overall; no reason for the difference is inferred here.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



IMMEDIATE NEEDS



HOW TO READ THESE COUNTS

These are self-selected registry responses, not nationally representative unemployment statistics. Issues and needs are selections, with multiple answers possible. Categories with fewer than five responses are withheld in these charts; some responses may therefore be excluded. Chart totals and completeness vary.

Source: MOYA homepage, Data tab, national view and published privacy notes. Figures are a dated snapshot and may change. Some labels are shortened for layout.

CONVENE. LISTEN. ASSESS.

03 / The proposed six-month programme

A CONVENE A JOHANNESBURG ECONOMIC FORUM

The forum will bring together a carefully selected mix of economists, researchers, community voices, young people, industry participants, and other relevant contributors. Its purpose is to expose ZAMORU and MOYA to different perspectives, test assumptions and identify questions worth pursuing - not to arrive with a predetermined answer.

Possible themes include local production and enterprise, industrial development, development finance, employment and economic growth, township economies, barriers facing young people, and public participation in local economic development. The final agenda will be shaped by the programme's purpose and the people invited to contribute.

The forum is a starting point for learning, not the end product. Its value will lie in the questions, connections and priorities that emerge and can be tested against the data and community realities.

FORUM ALLOCATION

Not more than R50,000

B ASSESS THE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE

Alongside forum preparation, the team will review the existing MOYA registrations and relevant community information that can lawfully and appropriately be used for this purpose. The review will consider completeness, consistency, location coverage, consent, duplicate or missing information, and whether the information can support useful analysis.

The key question is not simply how many records exist. It is whether the information is sufficiently reliable and comparable to help identify possible connections between people, their skills and interests, community needs, and real opportunities. The assessment will identify gaps and limitations as well as what the data can usefully show.

CONSENT & APPROPRIATE USE

Personal information will not be shared with forum participants or prospective partners merely because it has been collected. Any analysis, use or sharing must be consistent with the consent given, applicable privacy requirements and appropriate safeguards. Reporting should use aggregated or de-identified information wherever possible.

LET THE EVIDENCE GUIDE THE NEXT STEP

03 / Programme continued | 04 / Collaborative working model

C DECIDE WHAT TO COLLECT NEXT - AND WHY

The forum and data assessment will inform the next stage of mobilisation. Rather than expanding the database before its purpose is clear, the team will identify what additional information is needed, from whom, and for which potential opportunities or questions.

If the evidence points towards a place-based opportunity - for example, solar-energy supply chains in the Northern Cape, or mining-related support and environmental work in the North West - the team can consider whether focused recruitment or community engagement in those locations is justified. These are illustrations, not commitments. The direction must follow evidence, relationships, and feasible opportunities.

10,000

LONGER-TERM AMBITION

A longer-term ambition is to work towards 10,000 registrations. This proposal does not treat that number as the measure of success in itself. Any expansion should be informed by what the initial assessment shows, what information is genuinely needed, and whether the team has the capacity and safeguards to collect it responsibly.

04 TESTING A COLLABORATIVE WORKING MODEL

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PARTICIPANTS

3

FROM MOYA

R4,500

MONTHLY STIPEND / PERSON

The programme will involve six participants, including three from MOYA, with a proposed monthly stipend of R4,500 per participant for six months. The intention is to test a small, practical working model that brings together strategic thinking, research, public mobilisation, communications and community engagement.

The team will help shape the work and take on agreed responsibilities. The programme will document what works, what is difficult, how decisions are made, and whether the collaboration provides a sound basis for future work. The arrangement will respect MOYA's identity and independence and will not confuse the programme team with the formal governance structures of either organisation.

Stipends support participation and agreed work; they do not imply that six people alone will deliver every activity. Responsibilities and workloads will need to be realistic within the available resources.

RESOURCES & INTENDED OUTPUTS

05 / Proposed budget | 06 / What we expect to have learned or produced

The R500,000 request supports six months of convening, assessment, learning and informed decisions about the next stage. The proposed allocation is provisional and should be refined before expenditure begins.

PROPOSED ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Six participant stipends (6 × R4,500 × 6 months)	R162,000
Forum (maximum allocation)	R50,000
Social media and public awareness	R45,000
Community activation and recruitment	R55,000
Research and analysis	R45,000
Data systems, verification and storage	R25,000
Legal, POPIA and data-governance support	R25,000
Administration, finance and programme operations	R25,000
Travel and communication	R15,000
Contingency / unallocated provision	R53,000
TOTAL	R500,000

The contingency is not an automatic spending allocation. Its use should require a clear rationale and appropriate approval. Before the programme begins, the budget will be checked against the final activity plan, including what the existing data assessment shows is feasible.

06 INTENDED OUTPUTS

- 01 A documented assessment of the existing MOYA registrations and available community information, including limitations and priority data gaps.
- 02 A Johannesburg forum that brings relevant perspectives into the discussion and records the questions, insights and possible directions that emerge.
- 03 A clearer statement of what information is needed to explore potential connections between people, community needs and economic opportunities.
- 04 A reasoned decision on whether and where targeted community mobilisation or a focused recruitment test should follow.
- 05 A documented review of the six-participant working model and recommendations for future collaboration.
- 06 A six-month report to the funder describing activities, expenditure, findings, limitations and recommended next steps.

These are intended outputs, not claims that jobs will be created, that a particular economic opportunity will be confirmed, or that policy will change within six months.

A PARTNERSHIP BUILT ON LEARNING

07 / Accountability | 08 / Partnership | 09 / The invitation

07 LEARNING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFEGUARDS

The programme will review progress at an interim point and at the end of six months. Reporting will distinguish activity from outcome - for example, registrations from complete and usable records, attendance from meaningful participation, and ideas raised from opportunities that have been independently assessed.

The team will document decisions and changes in direction, including why a proposed line of work is pursued, deferred or dropped. Data use will be limited to legitimate purposes, guided by consent and privacy safeguards. The programme will avoid claims of representativeness unless the evidence and methodology justify them.

08 WHY ZAMORU AND MOYA

MOYA has created a route for young people to describe their circumstances in their own terms, including not only their employment status but the barriers they face, the support they need and their willingness to participate. ZAMORU provides an organisational base from which to explore how that information might be connected with community knowledge, research and practical initiatives.

The partnership's value is not that it already has all the answers. It is that there is an existing starting point, a willingness to listen, and an opportunity to test a more purposeful way of connecting information with action.

09 THE INVITATION

ZAMORU NPC and the MOYA Youth Platform are seeking R500,000 to support six months of structured learning and development. The funding will enable a Johannesburg economic forum, an assessment of existing data, a small collaborative working team, and evidence-informed decisions about the next phase of community mobilisation.

We are not asking a funder to back a finished model or accept promises that cannot yet be substantiated. We are asking for the opportunity to test an approach, report honestly on what it reveals, and build only where the evidence and relationships justify doing so.

The central question is simple: can we create a more useful connection between people, what communities need, and the economic opportunities that might help them participate?