Northern Synod
TASK TEAM JOB CREATION
Report

1. Assignment

To develop a model for job creation in the context of poverty in South Africa. The assignment originated from an event created by the Motsepe Foundation to apply for funding for a job creation project.

2. Task team members

Task team leader: Maryke Venter
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3. Execution of the assignment

The assignment came into being when the Northern Synod, CSC North, UP Enterprises partnered after an opportunity arose to make a submission to the Motsepe Foundation to apply for funding. An amount of R 460 000 was awarded in October 2021.

UP Enterprises developed a five-day training course that focused on entrepeneurs at the start of their journey, to empower them to manage their businesses effectively.

Four groups were trained from November 2021 to March 2022. 62 students successfully completed the course, and a final report was sent to the Motsepe Foundation in May 2022.

After the original four groups had been trained, the Northern Synod, in collaboration with CSC North and other partners, presented three more training opportunities between 2023 and 2025 and so reached about 50 more people.

- 26-30 June 2023 in Pietersburg, in collaboration with CSC Pietersburg and the Ring of Pietersburg
- 16-20 September in Pretoria in collaboration with CSC North's Derdepoort Centre of Hope
- 7-11 April in Pretoria in collaboration with NG Church Monumentpark.

4. Further planning

CSC North will investigate the possibility of making job creation initiatives part of their focus areas in future, given sufficient funds and staff capacity.

5. Conclusion

As task team members it was a great privilege to be part of this project in the past 6 years. We as a team were privileged to share stories first hand where the training made a material difference to more than 100 people's lives. It is with deep gratitude towards the synod and all other partners and role players that we hereby conclude our work.