

W&RSETA CELEBRATES 20-YEAR MILESTONE WITH AN UNQUALIFIED AUDIT REPORT FROM AGSA



The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) presented its 2019/20 Annual Report to stakeholders at the 2020 Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2020. Marking 20 years of existence as the skills development authority in the Wholesale and Retail Sector. The W&RSETA announced an unqualified audit report from the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA) with 67% performance against the Annual Performance Plan.

W&RSETA PROGRAMMES TO ASSIST WHOLESALE AND RETAIL COMPANIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The W&RSETA is implementing the following support programmes/measures for the Wholesale and Retail Sector through a revised Annual Performance Plan to focus on job retention by reskilling and multiskilling and entrepreneurship:

- More than **R12 million** for Personal Protective Equipment and data grants to support over **12 000 unemployed** W&RSETA funded learners.
- **R45 million** Zivikele COVID-19 project is funding the training of **600 TVET and HET graduates** in a 12-month workplace programme who will be placed in wholesale and retail companies to assist with COVID-19 management.
- **R21 million** to support **1 700 bursary holders** at public institutions with laptop devices.
- Six-month extension to learning programmes and **payment of additional stipends**.

SOME OF THE W&RSETA'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE 20-YEAR PERIOD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

R9 billion invested in skills development

SMME AND INFORMAL TRADERS DEVELOPMENT

- **2492** informal traders supported
- over **10000** retrenchees and business owners capacitated to start new or improve their businesses

RURAL, WOMEN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **1525** youths trained to start new or improve existing ventures
- Over **2600** people with disabilities trained for meaningful employment
- Partnership with The Clothing Bank has empowered **1050** vulnerable, unemployed women

LEARNERSHIPS

- Over **100 000** learners registered on learnerships

SECTOR-INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

- KZN Retail Schools of Excellence with DUT and **9** KZN TVET colleges

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- **399** senior executives on ILDP and **2138** on RMDP

RESEARCH INNOVATION IN AFRICA

- **Retail Leadership Chairs** established at CPUT and DUT



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