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Over 7000 youth recruited for the WOL 2nd intake

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The second phase for the War on Leaks project is underway and over 7000 youth have been recruited. They have started their training in the different training centers across the country.

To date 7369 youth have started their training with the majority of the youth being female in most of the training disciplines. This is a positive message this Women's Month.

The disciplines range from electrical training, fitter and mechanic, instrumentation, plumber, artisans, water agents and welders.

In the Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and North West over 700 youths were recruited per province per province. In Gauteng and Western Cape over 600 youth were recruited per province and in the Free State over 800, whilst in Limpopo it was over 900. KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga have each recruited over 1000 with over 500 being female in each province. These youths will be given an opportunity to be trained and afforded a chance to be employed in the near future.

This training is however not only structured to train the youth for future employment but for them to also be entrepreneurs and trend setters in their own disciplines. In that way, there will be improved institutional capacity and they will be contributors to the water sector, and not just tap openers.

The War on Leaks Project is a structured and focused accredited training programme targeting unemployed youth to become qualified and competent water agents, plumbers and artisans. The training is aimed at eliminating water leaks in households, public institutions such as government buildings, schools, clinics, sports and recreational facilities.

The programme was announced in 2014 by President Jacob Zuma in the State of the Nation Address as a result of the country losing seven billion rand a year to water losses.

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