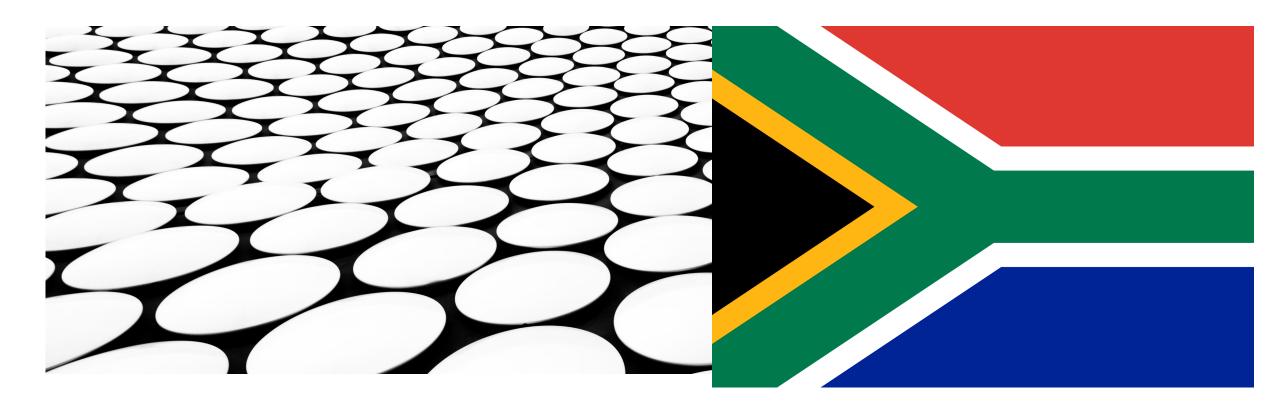
# FOSTERING JUNCAO YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH THE JUNCAO TECHNOLOGY

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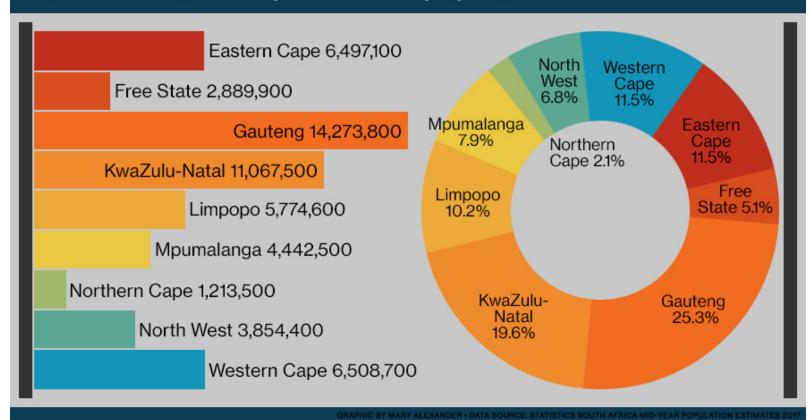
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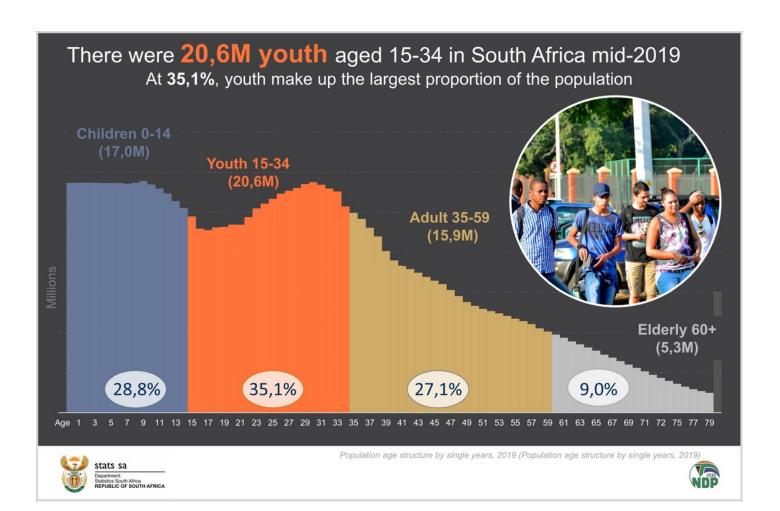
#### **INTRODUCTION**

- The republic of South Africa has a population of about 59 million.
- Gauteng province has the largest population

#### South Africa's nine provinces – population



The youth accounts for the majority of the population

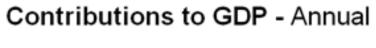


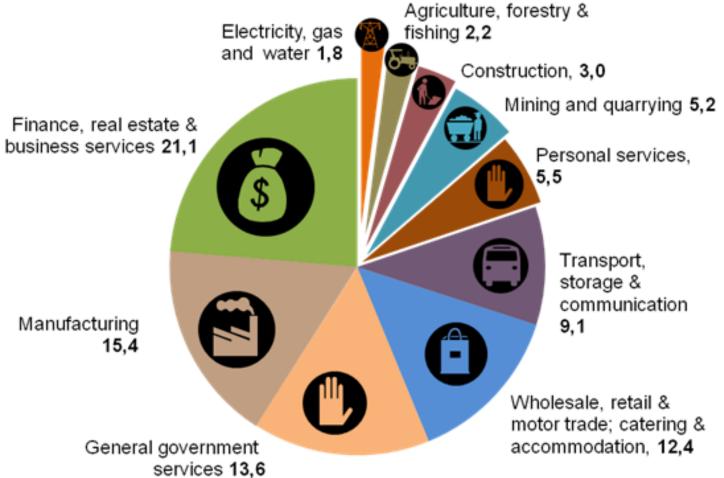
## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

- Estimated 9.3 million unemployed citizens in South Africa in 2017
- With 6 million under the age of 30



 Agriculture has a significant contribution in the South African GDP





#### **SOUTH AFRICA-CHINA PARTNERSHIP**

- Free State provincial government of South Africa embarked on the skills revolution project.
- By sending more than 300 student to study different study fields in China, including agriculture.
- This led to the agricultural postgraduates students studying under the JUNCAO laboratory.





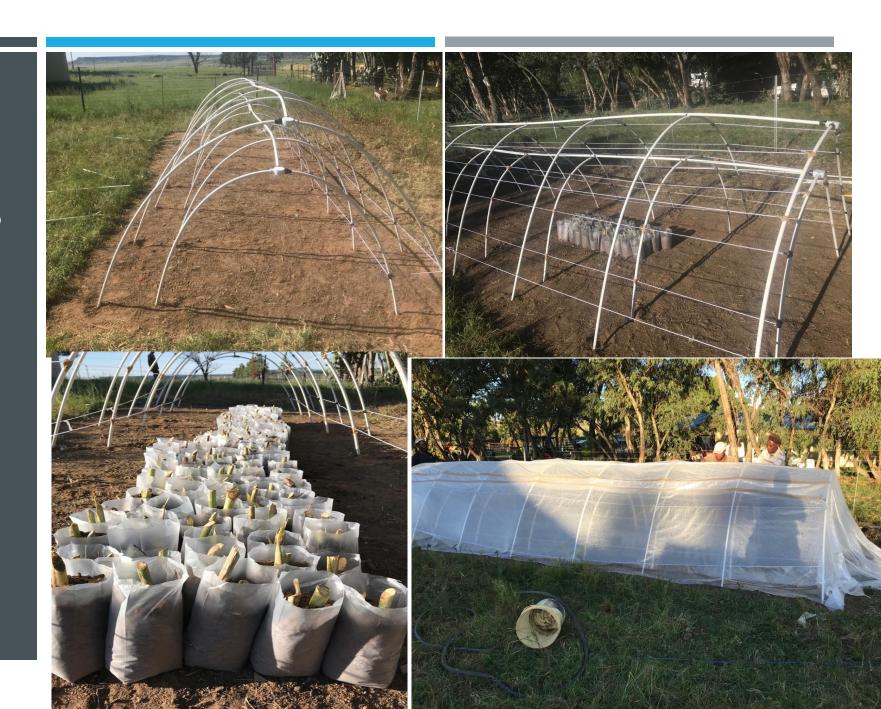




#### **KGATO MUSHROOM PROJECT**

- The project was established by a group of unemployed graduates from FAFU.
- The main objective of the project was to create jobs amongst the youth, which ultimately contributes to the poverty alleviation goals.
- The project employs the use of JUNCAO technology for mushroom production and animal feed production.

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#### **KGATO MUSHROOMS**

- The project is in its initial stages ie, cultivation and propagation of the juncao grass
- Construction of the mushroom growing rooms is on stage 1.
- The project currently has 15 youth employees.
- Upon completion of the construction of the mushroom growing room, the project is expected to employ an additional 20 young people.

#### **THE END**