

《Hope remains despite soaring youth unemployment in South Afr》

South Africa's unemployment rate reached 27.7 percent in the first quarter of 2017, with joblessness among the youth at a staggering 38.6 percent.

The current recession in the country was precipitated by the lack of stimulation in consumer sectors such as wholesale, retail and accommodation. Analysts warn that a lack of urgency from the government in dealing with the situation could fuel a violent uprising.

Due to financial constraints, 22-year-old Thandeka Ngwenya was not able to pursue higher education. After finishing high school four years ago, she had to look for jobs.

"I have no experience in the workplace, and it's a different environment," Ngwenya said. She is just one of many youngsters who can't find a job.

Agencies like Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, that provides training workshops for young people with a high school certificate or tertiary qualification who can't find jobs, are trying to bridge the gap. Since 2011, it's helped more than 35,000 young people find work.

Ngwenya said she hopes the experience she has received in Harambee will give her a foot in the door of the corporate world. She believes that hard work, patience and perseverance will lead her to success.

Authorities have warned people not to be picky when it comes to jobs during tough economic times.