## **Project fact sheet**



### **Raising Voices of Young Women and Girls**

Implementing	Soul City;		
organisation(s)	Masimanyane;		
	Women's Net		
Duration	01 March 2017– 28 February 2019		
Project budget	Total budget: €600,000		
	EU contribution: € 540,000		
Location	Mpumalanga, North West and		
	Free State Provinces, South Africa.		
Keywords	Gender, Democracy and		
	Governance		
Contract	CSO-LA/2016/380-592		
number			



#### **Project Description**

More than 50% of young people are girls and young women aged 15-35. Women are the poorest in the country, the least educated and the most unemployed. 34,5% of young women are neither employed nor at school. HIV prevalence in adolescent girls aged 15-19 years is up to eight times higher than in males. Young women and girls also encounter high levels of violence against women, including rape, domestic violence and sexual assault.

The project's focus is on empowering young women and girls (15-25) with knowledge and skills on governance, democracy, gender equality and advocacy skills. So that they can use the law

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to fight inequality and discrimination. This will be cascaded down in a train-the-trainer model, which will increase the impact of the intervention. The

project will train 40 young women in Mpumalanga, Free State and the North West Provinces. This will create a multiplier effect through them building the capacity of their peers. It will also give the young women and girls the opportunity to meet and build a Coalition.

This will strengthen women's participation in civil society and in political and public life. This work will build a RISE YW&G Advocacy Coalition that will elevate the existing RISE Clubs to become a vehicle that channels the collective voice of YW&G in South Africa for Social Justice

This Coalition will be a legitimate grassroots voice with the capacity to participate fully in democratic processes in the country to advance the human rights of young people with focus on young women and girls.



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