Industrious migrants are an opportunity for SA

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City’s informal sector vital to reducing poverty

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The informal sector is often considered a “dirtier”, less skilled, lower paying sector of the economy than its formal equivalent. But this prevailing view is based on a number of fallacies. The informal sector is a vital part of the economy. It accounts for 30% of GDP in some countries and is considered to be a significant source of employment and economic growth. It is also a major source of innovation and entrepreneurship. The informal sector provides employment opportunities for people who are not able to find work in the formal sector due to economic conditions, lack of education, or discrimination. It also plays a crucial role in providing services in areas where formal sector services are not available. For example, it provides essential services such as food, health care, and housing. It is also a major source of economic growth and poverty reduction. The informal sector is a vital part of the economy and is essential for the development and growth of many countries. It is important for policymakers to understand the role of the informal sector and to develop strategies to support its growth and development.