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### GOVERNMENT IN A BID TO MOVE TOWARDS DIGITAL MIGRATION PROGRAMME

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The EPWP Deputy Director General (DDG) Mr Stanley Henderson together with the Mayor of Lejeweputswa District Municipality Councillor Sebenzile Ngangelizwe handed over competency certificates to 50 (fifty) young people who have completed training in Set Top boxes and terrestrial aerial installation during an event which was held at Ferdi Meyer Hall in Welkom, Free State on 31 October 2018.

In addition to that, every participant received a toolbox, drill and stepladder which will enable them to perform their duties efficiently and effectively. These 50 young people who were recruited from Masilonyana; Tswelopele; Nala; Tokologo and Matjhabeng Local municipalities which form part of Lejeweputswa District Municipality in the Free State province are the first out of two thousand seven hundred and eighty (2 780) youth in the country to be trained in this course through the Department of Public Works-Expanded Public Works Programme (DPW-EPWP).

The Digital Migration Programme emanated from the World Radio Conference (WRC) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) of 2006. During the Conference a resolution was taken to move away from analogue broadcasting system to digital terrestrial television broadcasting system. In order to fully realise digital migration from analogue to digital broadcasting services, the Department of Communication (DOC) has partnered with various stakeholders including the NDPW which was tasked to train young people around the country in Satellite Terrestrial Boxes installation.

In his remarks, the Mayor of Matjhabeng local municipality

councillor Sebenzile Ngangelizwe acknowledged the initiative by DOC and NDPW and indicated that it is an important milestone to address the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality especially among young people within the South African communities.

The Mayor encouraged the learners to further the studies beyond the acquired training and indicated that the five mentioned local municipalities are committed to monitor progress of these young people and ensure that they get the support that they need. The Mayor has further encouraged the learners to be innovative and creative in their field of study as this will assist them to beat competition in the labour market.

The EPWP Deputy Director General (DDG) Mr Stanley Henderson indicated that as a way to empower young people who are affected by high unemployment rate in the country, "government has decided to use government spending to train young people and enable them to participate in the labour market and be part of the industrial revolution. In achieving this, we cannot work alone as government, hence the partnership with private sector, business and communities" said Mr Henderson.

Digital Terrestrial Television installation training is accredited by the Media, Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority (Mict Seta) and funded by the National Department of Public Works. The training received will enable young people to establish Cooperatives and connect Set Top Boxes of the registered households in the province and also play a significant role in their possible future employment as well as being entrepreneurs.

### Upcoming events

EPWP Summit:  
13-14 November 2018 in Gauteng

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### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TRAIN 90 OFFICIALS IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Article & picture by Maanea Maselesele

The Department of Public Works has trained a total of 90 officials in the Western Cape Province about the basic implementation of the Programme (EPWP). The training was hosted by the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works from 22 to 26 October 2018 at Nekkies Conference Centre in Worcester.

The officials who attended the training came from various provincial government departments as well as municipalities that are participating in the implementation of the EPWP. At the end of the training, officials received certificates of attendance.

The training was facilitated by sector specialists within the EPWP and managers of the cross-cutting units. The objective of this training was to capacitate officials by broadening their understanding of EPWP and how it should be implemented.

The modules presented were as follows:

- Overview of EPWP-discover the vision
- Monitoring and Evaluation- implement standards
- Training and Enterprise Development- shift the mind set
- Infrastructure sector- create assets
- Social Sector- open doors
- Environment and Culture sector - value our planet and heritage
- Non-State Sector- Expand frontiers
- Final assessment-Reap rewards

In her closing remarks, the Director: EPWP Provincial Coordination and Compliance Monitoring in the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works, Ms Cybil Maneveldt thanked the EPWP Training Unit for allowing the province to host this valuable training session.