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THE CITY OF POLOKWANE HAS APPOINTED EPWP VUK'UPHILE LEARNER CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER COMMUNITY ASSETS

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The City of Polokwane in Limpopo has appointed a total of 20 EPWP Vuk'uphile Learner Contractors to deliver community assets in the city. The 10 learner contractors and 10 Learner supervisors will be responsible for the delivery of assets such as local roads in the Seshego and Mankweng area. Some of the participants will be erecting the fence at the municipality's two electricity sub-stations.

In 2018/19 financial year, these learner contractors and learner supervisors were trained in Supervision of Construction Processes course through the Construction Education Training Authority (CETA) accredited Training Provider appointed by the Department of Public Works.

Handing over the sites where the contractors will be working at by the end of February 2019, the City's Executive Mayor, Councillor Thembi Nkadimeng urged the participants to do their best to deliver quality assets.

"We are excited to be working with you (Vuk'uphile contractors) as young people to deliver vital public assets to our people. I urge you to do the best you can to deliver quality assets that our people will be proud of. You must remember that our people will judge the success of this Programme through the delivery of assets that improve the quality of their lives," the Executive Mayor said. She urged contractors to use the monies allocated to the Programme wisely.

"You must always keep in mind that all the work we do is for our people. Therefore do not misuse the money that is meant for the project, I also wish to advise you to never use your hard earned money on things that will not assist you to grow your businesses," the Executive Mayor added.

The Deputy Director for EPWP Vuk'uphile Learner Programme in the Department of Public Works, Mr Osborne Neluvhalani explained that the Department's contribution to the project included appointing service providers to assist in the mentorship of the contractors and linking the contractors with the banking institution as well as facilitating the training of the contractors by CETA appointed Training Service Provider.

Upcoming events

- The Department of Public Works will on 19 and 20 February 2019 host Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) National Youth Service (NYS) exit workshops in Ntabankulu and Bizana in the Eastern Cape.
- The Department of Public Works will host Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Learning Programme from 18 to 22 February 2019 in East London in the Eastern Cape.
- The Department of Public Works will on 28 February 2019 handover certificates to 215 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants in Gauteng.

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EPWP SUPPORTED NPO DELIVERING COMMUNITY BENEFICIAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF BARBERTON IN MPUMALANGA

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The Thandanani Home Based Care (HBC) is a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) which is supported by the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and is located in Barberton under Mbombela Local Municipality in Mpumalanga. The objectives of the NPO is to provide home based care services to the vulnerable groups of community, raise awareness about HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and other diseases.

The project also promote and support measures for the prevention of health and social problems in the community. The NPO provide Participants with income and skills as they deliver community beneficial work. Local schools and churches also work with the NPO to identify orphans who need assistance in acquiring birth certificates, food parcels and school uniform. They are then referred to the relevant stakeholders for addressing those issues.

In 2018, the NPO was voted as the Best Home Community Based Care project by the community of Barberton during the awards

ceremony which was hosted by the Barberton Community Radio Station. Ms Faith Shoshoe is one of the participants in the project who joined the NPO in 2003 as a care giver. In 2016, Ms Shoshoe was promoted to become an Administrator for the Centre and her work include providing administration support and supervision of care workers.

Ms Shoshoe received training in Home Community Based Care and Ancillary NQF level 5 which was funded by the Department of Health. "I still wish to further my studies and become a qualified nurse".

"I also encourage unemployed community members to join the EPWP because I believe that the skills provided through the Programme can assist them to become employable." She added that she was happy being part of the Programme.

