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Upcoming events

The Department of Public Works will today (03 May 2019) host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Vodacom Non State Sector Graduation Ceremony in Durban in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Department of Public Works will today (03 May 2019) host the EPWP National Youth Service Graduation Ceremony in Kroonstad in the Free State.

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MINISTER NXESI LEADS A GOVERNMENT'S DRIVE TO CREATE EPWP WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GRAAFF REINET IN THE EASTERN CAPE

Article & picture by Michael Mokoena



A total of 29 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants have been appointed to work with various Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) to deliver community services in Graaff-Reinet, in the Eastern Cape. The participants will work with the NPOs to deliver community services such as cleaning, caring for the ailing and the elderly in the community as well as working with the local police to combat crime in the area.

The announcement of the appointment of the participants was made by the Minister of Public Works, Mr T.W. Nxesi at a government event that was held on 25 April 2019 at the Masizakhe Sports Centre in Graaff-Reinet.

Minister Nxesi said the participants will contribute in the government's work of creating a better life for the residents of Graaff-Reinet. He added that 14 of the 29 participants were already placed at various NPOs and that the remaining 15 participants will start work in April 2020.

Minister Nxesi has also acknowledged other Department of Public Works/EPWP projects such as the Household Contractor Development Project which has created 360 work opportunities; the Graaff-Reinet Cleaning project which has created 248 work opportunities and the Community Work Programme (CWP) which has created 380 work opportunities.

He also commended the National Youth Service (NYS) project which has created 10 work opportunities and the DPW School Project where six top performing learners of Nqweba Secondary School will be earmarked for bursaries to study at tertiary institutions next year.

Minister Nxesi was accompanied by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Dr Zweli Mkhize and various senior government officials. In his address, Dr Mkhize hailed the EPWP for creating work opportunities for the poor and unemployed South Africans.

EPWP SAFETY OFFICERS ASSIST POLICE TO COMBAT CRIME IN POLOKWANE

Article & picture by Emmanuel Jiyane



The Department of Public Works (DPW) in partnership with the South African Police Services (SAPS) and South African National Defence Force (SANDF) have created work opportunities for 13 community safety participants through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in a project called The IG Community Safety Officers which is based in Polokwane- Limpopo.

These participants have started to work in the project in July 2018, after the City of Polokwane Municipality identified a high level of criminal cases that were reported by schools in the area and an escalating of unlicensed hawkers operating in Central Business District of Polokwane, Seshego, Aganang, Mankweng, Chuene Maja and Sebayeng cluster. The participants have received an on job training whereby they acquired certificates of competency on law enforcement training which was acknowledged by the Provincial Commissioner of Police.

The participants' duties include office administration, patrolling the areas with hot crime spots, gathering information on stolen or hijacked vehicles that have been recovered, identifying routes in the bushes that the offenders use to cross the border with the stolen

cars, conducting patrols and crime awareness at schools along the border line to discourage participation of learners in cross border crimes, issuing warning notices on illegal hawkers, trade and vehicle permits inspection, removal of illegal trade goods and expired goods from the shelves in the shops.

Since the implementation of this initiative, the SAPS and SANDF have praised the efforts and contribution of EPWP participants in the fight of crime which had significantly decreased the theft of vehicles at Umhlabayalingana vicinity. Some of their outputs are as follows:

Municipal Site visits: 32
Total number of files filed: 36 296
Total number of files archived: 576
Warning of illegal hawkers: 195
Permit inspection: 118
Joined operations with SAPS: 26
Data Capturing: 83

A 26 year old Ms Mahlodi Nkanyane, who is residing in Polokwane has joined the EPWP in July 2018. Before she joined the Programme she was unemployed and it was difficult for her to even make copies to apply for employment as she is holding an N6 certificate in Electrical engineering from Capricorn Ramokgopa College in Botokwa. With the income that she is receiving she can now buy groceries for her family, provide for the needs of her child and make applications for employment.

Ms Nkanyane is one of the trainees of law enforcement and received a competency certificate which allows her to be a law enforcement officer and increase her chances of being a police officer when such opportunities are available.

In closing, "I would like to encourage youth to apply for training opportunities that are offered by government as they will enhance their skills and increase their chances to get employment" she said.