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EPWP upcoming event

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) will exhibit at the Rural and Township Economic Development and Skills Summit on the 25-28 September 2018 in Kimberley, Northern Cape.

EPWP Sustainable livelihood, Convergence and Compliance Chief Directorate will host Audit Standard Operating Procedures and Community of Practice Workshop on the 27 September 2018 in Pretoria, Gauteng.

EPWP will exhibit at the 5th Government Exhibition day on the 28 September 2018 in Soshanguve, Gauteng.



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The EPWP in KwaZulu-Natal achieve the participants financial literacy training target six months ahead of schedule

Article by Michael Mokoena



The Department of Public Works through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has achieved the participants Financial Literacy training six months ahead of schedule. The EPWP had set the target for Financial Literacy training to 407 participants in KwaZulu-Natal within the scheduled period of June 2018 until March 2019.

However, the training commenced in August 2018 and on 11 September 2018, the Department's EPWP Programme Management unit in KwaZulu-Natal held the last training workshop for 27 participants in the area of Mehlomnyama in the Ugu District Municipality.

These 27 participants work in the EPWP land care projects that are implemented and managed by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KZNDARD).



The Department's EPWP Manager in the province Mr Thabani Mazibuko explained that the training was vital in assisting participants to use their hard earned wages wisely. "The training will empower the participants with vital information they can use when making financial decisions," Mr Mazibuko said.

Mr Mazibuko added that the Department was set to extend this training to more participants in the province. "We will soon roll out a second phase of this training programme in order to ensure that more participants in the province benefit from this training".

Participants' testimonials

One of the participants Ms Londiwe Mkhize said the training has given her tips of how to avoid getting into debts as well as how to save money for emergency situations.

Western Cape EPWP Social Sector participants receive qualifications in Early Childhood Development

Article by Masego Maselwanyane



The 247 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants in the Western Cape have recently graduated from the West Coast College after the successful completion of Early Childhood Development (ECD) course which was led and coordinated by Western Cape Department of Education.

While 101 of the total number of these participants graduated with a National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 5 qualification, the other 146 graduated with a level 4 qualification. The ECD training was offered by the West Coast

College and was accredited by the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDPSeta).

The graduation ceremony was held in June 2018 in Malmesbury in the Western Cape. In his keynote address at the ceremony, the principal of Hoerskool Swartland, Mr Justus Schoonraad said children needed to be developed in every way that will help them achieve their full potential. He emphasized that ECD is a programme that need to be made available to all children.

Mr Schoonraad added that studies show that the first 1000 days of the child's life are a critical window of opportunity which cannot be repeated. "What happens in this window will influence the child for the rest of his or her life," he pointed out.

The participants who received the NQF level 5 qualification were trained for 18 months while the participants who completed NQF level 4 qualification completed 12 months training programme.