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## The Expanded Public Works Programme Participants contribute towards the fight against Malaria in Mpumalanga

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In an effort to strengthen the prevention of malaria in the Ehlanzeni District, the Department of Health with the support of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has appointed 161 Expanded Public Works Programme Participants to provide indoor residual spraying in high risk communities.

The Indoor Residual Spraying Programme commenced on 14 August 2024 and is expected to run until August 2026.

The EPWP Participants received in-house training on the technicalities of handling the equipment and chemicals, code of conduct and physical training.

In completion of the 12 days training, the participants rendered awareness campaigns and indoor residual spraying in high risk areas, to prevent the prevalence of malaria.



The communities of the Ehlanzeni District applauded the effectiveness of the work done by EPWP Participants in reducing the risk of contracting malaria.

Mr Ngwenya, the Department of Health Sub-district Coordinator explained the pick season for malaria is after March and as a results efforts are intensified to ensure that facilities and households are sprayed before the pick period. The programme targets to spray about 379 666 households and facilities in the next two financial years.



Mr Ngwenya further explained that once they have sprayed, the insecticide lasts for about 8 months. He also indicated that certain areas may not be targeted for indoor residual spraying but when incidences of high mosquito rate appear focal spraying is activated. Focal spraying is reactive as it is used to contain the spread of mosquitos.



## The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Johannesburg Regional Office host EPWP Progress Assessment Workshop

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The Johannesburg Regional Office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure hosted the EPWP Progress Assessment Workshop on 24 January 2025 in Braamfontein, Gauteng.

The workshop was attended by 67 National Youth Service (NYS) learners who are being trained in various trades such as construction, plastering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

The learners are placed at DPWI projects to assist with the refurbishment of dilapidated buildings within the Johannesburg city centre.

The department through this project ensures that there is preservation of heritage guidelines as these structures belong to the South African Heritage Council.



The long-term goal is to expand this initiative nationally. "I want to see you employed and successful in life," emphasised Mr. Maraqana Mafa, Project Manager at the DPWI Johannesburg regional office.

Ms Simlindile Selemele who is currently participating in the NYS programme expressed gratitude for the skills acquired, including valuable life skills that enhanced her interpersonal communication and understanding of occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Ms Beauty Kutumane, Programme Manager for Gauteng, acknowledged the contributions of all stakeholders and urged the beneficiaries to seize this opportunity to improve their lives. She also expressed a desire to see these workshops conducted on a quarterly basis.

