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## Occupational Coded Welder Skills Programme – Empowering Future

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The Community Work Programme (CWP) in collaboration with the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and Gert Sibande TVET College in Standerton play a crucial role in providing the Coded Welder Skills Programme to a total of 28 CWP learners in Mpumalanga. This is a CWP initiative that is funded by the EPWP and delivered by Gert Sibande TVET College at NQF Level 4.

The Occupational Coded Welder Skills Programme is a specialized training initiative aimed at equipping learners with advanced welding skills, preparing them for industry - recognised certificates and jobs. This programme ensures that learners develop the necessary competencies to perform high-quality welding work, enhancing their employability and career prospects. Through this training, the learners are gaining valuable welding skills which will enhance employment opportunities in various sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and engineering.

"One of the participants, Ms. Nokuthula Ngomezulu, described how positively the programme has impacted her life, stating that she is gaining significant skills in welding. Before joining, she had no prior knowledge of welding, but through the training, she is learning different welding methods, using the different types of steel and is able to control the welding machine. She expressed that she now feels comfortable and enjoys welding.

Ms. Ngomezulu is incredibly happy and grateful for the opportunity this program has afforded her." Speaking to the learners during the site visit, CWP Site Manager - Mr Maako, emphasized the importance of skills development amid high unemployment rate among young people. This training presents a significant opportunity for learners to gain expertise in a specialized trade, contributing to their personal and professional growth.

