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EPWP NPO Promotes Disability and Human Rights Through Theatre

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African Sinakho Arts, a Non-Profit Organisation participating in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) under the Independent Development Trust (IDT), commemorated Disability and Human Rights Month through an impactful theatre production titled Thetha Mosadi (Speak Out Woman) – The Musical.

Contracted under the EPWP from March 2024 to April 2026, African Sinakho Arts provides work and skills development opportunities for women and youth with disabilities in the creative arts sector.

The production was staged at The Playhouse in Durban from 6–8 November 2025, in partnership with The Playhouse Company. The initiative aimed to raise awareness on disability rights and gender-based violence, while promoting empowerment and freedom of expression through the performing arts.

Through its EPWP-funded programme, African Sinakho Arts engaged 100 participants—50 persons with disabilities and 50 able-bodied participants—aligning with the EPWP national target that at least 3% of work opportunities be allocated to persons with disabilities.

Written and directed by Ms Bukelwa Cakata and produced by Ms Ndileka Santi, Thetha Mosadi tells the story of Nomathemba, a woman who becomes disabled after a car accident and rises above exclusion and gender-based violence to reclaim her voice and dignity.

Speaking at the event, IDT representative Ms Babekile commended African Sinakho Arts for advancing EPWP objectives through creative expression, noting that initiatives of this nature foster empowerment, awareness, and social cohesion.

In her remarks, Ms Santi expressed gratitude for the support received through the EPWP, emphasizing that the programme has created meaningful employment and a platform for persons with disabilities to showcase their talents.

Delivering the closing remarks, EPWP representative Mr Jerry Bosoga highlighted the country's ongoing social challenges, including HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, xenophobia, and gender-based violence. He urged women to speak out against injustice and actively confront gender-based violence.

