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## 23 EPWP Participants Trained in Plant Production and Mixed Farming in Mpumalanga

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The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) continues to make a meaningful impact in communities by creating sustainable work opportunities and equipping participants with valuable skills. In a recent initiative, 23 participants have been successfully recruited and trained in plant production with a focus on mixed farming practices. The training is being conducted in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality.

This initiative forms part of EPWP's broader mandate to reduce poverty and unemployment by providing practical skills development and income-generating opportunities.

Participants are receiving comprehensive training in various aspects of plant production. The programme includes soil preparation, planting techniques, irrigation methods, crop maintenance, pest control, and harvesting processes. Through hands-on experience, participants are gaining the knowledge required to cultivate crops effectively and sustainably.

In addition to agricultural production skills, the training also focuses on basic entrepreneurial principles. Participants are taught how to package, market, and sell their produce to community members and local retail markets. This ensures that the programme not only builds farming capacity but also promotes economic empowerment and food security within the community.

According to EPWP Non-State Sector Director, Mr Ndivhuwo Mulaudzi, by investing in agricultural development and skills training, EPWP continues to uplift communities and create pathways toward self-reliance.

He said the success of these 23 participants reflects the programme's ongoing commitment to sustainable development and inclusive economic growth.

