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EPWP Participates in Persons with Disabilities Workshop in Nkomazi, Mpumalanga

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The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has recently participated at the Persons with Disabilities Workshop hosted by the Mpumalanga Provincial Government's Office on the Status of Disabled Persons, under the Special Programme Directorate.

This workshop complemented the Expanded Public Works Programme Disability Inclusion Framework which was officiated in 2025. This marked a significant milestone towards reinforcing the programme's commitment to advancing equality, dignity, and meaningful economic participation for persons with disabilities. Through practical guidelines and accountability measures, the framework ensures that inclusion forms an integral part of programme design and implementation.

Mr Surprise Mokgope, Deputy Director: Disability Management from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, presented the EPWP Framework on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. His presentation covered all four EPWP sectors and reiterated the programme's firm commitment to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the implementation of its projects.

The engagement in Nkomazi, reinforced the EPWP strong commitment to promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities into EPWP projects across all spheres of government. The Programme continues to create work and skills development opportunities for persons with disabilities throughout Mpumalanga Province.

This participation intensified efforts to improve the representation and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in EPWP opportunities.

The workshop objectives aimed at:

- Raising awareness on disability inclusion in public employment programmes
- Removing barriers to enhance community participation in EPWP projects
- Strengthening collaboration between government departments and disability stakeholders.

The workshop provided a structured approach to strengthening inclusion of people with disabilities in EPWP across all EPWP sectors. It focuses on removing systemic and environmental barriers that may prevent persons with disabilities from accessing work opportunities.

