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Better future starts today for Hand Skills Programme Participants

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Kimberley Regional Office, hosted a certification ceremony for 50 participants from Sol Plaatje Local Municipality at Abantu Hall, Galeshewe, Kimberley on 30 July 2026.

The three-month training programme commenced on 2 March 2026 and concluded on 1 July 2026. Participants were trained at Upington Rural TVET College in plumbing, where they acquired skills in basic installation, fixture repairs, and daily diagnosis

One of the participants, Mr Charles Maruping; shared his experience: "I'm very grateful to have been given this opportunity. I am now able to do basic installations. This is the start of better opportunities ahead."



Mr Sebe Mazulu, Acting Director :EPWP Training, delivered a message of support: "These interventions ensure that participants leave the programme with more than work experience – they leave with knowledge, recognised competencies, and improved prospects for employment, further learning, or entrepreneurship."



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