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DPWI Empowers EPWP Participants Through Financial Literacy Training

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The National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Mmabatho Regional Office, in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA), hosted a Financial Literacy Training Session for Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants on 23 June 2026 in Mahikeng, North West Province.

The training brought together EPWP participants from Mahikeng, Tswaing and Ditsobotla Local Municipalities within the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality. The session formed part of the Department's ongoing efforts to equip participants with essential financial knowledge and practical life skills that contribute to their personal and professional development.

During the training, participants gained valuable insights into key aspects of financial management, including the role of the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA), understanding financial stress, budgeting and saving, insurance and financial scams, pyramid schemes, and unclaimed benefits. These topics were designed to help participants make informed financial decisions, safeguard themselves against financial risks, and improve their overall financial wellbeing.

Speaking during the training, Mr Jimmy Mbhokota, Deputy Director: Training, emphasised the importance of financial literacy in empowering individuals to make informed financial decisions.

"Financial literacy is a critical life skill that promotes financial responsibility. It equips individuals with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about spending, saving, borrowing and investing. These skills enable people to achieve their financial goals, build long-term financial security and reduce financial stress," said Mr Mbhokota.

The initiative reflects the Department's commitment to empowering EPWP participants beyond work opportunities by providing skills that promote financial responsibility and long-term resilience. By strengthening financial literacy, the programme contributes to improved workplace productivity, enhanced employee wellbeing, stronger labour relations and more financially secure communities.

Through strategic partnerships with institutions such as COGTA and the FSCA, the Department continues to invest in developing skilled, informed and empowered citizens who are better equipped to build sustainable livelihoods and contribute meaningfully to South Africa's socio-economic development.

This initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to empower EPWP participants with practical knowledge and skills that enhance workplace productivity, promote employee wellbeing, strengthen labour relations, and support informed financial decision-making. Through partnerships such as these, government continues to invest in building resilient, skilled, and empowered communities.