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EPWP PARTICIPANTS CELEBRATES SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MILESTONE IN KWAZULU-NATAL

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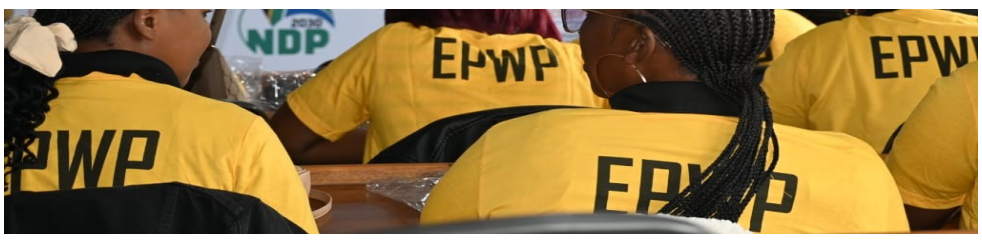
The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), in partnership with Coastal KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) TVET College, hosted a Certification Ceremony on 29 September 2026 to celebrate 101 participants who successfully completed the Haircutting Skills Programme. The ceremony was held at the Coastal KZN TVET College Auditorium Hall.

The 83-day skills programme, carrying 60 credits at NQF Level 4, equipped participants with practical and theoretical competencies essential to the hairdressing and salon industry

The training covered key areas including:

- Hair cutting and styling techniques
- Chemical treatments and colouring
- Hair and scalp care
- Client consultation
- Salon hygiene and safety
- Product knowledge
- Basic business and salon management skills

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Thabani Mazibuko, Training Manager at the Durban Regional Office, applauded the participants for the commitment and discipline they demonstrated throughout the training period. “EPWP Phase 5 promotes training programmes that place participants in a strong position for employment,” said Mr Mazibuko. The impact of the programme is already evident, with participants using the skills gained to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities in their communities .



One of the graduates, Ms Sindiswa Cele, shared her success story, highlighting how the programme had helped her take a step towards achieving her entrepreneurial goals. “I am now a co-owner of a salon in my community, and my wish is to create opportunities for community members and empower them,” said Ms Cele’’.

Addressing the graduates, Mr Sduduzo Simelane, EPWP Programme Manager in KZN said that Sindiswa Cele story demonstrates how accredited skills development programmes can provide participants with practical skills while opening pathways towards entrepreneurship, employment and community empowerment.

Mr Simelane further said that this initiative supports skills development, employability and entrepreneurship opportunities within the beauty and personal care sector. It also aligns with EPWP’s mandate to create work opportunities and build participants’ capacity through accredited training programmes.





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