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EPWP SOCIAL SECTOR SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND THE DAGGAKRAAL COMMUNITY THROUGH SIZABANTU CNDC

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The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Social Sector conducted a site visit to the SIZABANTU Community Nutrition Development Centre (CNDC) in Daggakraal, Mpumalanga, on 20 October 2026. The centre has seven EPWP participants who support children and the local community through meal preparation, homework assistance, laundry services and other daily activities. The project is funded by the Department of Social Development.

Running from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, the project provides essential nutritional, educational and social support to children while creating work opportunities for EPWP participants. Coordinated by Project Coordinator Yende Thokozile, the centre employs three cooks among its seven EPWP participants. They are responsible for preparing meals and ensuring that children receive food at designated times.

The centre provides breakfast to children before they leave for school to help meet their nutritional needs. After school, children receive homework assistance to support their learning and academic development. Additional services include school support, laundry services, games and recreational activities, as well as skills development. These activities promote education, hygiene, social interaction and personal growth.



During the site visit, Ms Masego Maselwanyane, Deputy Director: Social Sector, highlighted the importance of the project in providing nutritional and educational support to children while contributing to the well-being of the Daggakraal community through the EPWP.

At the conclusion of the visit, the three EPWP participants responsible for cooking were given an opportunity to share their experiences. They expressed their happiness at being able to serve their own community by preparing meals for the children. Their dedication demonstrates the value of community participation in supporting children's well-being and highlights how the EPWP creates opportunities for participants to contribute meaningfully to their communities.







