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CAPE TOWN EPWP PARTICIPANTS BENEFIT FROM FINANCIAL LITERACY CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), in partnership with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA), successfully hosted a Basic Financial Literacy Workshop aimed at empowering Facility Management EPWP participants with essential financial knowledge and skills.

The participants are currently providing cleaning services at various courts across the Cape Metro and Cape Winelands District Municipalities in the Western Cape. The participating facilities included Bellville Magistrate's Court, Blue Downs Magistrate's Court, Labour Court, Cape Town Magistrate's Court, Cape Town High Court, Cape Town Regional Court, Dullah Omar Master of the High Court, Paarl Magistrate's Court and Worcester Court.

Conducted over a two-week period from 11 to 21 August 2026, the workshop provided participants with an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of personal financial management and the financial services available to them. Key topics covered included budgeting, saving, unclaimed benefits, fraud and scam awareness, as well as insurance products, with particular emphasis on funeral cover.

The workshop was both informative and interactive, with participants actively engaging in discussions and sharing their personal financial experiences and challenges. Several participants raised concerns about difficulties they had encountered when accessing and claiming unclaimed benefits. These discussions provided an opportunity for facilitators to offer guidance and clarify the processes involved in accessing such benefits

Through these engagements, participants gained practical knowledge and tools to make informed financial decisions, manage their finances more effectively and adopt responsible financial practices.

The initiative also contributed to strengthening their awareness of financial risks and the importance of planning for their financial future.

The collaboration between DPWI and the FSCA demonstrates the value of partnerships in extending financial education to EPWP participants. By equipping workers with essential financial literacy skills, the initiative contributes to their personal empowerment, financial well-being and ability to make sound financial choices.

The positive participation and feedback received throughout the workshop highlighted the importance of continued financial literacy interventions in supporting EPWP workers beyond their workplace responsibilities



