

EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a nationwide government programme covering all spheres of government aimed at drawing a significant number of unemployed South African into productive work in the manner that will enable them to gain skills and increase their capacity to earn income and develop their community.

Led by National Department of Public Works (NDPW), the Programme is implemented within five-year phases, the first phase started in 2004-2009 and phase 2 from 2010-2014 while the third phase which is currently being implemented was introduced in 2014 until 2019. The Programme is implemented by all government spheres, i.e. national, provincial and local sphere across four EPWP sectors which are the Infrastructure, Non State Sector, Environment and Culture and Social sector.

Since its implementation in 2004, the EPWP has made a significant impact in community development and improving the lives of South Africans by building and maintaining community assets and providing services to communities.



Mdwaka Dam project

The newly built Mdwaka Dam in the Eastern Cape has connected over 40 000 households within the villages around the Mbashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape to clean tap water.

“Since we have been connected to clean drinkable water, we no longer have to share the water with animals. Our children are no longer getting sick from waterborne diseases like cholera. By building this dam and providing us with clean tap water, the government has restored our dignity,”



Ms. Noluthando Venevene (community member in the area).

During the construction of the dam, over 320 EPWP work opportunities were created.

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