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EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

Expanded Public Works Programme Kamoso Awards - Honouring excellence in the creation of work opportunities for South Africans

Public bodies across South Africa are the centerpiece in the government's initiative to move South African out of poverty through the creation of more than 6 million work opportunities by 2019. This message reverberated loudly at the prestigious 2015 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Kamoso Awards ceremony at Voortrekker Monument in Gauteng.

Public bodies - including government and state owned entities - were honoured for their excellence in the creation of EPWP work and training opportunities during the 2014/15 financial year.

Between April 2014 and March 2015, the government reached and surpassed the EPWP targets for the first year of Phase 3 by creating a total of 1,24 million work opportunities against the target of 1,04 million work opportunities. The government's good performance in the creation of these opportunities was mostly driven by public bodies.

The 2015 EPWP Kamoso Awards consisted of 21 categories/awards in the four Sectors of EPWP, namely Infrastructure, Social, Environment and Culture as well as Non-State. The Gauteng Province walk away with six of the 21 awards including the Best Maintenance Programme in the Infrastructure Sector, the Best Province in the Social Sector, Best Province in the Environment and Culture Sector as well as the Best Innovation Project in all sectors.

Both the KwaZulu-Natal and the Mpumalanga provinces received three awards each. KwaZulu-Natal won the Best Province under the EPWP Infrastructure Sector, while the Ethekwini Metropolitan Municipality won the Best Municipality in Infrastructure Sector. The Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport bagged the award for Best Public Body Implementing the National Youth Service Programme while the Sakh'abakhi Contractor Development Programme in Mpumalanga Province was awarded the Best Public Body Supporting Contractor Development award.

One of the projects that won 2015 Kamoso awards is the Ramatlabama Food Security Project in North West. This project started in 2013, and is currently operating on a farm in the Ramatlabama Village in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality. The project - which employs 18 community members - is producing a variety of vegetables, including spinach, cabbage, onions, carrots, beetroot, pumpkin and potatoes.

The project sells its produce to businesses and hawkers in Mahikeng and Zeerust. Any surplus produce is then donated to charity for the public good.

One of the participants from this successful EPWP Social Sector projects, Alina Khalane, had this to say about the project: "The project has afforded me an opportunity not only to learn about food production, but also to contribute to the improvement of the lives of the vulnerable and needy in our neighbourhood. We are

also able to provide food to our local centre for people with disabilities. Being part of this project has been life changing".

Below is the list of the 2015 EPWP Kamoso Awards Winners:

Award Category	Winner
Best Construction Project in the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	Thaba Nchu Route Project in the Free State Province
Best Maintenance Programme in the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	Soweto Infrastructure Upgrade Project in Gauteng Province
Best Province under the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	KwaZulu-Natal Province
Best Municipality in the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	Ethekwini Metropolitan Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal Province
Best Public Body Supporting Contractor Development in the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	Sakh'abakhi Contractor Development Programme in Mpumalanga Province
Best Public Body Implementing the National Youth Service Programme in the EPWP Infrastructure Sector	Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga Province
Contribution of the State Owned Enterprises in the creation of work opportunities	ESKOM
Best Province in the EPWP Social Sector	Gauteng Province
Best EPWP Social Sector Programme	Home Based Care Programme
Best EPWP Social Sector Project	North West Food Security and Empowerment Project in the North West Province
Best EPWP Social Sector Municipality	City of Cape Town in the Western Cape Province
Best Sector Implementing Department in the EPWP Social Sector	Department of Education in Gauteng Province
Best Province in the EPWP Environment and Culture Sector	Gauteng Province
Best Local Municipal Project within the EPWP Environment and Culture Sector	Msunduzi Ward Based Integrated Maintenance Programme in KwaZulu Natal Province
Best District/Metropolitan Municipal Project in the EPWP Environment and Culture Sector	City of Tshwane Youth and Greening Project
Best National Sub-Programme in the EPWP Environment and Culture Sector	Working for Water
Best EPWP Environment and Culture Project	Creative Industries, My Village - My art in Mpumalanga
Best Province: Non-Profit Organisation Programme in the EPWP Non-State Sector	North West Province
Best Non-Profit Organisation Programme in the EPWP Non-State Sector	Itekeng Clean and Green Centre in the Free State
Best Community Work Programme in the EPWP Non-State Sector	Siyakholwa Development Foundation in the Eastern Cape
Best Innovative Project in all EPWP Sectors	Zivuseni Reloaded Poverty Alleviation Programme in Gauteng Province

