

# Expanded Public Works Programme Rewarding the Best Performing Public Bodies

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a Government initiative led by the Department of Public Works (DPW), aimed at reducing poverty and unemployment through the provisioning of training and work opportunities for unemployed South Africans.

All public bodies at national, provincial and Local Government level are required to ensure the use of direct expenditure towards goods and services that create additional work opportunities for unemployed individuals and emerging enterprises, primarily by using labour-intensive methods and increased skills development in Government-funded service delivery projects.

The annual Kamoso Awards aim to recognise and reward municipalities, provinces, departments and public bodies who have excelled in implementing the EPWP, and in encouraging others to embrace the programme.

**The objectives of the Kamoso Awards are to:**

- Mobilise Government stakeholders and partners to increase their efforts around implementing the EPWP
- Communicate and showcase progress, impact and success of the EPWP nationally, as a key Government programme
- Utilise the award ceremony as a platform to enhance visibility of the EPWP and reinforce its objectives to the broader public.



## The Minister of Public Works, Mr TW Nxesi, congratulates the following 2012 Kamoso winners:



Category	Award Category	Winner
<b>Infrastructure Sector</b> 	Best Construction Project	Road and Storm Water Project - Umjindi Local Municipality (Mpumalanga)
	Best Maintenance Project	Siyatentela Road Maintenance Project - Department of Transport (Mpumalanga)
	Best Public Body Supporting Contractor Development	Umsobomvu Vuk'uphile Learnership Programme (Northern Cape)
	Best DPW Regional Office implementing NYS	Pretoria Regional Office
	Best Province	KwaZulu-Natal
	Best Metropolitan Municipality	City of Johannesburg
	Best District Municipality	Sisonke District Municipality (KwaZulu-Natal)
	Best Local Municipality	Mafikeng Local Municipality
	Best Provincial Department implementing NYS	Mpumalanga
	Recognition of the contribution of the State-owned Enterprises	Eskom

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<b>Social Sector</b> 	Best Province	Limpopo
	Best Programme: Early Childhood Development	Western Cape Early Childhood Development Programme
	Best Programme: National School Nutrition	Limpopo School Nutrition Programme
	Best Programme: Home/Community-based Care	Gauteng Home/Community-based Care
	Best Project: Early Childhood Development	Phakamisa Early Childhood Development: West Coast
	Best Project: Home/Community-based Care	Social Auxiliary Workers - Mafikeng
	Best Project: Community Safety	Community Safety School Project (Department of Community Safety), Western Cape
	Best Project: Mass Participation	Mass Participation Programme, KwaZulu-Natal
	Best Project: Khari Gude	Eastern Cape Khari Gude Project
	Best Municipality	City of Johannesburg
Best Innovative Project	City of Johannesburg - Community Safety (Tourism Ambassadors)	
<b>Non-State sector</b> 	Best Province: Non-Profit Organisation Programme	KwaZulu-Natal
	Best Project: Non-Profit Organisation	Kgapamadi Community Organisation (Mpumalanga)
	Best Innovative Project	Pheko ka Kopanelo (Free State)
	Best Project: Community Works Programme	Msinga Community Works Programme (KwaZulu-Natal)
<b>Environment and Culture</b> 	Best Province	KwaZulu-Natal
	Best Programme	Working on Fire (Department of Environmental Affairs)
	Best National Project	Provincial Nature Reserve - Goegap (Northern Cape)
	Best Provincial Project	Leolo Landcare Project Department of Agriculture (Limpopo)
	Best Metropolitan/District Municipality	Overberg-Abi Fire Fighters (Western Cape)
	Best Local Project	Pixley Ka Seme - Cleaning Campaign, (Mpumalanga)
	Best Innovative Project	City of Joburg - Sebenzela Emifula
	Best Cooperative	Rahlagane Table Grapes (Limpopo)

Of significance, the 2012 Ceremony marked an increase in the number of public bodies, particularly municipalities, who are implementing the EPWP. About 277 out of 278 municipalities have signed participation protocols to utilise their budgets in the procurement of goods and services using labour-intensive methods as set out in the EPWP guidelines to contribute to job creation, skills development and improved service delivery.

To date, over 2 million work opportunities have been created out of the 4.5 million target since the launch of the EPWP Second Phase in 2009, positioning the Programme as one of the key catalysts in Government's outcome to create jobs and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals.

### EPWP: Changing lives for the better!

