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The ANC Manifesto in 2014 committed us to create 6 million work opportunities over the five years of this government.

At the time, the DA ridiculed the EPWP – as not being ‘real jobs’ – like the low paid farmworkers of the Western Cape. But today the DA municipalities are fully on board with this programme – and as government we are on track to deliver. In the first 2 years of EPWP Phase 3 we have created 1.8 million work opportunities.

The EPWP programme is critical – in the midst of a global economic crisis – when the private sector cannot create new jobs fast enough – as government we said – we have to act decisively.

The EPWP contributes massively in various ways:

- It provides financial support to the poorest of the poor – particularly youth and women – and the pride that goes with doing an honest day’s work;
- It provides training, skills and work-experience; and
- It improves services and facilities in poor communities – cleaning up cemeteries, providing home-based health care to the sick, providing childcare support, building community halls, maintaining roads etc.

We are proud to announce the launch of yet another EPWP programme here in Port Elizabeth.