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EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES TO RUSTENBURG RESIDENTS

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In response to the basic infrastructure services need, the Rustenburg Local Municipality has embarked on construction of Lethabong sewer reticulation and toilet structure at ward 28 in Rustenburg-North West Province.

This Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) project will be implemented within the period of six months and it is aimed at contributing to socio-economic relief in the community through creation of immovable assets and SMME's development.

This initiative falls within the government's plan to stimulate employment opportunities and improve livelihoods beyond COVID-19.

According to the government's economic recovery plan, "Of the R4.4 billion which has been reprioritised for the COVID-19 response, existing funds are available for roads, water and sanitation and will be used to create 25 000 additional EPWP

work opportunities through highly labour-intensive projects. Recruited participants will also receive project-based skills training".

Twenty four (24) EPWP participants have been employed in this project and they will be offered training which will equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills on how to do the job and increase their employability chances in future.

All the participants were recruited from ward 8 and the surrounding areas following consultation with the community members and all the relevant stakeholders.

The project manager, Mr Fumathi Ntlhamu said the EPWP is contributing to his personal development, particularly interpersonal skills, community awareness and it is also familiarising him with the gaps and backlogs in infrastructure projects



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YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM THE LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME

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The Nkangala District Municipality in Middleburg-Mpumalanga has recently hosted a graduation ceremony for 30 young people who have successfully completed a 12 months Learnership Programme in Television and Film Production.

This Learnership Programme was a collaboration between the District Municipality, the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) branch in the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and Limco Consulting and Management (a training provider in the field of Information and Communication Technology).

These young people who all come from the District's six local municipalities were trained in various media skills including advertising, film, television, radio and music production. The programme was accredited by Media, Information and

Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority (MICTSETA) and it is at NQF Level 5.

During training, some of these young graduates worked in international projects such as the local shoot of Beyonce's Black is King, SABC's Ngomusa documentary and Emalahleni Local Radio. Currently, 27 of these graduates are working in various media projects in the Province.

The graduation ceremony was officiated by the Executive Mayor of Nkangala District Municipality, Cllr Linah Malatji who wished the graduates well for the future.

The EPWP Manager in Mpumalanga, Mr Isaac Mothapo said the Department will continue to partner with all stakeholders to invest in the development of young people in the Province.