

EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP) INTENSIFY THE CREATION OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES



The National Department of Public Works (NDPW) hosted the 3rd Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) summit with municipalities and other relevant stakeholders on 26-28 November 2012 at St George Hotel, Gauteng. The summit was hosted under the theme *"EPWP best practices: 2013 and beyond"*.

The key objective of the summit was to share the best practices in the implementation of the EPWP and improve its contribution to the alleviation of poverty and unemployment thereby contribute significantly to the socio-economic upliftment of communities.

The municipalities are expected to contribute 29% towards the overall EPWP targets for the period 2009/10-2013/14 (phase 2).

The number of municipalities reporting EPWP work opportunities has increased from 125 municipalities in the 2010 financial year to 262 in the 12/13 financial year.

As at 2nd quarter 2012/13 Financial year, the municipalities have claimed 314 million of EPWP incentive grants which will assist them to intensify the creation of work opportunities.

To date, the Programme has cumulatively created 2.6 million work opportunities across all four sectors of EPWP, i.e. Infrastructure Sector, Non State Sector, Environment & Culture Sector, and the Social Sector, with an aim to create 4.5 million work opportunities for the unemployed by 2014.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE EPWP SUMMIT

1. Progress made in signing of municipal protocols, which should be monitored and sent to Councils on a quarterly basis.
2. Progress made on development of policies. The summit resolved that all policies must be endorsed by 30th June 2013. National Department of Public Works to provide technical support.
3. Municipalities must have dedicated officials for EPWP at appropriate level of seniority
4. Progress made in the establishment of District Forums and summit resolves district forums/ similar should be established by 31 March 2013
5. Proper record management will be ensured to comply with audit requirements of the Auditor Generals Office.
6. Municipalities must continue to prioritise EPWP in their Intergrated Development Plans (IDPs).
7. Municipalities must design EPWP projects to optimize labour intensive methods, and the NDPW will provide technical support on the design at projects.
8. NDPW will streamline training process to ensure that quality training is provided to beneficiaries.
9. NDPW will continue to provide technical support to municipalities across all sectors to promote implementation of the EPWP.
10. NDPW to strengthen coordination between municipalities, Non Profit Organisations (NPOs) and implementing agents.

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