



Voice over scrip for Virtual Graduation Ceremony for EPWP Learning Programme 22 September 2021

Aim of the voice over script: this brief video script provides content to the Artist who will be providing Voice Over Function for the EPWP Learning Programme Virtual Graduation Ceremony. This voice over script is a working document which may be used as a guide for the artist in the execution of his/her voice over function.

First Segment of the Script:

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the EPWP Learning Programme Virtual Graduation Ceremony. This graduation ceremony is aimed at certification officials who have successfully completed a five day EPWP Learning Programme course. Before we get into the official programme of the day, it may be worthwhile to provide a brief overview of the EPWP.

The Expanded Public Works Programme, or the EPWP as it is affectionately known in South Africa, is a medium to long term government funded programme that promotes the use of labour-intensive methods to create work opportunities, services and assets; thus contributing towards poverty alleviation and reduction of unemployment thereby contributing to development. The Programme is a nation-wide government-led initiative aimed at drawing a significant number of unemployed South Africans into productive work in a manner that will enable them to gain skills and increase their capacity to earn an income that will contribute towards the development of their communities. Since its inception in 2004, the EPWP has been drawing significant numbers of the unemployed into productive work so that they gain skills and work experience that enhance their future employability.

The EPWP started in 2004 with the First Phase of the Programme. The EPWP Phase 1 created 1 million work opportunities in a period of 5 years. The success of EPWP Phase 1 led to the creation of the second phase of the Programme which created over 4 million

work opportunities. It must be highlighted that EPWP Phase 2 saw Training becoming a core part of the Programme.

The government's commitment to utilise the EPWP to create work opportunities for the poor and unemployed South Africans saw the launch of EPWP Phase 3 in 2014 and during this phase, the government created over 4.5 million work opportunities.

In April 2019 the government kick-started the current phase of the EPWP, which is EPWP Phase 4. Despite challenges posed by the ongoing Covid-19 health pandemic and the global economic challenges, the government has continued to create work opportunities for the poor and unemployed South Africans in the current phase of the EPWP. From April 2019 to June 2021, the government has created over *** EPWP work opportunities. The government remains committed to creating 5 million EPWP work opportunities by the end of Phase 4 of the Programme in March 2024.

Second segment of the script - Voice Over Artist to read out names of graduates (with the pictures of each graduate).