

DPW launches the EPWP Recruitment Guidelines

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Public Works Minister Mr TW Nxesi says the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Recruitment Guidelines will help protect the reputation and good name of the Programme. He was addressing over a thousand people who came to attend the national launch of the EPWP Recruitment Guidelines this morning, 28 June 2018 in Gamalakhe on the south-west of Port Shepstone, on the KwaZulu Natal's South Coast.

He said these Guidelines should be used by all the EPWP implementing public bodies, to ensure the recruitment of the EPWP participants is undertaken in a fair, transparent and equitable manner, whilst also ensuring that the EPWP targeted groups are reached. The EPWP Recruitment Guidelines were developed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) after consultation with various stakeholders and were endorsed by the Department of Labour in December 2017.

Among many senior Government officials at the launch were Public Works Deputy Minister Mr Jeremy Cronin, the Deputy Director-General of the EPWP Mr Stanley Henderson, KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo as well as Ugu District Municipality Mayor and councillors.

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) was launched in 2004 and it is one of Government's medium to long term strategies to reduce unemployment and alleviate poverty through the creation of work opportunities using labour-intensive methods. It is implemented in four sectors namely: Infrastructure, Social, Environment & Culture and Non-State. All spheres of government (National, Provincial and Local) and State-Owned Entities are expected to implement the programme.

The event was also used to recognise a group of young people who have successfully completed the Youth Environmental Services (YES) programme. These participants were in an 8-months programme which commenced in August 2017 and finished end of March this year. The programme was funded by the KwaZulu Natal Department of Public Works and implemented within the Ugu District Municipality in uMdoni and uMzumbe Local Municipalities. Minister Nxesi said in total, 166 young people (111 female and 55 male participants) benefited from this programme.