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## MINISTER ZIKALALA'S PRE-PRESIDENTIAL IMBIZO VISIT TO THE EASTERN CAPE

#### Siphamandla Nyembe

Minister Sihle Zikalala was in high spirits as he conducted a pre-presidential imbizo visit to the Eastern Cape on 10 August 2023. His first stop was at an EPWP road maintenance project in Cacadu and then he rounded off his visit with an interaction with Eastern Cape's Women in Construction at Komani.

Two birds were killed with one stone during this visit. Not only was it for the purpose of building up to the Presidential Imbizo taking place in Tsomo on Friday, 11 August, but it was also used to celebrate women who are flexing their muscle in the construction industry through their participation in the Department's EPWP Vuk'uphile Contractor Development Programme. The ladies came out in their numbers to speak about their experience in this programme and the in-roads they are making in this male-dominated industry that is construction.

Minister Zikalala thanked the MEC of Eastern Cape's Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ntombovuyo Nkopane and the Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Nontombizanele Koni for ensuring that when there is an allocation of personnel to an EPWP project, that personnel is comprised of mostly women.



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