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MINISTER ZIKALALA AND DEPUTY MINISTER SWARTS ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY OF NORTH WEST

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Minister Sihle Zikalala and Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts joined President Cyril Ramaphosa in his second leg of the Presidential Imbizo on 20 October 2023 in the North West. The event held under the JB Marks Local Municipality in Potchefstroom, sought to assess progress on government interventions since the previous visit to the province that took place in Mafikeng in March 2022.

In response to a question posed during the Imbizo, about the possibility of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) ensuring permanent employment for beneficiaries, Minister Zikalala said that the EPWP aims to provide training and linking skills to relevant departments while fostering entrepreneurship as a sustainable exit strategy. "We are now repackaging the EPWP into an impact-driven programme by insourcing tasks like pothole repair, recycling, waste management, government building maintenance, and road infrastructure improvement," explained the Minister.

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