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DPWI PRINCIPALS MARK 20 YEARS OF EPWP WITH HAZYVIEW FARMING PROJECTS VISIT





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Minister Sihle Zikalala and Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts wasted no time kicking off the **#20Years of Expanded Public Works Programme** celebrations as they embarked on an #OperationSiyahlola visit to the Hazyview Farming Projects in Mpumalanga on 11 January 2024.

The DPWI principals visited the Tshabalala Farm, where an EPWP programme with a different twist is underway. In collaboration with the Independent Development Trust (IDT) and East High College, EPWP is running a farming project where around 40 EPWP participants from Hazyview are trained to farm vegetables such as Butternut, Cabbage, Green Beans and Tomatoes.

Over 80% of participants are female – a good achievement by the EPWP as it does its part to improve the number of female farmers in the industry by instilling them with the necessary skills to run their own businesses within the farming industry.

The Minister and the Deputy Minister walked through another piece of land on the farm where the harvested vegetables are packaged for delivery.

Minister Zikalala was pleased with the work taking place on Tshabalala Farm and he encouraged participants to be handed over to the Department of Small Business Development after completing the programme so they may get the support they need to open and successfully run their own farming businesses.





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