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DEPUTY MINISTER SWARTS LEADS IMBIZO IN UPINGTON, IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Hon. Bernice Swarts, Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works MEC Ms Fufe Makatong together with the Executive Mayor of the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality Mr. Michael Segede embarked on an Imbizo in Upington, Northern Cape on 15 March 2024. The aim of this Imbizo was to accelerate service delivery to the people.

As part of the Imbizo, Deputy Minister Swarts also handed over the completed Louisvaleweg paving project to the community of Louisvaleweg. The 4.9 million paving project was funded through the Expanded Public Works Programme's (EPWP) integrated grant from the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure. The paving project benefited the community through the creation of work opportunities and skills transfer under the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). It also uplifted the community by contributing towards the improvement of the roads and stormwater infrastructure in the community of Louisvaleweg.

The DPWI Deputy Minister also visited the Upington Labour centre situated in the CBD of the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality. The building is still under renovations and due to the age of the building and lack of maintenance in the past years, major maintenance was required to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

Deputy Minister Swarts and MEC Makatong conducted a walk about at the centre to inspect the progress of the refurbishments. The last project visited by the officials was a Cleaning and Gardening project in Rosedale, where community members turned an illegal dumping site into a green park. The project is headed by the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform. The project created 20 work opportunities through the Expanded Public Works Programme. The Deputy Minister concluded her Upington trip by engaging with the Rosedale community members at the Piet Thole Community Hall, and discussing the service delivery issues affecting the Rosedale community.

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