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20 YEARS OF EPWP – 20 YEARS OF PROVIDING YOUNG SOUTH AFRICANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY







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The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Hon. Sihle Zikalala said that the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) implementers must ensure that there is longer duration of work opportunities.

He was speaking on 23 May 2024, at the launch of the EPWP Phase V & the 20 Years celebration at the Harry Gwala Stadium in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal. The event was officiated by KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube

During his keynote address, Minister Zikalala also urged the province to collaborate and work together to tackle the challenge of poverty and unemployment.

The goal of Phase V is to reinvigorate Public

Bodies, ensuring they perform well in implementing and reporting on EPWP projects, thereby helping KwaZulu-Natal meet the National Target for Phase V.











20 YEARS OF PROVIDING YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS

By Brian Dlamini



In Kimberley in the Northern Cape on 23 May 2024, Premier Dr. Zamani Saul and the MEC responsible for Public Works and Infrastructure Ms. Fufe Makatong – officiated the Certification Ceremony of 56 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants who are trained as Artisans.

The participants were placed on a 3-year Artisan Development Programme and were trained as: Diesel Mechanics, Millwrights, Fitters and Turners, Boilermakers, Electricians, Riggers and Refrigeration technicians.

The Certification Ceremony of the Artisans was part of the celebration of 20 years of EPWP and the launch of Phase V of the programme. The Phase 5 will focus on partnering with institutions to strengthen the exit strategy, further strengthen the coordination of the programme and improve monitoring of the EPWP projects.











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