



DEPUTY MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA EMBARKS ON PRE-PRESIDENTIAL IMBIZO IN EKURHULENI



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DPWI Deputy Minister (DM), Sihle Zikalala, today, embarked on a Pre-Presidential Imbizo in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, in the East Rand. The DM's visit was to monitor and evaluate the progress being made in implementing Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) projects, mitigate challenges and provide interventions that will assist to accelerate these challenges for service delivery to continue.

These EPWP projects form part of the EPWP phase 5, which is a continuation of governments commitment to addressing unemployment and socioeconomic inequality through targeted interventions in municipalities. "As part of the District Development Model each minister, and deputy minister is assigned to a district to offer it support and monitor progress of implemented projects." deputy minister explained.

The DM started this morning in Phumula Extension 21, Vosloorus. There the DM partook in road patching work that is being done in the area. Later in the day, the DM moved to Benoni Middle Lake, where he assisted EPWP participants to remove invasive alien vegetation, litter and debris from water streams.

While addressing the media in Benoni, Deputy Minister Zikalala stressed the importance of the District Development Model (DDM). DM says it is important for communities to work with councillors, Members of Provincial Legislatures (MPLs) and Members of Parliament (MPs), to assure that infrastructure development continues in their various communities.



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