

Expanded Public Works Programme contribute to community development

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The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a nationwide government programme covering all spheres of government aimed at drawing a significant number of unemployed South African into productive work in the manner that will enable them to gain skills and increase their capacity to earn income and develop their community.

Led by National Department of Public Works (NDPW), the Programme is implemented within five-year phases, the first phase started in 2004-2009 and phase 2 from 2010-2014 while the third phase which is currently being implemented was introduced in 2014 until 2019. The Programme is implemented by all government spheres, i.e. national, provincial and local sphere across four EPWP sectors which are the Infrastructure, Non State Sector, Environment and Culture and Social sector.

Since its implementation in 2004, the EPWP has made a significant impact in community development and improving the lives of South Africans by building and maintaining community assets and providing services to communities.

EPWP School Support Programme



As a result of the School Support Programme implemented through EPWP Social sector, the passing grades of thousands of school children across South Africa are improving. Through this programme EPWP participants are recruited to assist learners with school work.

"We help learners with their homework, encourage them to keep mentally and physically fit by participating in various sporting codes as well as provide them with nutritious meals daily. Our focus is on the children from poor households," Ms. Buyelwa Mbiko (EPWP participant).

"I used to struggle doing my homework, particularly in mathematics. The homework supervisors (EPWP participants) helped me by going through difficult sums with me. As a result of their assistance, my grades are improving.

"The EPWP participants have contributed in our school's overall strategy to improve our capacity of delivering quality education to our children. Since some of the participants provide security and scholar patrol services, our children are learning in an environment that is safer," school teacher.



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