

# EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME PARTNERS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS TO CREATE WORK OPPORTUNITIES

The Non-State Sector (NSS) Programme was introduced into the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) during Phase 2 as the fourth sector that would allow for the creation of work opportunities through partnerships with Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs). The sector is made up of two Programmes, namely the Non-Profit Organisations (NPO) Programme and the Community Work Programme (CWP). In the NPO Programme, a wage subsidy is used to support non-state entities to create work opportunities as part of the EPWP Expansion Strategy since 2009.

"The **NPO Programme** creates an avenue where NPOs can assist government in creating income to a large number of individuals through socially constructive activities in their local communities". The types of initiatives are determined by the non-state entities; with the state providing partial funding for specified costs and wages. This Programme is led by the National Department of Public Works and implemented through the Independent Development Trust (IDT) as an intermediary. The NPOs are contracted for 9 months through the IDT, to work with communities to deliver assets and thereby create work opportunities.

The **CWP** on the other hand, provides a safety net for the poor, unemployed and under-employed people by providing them with regular and predictable work opportunities, thereby enabling them to earn monthly wages. The Programme supports initiatives that create employment in ways that build public or community goods and services. This Programme is led by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). It is implemented mainly through the local municipalities under the management of implementing agents.

## Angels of Tomorrow Community Support Centre (ATCSC):

This NPO started to implement the EPWP in 2011/12 financial year and created more than 410 work opportunities for people from villages around Mahikeng in North West. This NPO offers the following activities to various communities:

- Food security through community vegetable gardens;
- Care and support through old-age homes;
- Environmental care through cleaning and greening projects;
- Life orientation and education support through Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes, school libraries and teacher support.

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