

EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME'S SOCIAL SECTOR IS CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Social Sector focuses on human development outcomes and improving the quality of life in the areas of education, health, welfare, safety and protection.

The participants in the EPWP Social Sector are afforded opportunities to undergo training to enhance their abilities in rendering improved social services while providing options for career path or graduation into formal and self-employment. The training is accessed through skills programmes and learnerships.

The EPWP Social Sector provides work opportunities to unemployed and unskilled people through the delivery of health, social development and community protection services such as:

- **Early Childhood Development:** Provide education and care to children from 0-4 years in facilities during the temporary absence of their parents or adult care-givers. Services include the provision of child health, nutrition, education, psycho-social and other needs within the context of the family and community. The participants are provided with skills to increase their capacity to generate an income; hence improving care and a learning environment.
- **Home Community Based Care:** Formal or informal care-givers employed in EPWP projects provide basic health and social development services to people in their own homes or home-based care centres that the community can access closer to their homes.
- **National School Nutrition Programme:** The programme employs community members as food handlers to provide food to children from needy families and thus addresses malnutrition and hunger.
- **Community Safety Programme:** It is aimed at encouraging community members by employing volunteers in EPWP projects to be active in helping to identify community safety priorities for their neighbourhoods.
- **Mass Participation Programme:** The programme provides work opportunities to sports coaches and encourages members of the public to participate actively in sports. Its objectives are promoting good health, self-realisation, community development and social cohesion.
- **Kha Ri Gude** (Tshivenda for 'let us learn'): is a mass literacy campaign aimed at illiterate adults who missed out on schooling. Beneficiaries join literacy classes which are being provided across the country.

EPWP School Support Programme

The EPWP School Support Programme started as the innovative programme of EPWP Social Sector in 2011, with the intention of improving performance of Grade 1 to grade 7 learners in some areas of learning.

The Programme has three phases of implementation, namely Homework Supervision, Mass Participation and School Safety. Through Homework Supervision, EPWP participants assist learners with homework, focusing mainly on Mathematics and English. The Mass Participation programme encourages learners to participate in different sporting codes such as soccer, gymnastics and netball. School Safety focuses on the protection and safety of learners at school.

To realise and enhance better chances of employability beyond the EPWP and to provide an improved service delivery, participants are provided with accredited training on People Management Skills, Information Technology and Office Management Training.

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