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Minimum wage increase for EPWP

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THE minimum wage for all Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants would increase from R83.59 to R88 per day or per task performed with effect from today.

EPWP deputy director-general Stanley Henderson said this was in line with the inflation rate and would contribute to the welfare of EPWP participants' households.

"As the EPWP continues to play a significant role in uplifting the lives of participants and communities through the creation of work opportunities and providing much needed services under the EPWP, sectors such as infrastructure, non-state, environment and culture sector as well as the social sectors," Henderson said.

"The wage increase will significantly boost the socio-economic conditions of the EPWP participants and I urge all the implementing bodies of the EPWP to timeously adhere to the implementation of the approved prescribed minimum wage increase as of today."

The EPWP is a government initiative aimed at reducing poverty and unemployment through training and short term to medium term labour intensive work opportunities for the poor and unemployed.

The skills and training that the participants receive from the EPWP gives them a better chance to enter the formal job market or to become entrepreneurs.

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