

City steps up job creation drive

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THE city of Tshwane has registered more than 19 000 residents on the database of its expanded public works programme (EPWP) in the wake of the launch of the registration process on Monday.

The city embarked on the move to make recruitment and opportunities for the scheme more fair and equitable in its drive to reduce poverty, inequality and unemployment.

Mayoral spokesperson Samkelo Mgobozi expressed the city's delight at the numbers and said this was indicative that residents were heeding the call to help them take hold of work opportunities to liberate themselves from the throes of unemployment.

"Most of our 68 registration venues across all the seven regions of the city were flooded with potential beneficiaries who expressed a keen interest to join hands and to make Tshwane a better place to live in," Mgobozi said.

"On Monday we experienced some logistical hiccups at some of the registration venues, but we are confident that, from today onwards, until the close of registration on Friday, it will be all-systems-go and the registration process is expected to proceed smoothly," he said.



OPPORTUNITIES: Tshwane has 19 000 on its EPWP database. PICTURE: VIRTUAL CONSULTING

Mgobozi said that Sunday's disruption at the final day of the #EPWPRoadshow in Mobopane by a small group of individuals who had a political agenda was disappointing.

He insisted that the city authorities were pleased that it was members of the community themselves who dealt with the disrupters.

He said this too was a demonstration that people were broadly in support of an EPWP system that was free of corruption and not politicised.

"The passing of this EPWP recruitment policy framework will ensure that the city employs workers on a tem-

porary or contractual basis with the intention of transferring skills and at the same time providing much needed income for residents.

"However, the programme was marred by nepotism, cronyism and some appointments were made on the basis of political affiliation," he said.

"This administration has adopted the principle of good governance as one of its strategic priorities, which requires us in the city to continuously consult with our communities in the law-making and governance-related programme," Mgobozi said.

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