

Works programme benefits youth

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ZULULAND District Municipality (ZDM) Mayor Thulasizwe Buthelezi has welcomed the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) as a golden opportunity to start addressing the high levels of employment in the district.

Speaking at the launch of an EPW programme at the eNdonsa Arts Centre in Ulundi on Tuesday, Buthelezi announced that about 240 young people, mainly

women, from five local municipalities in the Zululand district will benefit.

‘The youth will be drawn from Ulundi, Nongoma, AbaQulusi, Pongola and eDumbe.

‘They will be working at the ZDM water treatment plants situated in their respective municipalities.’

Buthelezi said apart from employment opportunities, the youth will also be exposed to skills development which will make them more employable in future.

‘I am pleased that the majority of people participating in the programme are women. Giving employment to women benefits their children and families in the long run.’

Buthelezi said he hoped that next year the number of beneficiaries would be increased to one thousand.



Zululand District Municipality Mayor Thulasizwe Buthelezi (right) with one of the Expanded Public Works Programme beneficiaries, Vusi Dlamini from Ulundi