

# Public Works increases EPWP wage rate

**RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG-** The Department of Public Works has increased the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants' wage rate from R88.00 to R92.31 per day from 1 November.

This, the department said recently, was in an effort to continue to steadily improve the socio-economic conditions of poor South Africans participating in the programme. "All public bodies are therefore required to ensure that the wages are adjusted timely in order to comply with the requirement," the department said. According to the EPWP Ministerial Determination, participants

should work 40 hours per week and they can also work on a task basis and the task sizes are governed by the average productivity of a worker in a day. "The increased EPWP minimum wage is compulsory to all the public bodies implementing the EPWP and there will be no excuse that will validate the payment of EPWP participants below the minimum wage and not adhering to the adjusted minimum wage as determined by the EPWP Ministerial Determination," said Handerson.