Centre creates jobs for local residents

Good Green Deeds Campaign was launched last week. *Photo: Supplied*

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Ladybrand - Minister of Women in the Presidency Bathabile Dlamini officially opened the Buy-Back Recycling Centre in Ladybrand on Friday.

The event was part of the provincial launch of Good Green Deeds, a groundbreaking environmental awareness campaign to promote environmentally-conscious practice.

Dlamini was supported by Minister of Agriculture and Land Reform Maite Nkoana Mashabane, Premier Sisi Ntombela, ANC Treasure General Paul Mashatile and Mantsopa Local Municipality mayor Mamsie Tsoene as well as MECs and mayors from various municipalities.

Speaking at the event, Ntombela said she was glad the centre would create jobs for local people.

"We are going to support this centre as we can see that it has the potential of employing more people," the Premier said.

"Already the municipality has employed 1023 CWPs," said Ntombela.

"As part of the Good Green Deeds programme, we are going to employ 50 Extended Public Works Programme (EPWPs) through the provincial Department of Public Works. They will be earning R2300.00 per month for a period of a year.

"We are also going to recruit 22 CPWs who will be earning R1000 per month. Unlike EPWP's who work on a daily basis, CWPs don't work every day." she added.

The Premier further signed letters of designation for Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs), meaning Mantsopa municipality will be able to enforce compliance with regards to the environmental activities.

Meanwhile, Tsoene urged the community to refrain from littering.

She said littering caused harm to the environment and the health of the residents.

"All of us can do something to attain a clean environment. This is a clarion call to all sectors in society to do their part to contribute to Good Green Deeds," said Tsoene.

"Where the is litter, society is urged to work together to clear litter and rubble that threatens our efforts to build a healthy South Africa," she explained.