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## Women's initiative offers Christmas cheer

The City of Cape Town's social development and early childhood development department launched its Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), Women for Change Induction Programme, on Tuesday 22 November at the Lansdowne Civic Centre.

Ward 60 councillor Mark Kleinschmidt welcomed the third edition of the programme, in which seventeen unemployed women are provided with a temporary work opportunity. The pro-

gramme consists of randomly selected candidates between 18 and 25 years as well as persons with disabilities. It helps to reduce poverty and provides income.

Programme coordinators Mabatho Msutu, Delicia Engelbrecht and Theo Terhoven remarked that the programme would include social ills, gender-based violence (GBV) and skills development over six months, from January to June next year.

At the conclusion of the programme,

the candidates would be empowered to impart their skills and knowledge at no charge to schools, clinics, senior citizens and community based organisations in Ward 60.

Kleinschmidt remarked: "The EPWP work opportunity comes at an opportune time before the festive season, so that the candidates can provide Christmas cheer for their families."

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