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## ONE MILLION JOB OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY PESP

The Presidential Employment Stimulus Package (PESP) employment programme has created one million job opportunities since its inception in late 2020.

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) contributed to the PESP and was granted an amount of just over R158,8 million to participate in job creation under the PESP.

The funding was for 1 560 participants in the 2020/21 financial year effective from November 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021.

A total number of 1 886 beneficiar-

ies participated in the DPWI PESP programme, of which 1 113 were females and 773 were males.

One of the aims of the programme was to equip beneficiaries with experience and skills to strengthen their employment opportunities.

The recruitment of beneficiaries was decentralised to regional offices and the opportunities were advertised nationwide.

"As DPWI, we were able to employ graduates in various projects in the department as part of the PESP," the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure said in a statement.

This included the employment of graduates for the Welisizwe rural bridges programme, as well as artisans and professionals in facilities management and waste management.

"The PESP has encouraged real innovation in how we deliver public employment programmes across government, from how we recruit participants to the type of work that is supported. We must continue to take valuable lessons from this programme and expand it to continue creating much needed jobs for our people, including highly skilled jobs," the department said. – SAnews.gov.za