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A local organisation known for its community projects has helped 150 unemployed residents of Mamelodi find a job.

This was possible through a partnership between the Thandanani drop-in centre, the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the Tshwane Leadership Foundation (TLF).

Kate Kekana of Thandanani said it was their task to help identify 10 team leaders and 140 ordinary workers for cooking, social services, gardening, cleaning and tutoring work.

She said the 150 will be working at Thandanani, helping with aftercare and cooking, as well as at local schools, pre-schools, and the Rethabile service centre as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme for the next 10 months.

The participants will receive stipends from the IDC's social employment fund.

Other organisations in Mamelodi given

the same opportunity were Second Chance rehabilitation centre, Tateni community care centre and NPO PatchUp.

Thandanani advertised posts and anyone could apply, from people living with disabilities, the gay community, youth and adults over 35.

The deadline was June 15.

"We received more than 350 CVs, which we carefully went through during the selection process," said Kekana.

Thandanani's main focus is drug awareness and cleaning up of the Mamelodi community, taking care of homeless people and drug addicts and reuniting them with their families.

The centre started operating in 2011 to keep the youth and children of Mamelodi busy and away from drugs and crime.

It has a youth-driven, passionate and focused group of volunteers striving to find innovative ways to uplift their community.

It operates Mondays to Saturdays and has pleaded for more donations to keep it running.