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EPWP workers recently employed by Umdoni Municipality.

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TO ACHIEVE the vision of transforming Umdoni into a Jewel of the South Coast by the year 2030, the municipality continues to implement service improvement initiatives to aid the journey to this vision.

Recently, the municipality employed 31 local people under the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) with a rationale to improve the provision of verge maintenance services. The newly appointed personnel have signed a five-month service agreement contract with the municipality ending September

2023.

The Municipal Manager, Mrs Thabisile Ndlela, said the municipality heeds the community's concerns, hence a resolution was taken to beef up human resources for the amplified provision of verge maintenance services, which include amongst others, cutting and raking of grass, levelling of verges, trimming of trees that are overhanging on roads where necessary and cutting of shrubs on verges.

The new employees have duly undergone training provided by the municipi-

pality on how to operate machinery. "We are confident that the additional capacity will vastly improve these services and ensure our areas are in a presentable state," says the Municipal Manager.

She added that the municipality does acknowledge that it has experienced numerous challenges in this area of services hence the strengthening of resources for maximum output.

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