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As part of 2023 EPWP (Extended Public Works Programme) month celebrations, the Department of Transport, together with Joe Gqabi District Municipality, Walter Sisulu and Senqu local municipalities, hosted a certificate award ceremony in Sterksput on 12 September 2023.

The month of September has been declared as EPWP month by the National Department of Public Works, with a view to highlight achievements made by the different spheres of government in creating jobs for the unemployed.

95 EPWP beneficiaries went home with certificates in various categories after an extensive training and were awarded in areas such as gabion installation, pothole patching and stormwater drainage.

Introducing the beneficiaries, Joe Gqabi District Manager, Khanyisa Mxekezo

said the programme is aimed at alleviating poverty from each household and the department felt it also necessary to upskill beneficiaries so that when their contract ends, they can be able to sustain themselves.

She further said that the department considered woman, young people and people with disabilities, her department intended to do more for these vulnerable groups during these massive recruitment drives.

"Today, these graduates will be awarded in various disciplines such as

Construction of Gabion baskets, Construction of water storm drainage and pothole patching," said Mxekezo.

Bensonville was filled with a series of testimonies of good work done by this programme, said the Mayor for Walter Sisulu, Cllr Davis. She confirmed during her message of support that she is a product of EPWP and today she is a mayor because of taking every task given to her seriously and encourage beneficiaries to do the same.

This shortly followed by the testimony from Nomthandazo Mtsila who started as an EPWP beneficiary, but through upscaling and working hard, she is a human resources practitioner at the department of transport in Joe Gqabi district today.



Delivering a message of the day, Executive Mayor Joe Gqabi, Cllr Mposelwa said the beneficiaries must wear the EPWP orange uniform with pride and always be ready to serve people of this district with flying colors.

She congratulated the recipients for their hard work and called upon them to make use of those skills imparted beyond the term of their contract and become employers, creating jobs for others.

"You are in possession of very powerful skills that are being done by engineers, so do not take for granted what

you have, and I plead with you to adopt work ethics as an order of your routine to minimize unwarranted wrangle and rather maximize a quality service to our people," said Mposelwa

She further said EPWP is one of the many interventions by the government of today to better lives of the people regardless of his/her race,

gender or culture, which shows that indeed South Africa is a non-racial and non-se xist society.

"This gospel of truth must be told to each and every corner of our society, every social media space so that people be aware that our government is doing a lot to change the lives of our people for the better" said Mposelwa.



Executive Mayor Cllr Mposelwa, hands over certificates to the well deserving recipients



District Director, Transport Ms Khanyisa Mxekezo introducing beneficiaries during the award ceremony

Tiger se Kletschoekie **Tiger's** Corner

Dagsé al my vriende en sirkulasiegebied van hierdie kennisse wat in die luisterryke publikasie woon.



Dit gaan redelik goed met ons hier in die Park. Ek het egter steeds my hande vol met Japie die Apie en sy trawante wat somtyds almal se lewens hier versuur. Maar moenie worry nie, ons sal hom en sy volgelinge eersdaags uitsorteer.

Die Blou Voëltjie van Vrolikheid vertel my dat die duive langs die see ook 'n leier het. Sy naam is Dawie en hy verbeel hom hy is die baas van die plaas. Ma en Pa voer hulle elke dag met stukkie bruin brood en geen ander duif sal dit waag om saam met sy trop te eet

Foto links: Dawie die duif hou streng toesig terwyl sy trop fyn gebreekte aartappel skyfies verorber. Dawie is die een op die voorgrond met die twee wit stertvere.

nie. Hy hou al die ander troppe dop en hy slaan vinnig toe wanneer een of meer van hulle aan sy trop se brood kom eet. Dawie is 'n fris mannetjie en wanneer hy met 'n ander duif slaags raak hou hy sommer vas daar waar hy pik. Sommige lede van sy trop is ook astant en wanneer hulle al die brood geëet het, kom sit hulle sommer op die motor en koer luidkeels vir Ma en Pa dat hulle nog honger is.

Pa koop gewoonlik 'n klein pakkie aartappel skyfies vir hom en Ma elk en Pa moet altyd 'n paar skyfies in die pakkie fyn druk en dit vir Dawie en sy trop gee. Hulle sal dan, wanneer die skyfies klaar is, opstyg om by 'n ander motor te gaan bedel. Daar is ander mense wat hulle ook gereeld voer en hulle hardloop sommer na die motors toe wanneer die motors stilhou. Hulle ken elke motor wat die belofte van 'n goeie maaltyd vir hulle inhou.

Daar is min verwikkelinge by die Round House behalwe dat Duke die Jack Russel en Ginger die kat steeds mekaar al hoe meer verdra.

Arrie warrie tot volgende keer.

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