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ERMELO - In a display of commitment to public infrastructure, government officials and workers under the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) came together on June 9 to address the persistent issue of potholes on the road to Morgenzon.

The deputy minister of public works and infrastructure, Bernice Swarts, and other esteemed officials took part in an intense flurry of activity aimed at fixing and patching this deteriorated road.

Joining Swarts were the deputy minister in the presidency, Pinky Kekane MP, the Mpumalanga MEC for public works, road and transport, Mandla Ndlovu, the Mpumalanga MEC for public works, roads, and transport, Cllr Mapulane Precious Nkosi, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality's executive mayor, Councilor Phalaborwa Vincent Malatsi, the acting Gert Sibande District Municipality's executive mayor, and various councillors from the Msukaligwa Local Municipality.

The initiative took the form of a government imbizo, a platform for community engagement and problem solving. This hands-on approach saw the officials, accompanied by a team of EPWP workers, personally engaging in the repair work to address the long-standing issue of



Government officials and workers. Photo | René Joubert

potholes on the Morgenzon road.

In addition to the road repair efforts, the government officials and EPWP workers also engaged in separate community initiatives. At the Misokuhle Old Age Daycare Centre in Ermelo Ext 33, they planted trees as part of an environmental conservation programme.

Illegal dumping was also addressed, and

certain areas were cleaned by the officials and EPWP workers.

The combined efforts of these government officials, EPWP workers and the local community demonstrated a proactive approach towards addressing infrastructure challenges, while fostering community development and environmental stewardship.