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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING OVERARCHING POLICY ON EPWP

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is in the process of developing the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) overarching policy document to provide guidance on the role of the EPWP, as well as roles and responsibilities of all public bodies implementing the Programme.

However, there has been a challenge of not having an EPWP overarching written policy to serve as a guide to the implementation of the Programme by all implementing bodies.

This process is spearheaded by the EPWP Branch and once it has been finalised and signed off for implementation, the policy will ensure streamlined, standardised, effective and efficient implementation of the EPWP.

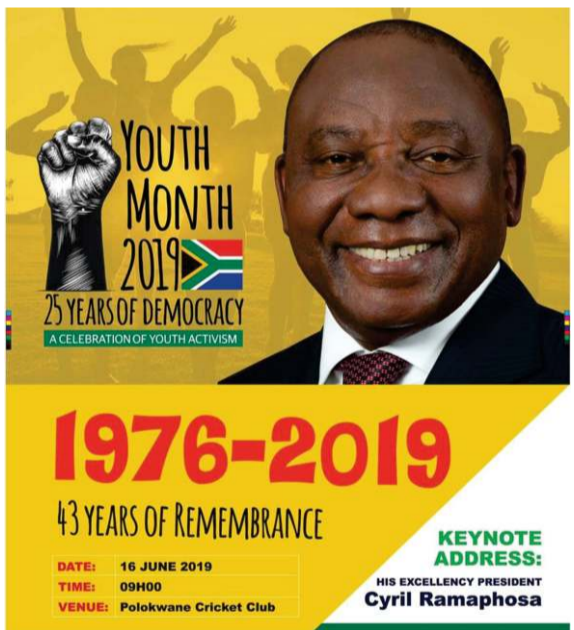
The draft policy objectives as in May 2019 were outlined as follows:

- Enable efficient coordination mechanisms that minimise duplication
- Ensure accountability of key stakeholders through clearly defined roles of key governing bodies, positions and additional accountability measures
- Strengthen the role of monitoring for all public bodies implementing the EPWP
- Standardise requirements for all spheres of government involved in the implementation of the EPWP

The process is at an advanced stage where consultations with stakeholders which comprises of the Programme Managers, EPWP Executive Committee members and representatives of EPWP implementing bodies provided inputs for the policy formulation.

The EPWP will be conducting further consultations with other relevant stakeholders in an effort to take the process forward and ensure the solicitation of more inputs before the approval of the final policy document by Cabinet.

It has been fifteen (15) years since the implementation of the EPWP which has done exceptionally well in adhering to its mandate of alleviating poverty and unemployment through the provision of training and work opportunities to the poor and unemployed South Africans.



Upcoming events

EPWP Communication will be exhibiting at the National Youth Month event at Polokwane Cricket Pitch, Limpopo from 14-16 June 2019

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LESEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY TO APPOINT VUK'UPHILE LEARNER CONTRACTORS TO BRING DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF DEVON

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In a bid to develop local emerging contractors and improve the living conditions of the residents of Devon in Gauteng, the Lesedi Local Municipality in Heidelberg intends to train and appoint Vuk'uphile Learner Contractors to deliver some of the community assets in the area. The municipality held a community meeting on 06 June 2019 to brief the community about its plan to use Vuk'uphile learner contractors to develop the area.

and Infrastructure to make a presentation about the Programme. The Deputy Director responsible for Vuk'uphile in Gauteng, Mr Muziwandile Thwala gave a detailed presentation on the Programme.

The Acting Municipal Manager, Advocate Gugu Thimane, told residents that the municipality still needed to engage officials from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to discuss which community infrastructure projects may be implemented using the Vuk'uphile programme in the municipality.

In his presentation, Mr Thwala, stated that the Vuk'uphile Programme is part of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and that during the appointment of learner contractors, various groupings including women, young people and people with disabilities will be prioritised.

The municipality had also invited the officials who are responsible for the Vuk'uphile programme in the Department of Public Works

Some of the senior personnel who attended the community meeting included several Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) from Lesedi Local municipality as well as the Director responsible for Vuk'uphile in the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Thembani Mackaukau.



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