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### Upcoming events

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will on 15 August 2019 host a graduation ceremony of EPWP Non-State sector Participants who were trained in Thogomelo Psycho-social Support in Taung, North West.

The National Youth Service (NYS) exit workshop will be held in Kroonstad, Free State, on the 15 August 2019.

On the 16 August 2019 NYS exit workshop in Lamberts bay, Western Cape.

NYS exit workshop in Suurbraak Village, Swellendam in the Western Cape, On the 23 August 2019

27-29 August 2019 NYS exit workshops in Secunda, Mpumalanga.

On the 29 August 2019 NYS exit workshop in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape.



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## WOMEN MUST BE AT THE CENTRE OF OUR ECONOMIC AGENDA- STATE PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA SAYS

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President Cyril Ramaphosa said that Government working with business and labour will restore the economy and create opportunities especially for women and youth, he was speaking at the 2019 National Women's Day event held recently in Vryburg in the North West.

President Ramaphosa said that government is implementing a revitalized industrial strategy in support of key growth sectors in the economy with the greatest potential to create jobs.

"As we implement the agreements of last year's Jobs Summit, we are working to ensure that we overcome the disadvantages that confront women in the world of work."

"The empowerment of women remains an important part our employment equity and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment policies." President Ramaphosa said.

The 2019 Women's Day commemorations formed part of the nation's celebration of 25 years of freedom and democracy. It also provided an opportunity for government to reflect on its achievements and the crucial role it plays in women empowerment.

Meanwhile the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure used the Women's Day event to showcase some of the work done by women who are participating in the EPWP.



The department showcased the pottery artwork done by women from a cooperative supported by EPWP in the area. The women – all of whom are living with disability – come from Semphethe Pottery Cooperative and they manufacture pottery tea cups and plates.

One of the women - Ms. Linda Mothibedi (48) – thanked the government for giving her an opportunity to participate in the EPWP. "The EPWP has given me hope. The monthly stipend that I receive also assists me to look after 6 children."

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE TABLES EPWP RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES TO LESEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN GAUTENG

Article & pictures Michael Mokoena



In an effort to encourage transparency and accountability in the recruitment of community members into the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has presented the EPWP Recruitment Guidelines to the Lesedi Local Municipality in Heidelberg in Gauteng.

The presentation, which was tabled to the political principles (Executive Mayor, Speaker, Councillors) and senior officials in the municipality, was led by the Department's EPWP Manager in the province Ms. Beauty Kutumane and the Acting Chief Director: EPWP Sustainable Livelihoods, Convergence and Compliance Ms. Lindiwe Nkuna.

In her presentation, Ms. Nkuna said it was vital to ensure transparency and fairness in the appointment of community members into the EPWP.

"The EPWP is aimed at alleviating poverty through the creation of short to medium term work opportunities for the poor and unemployed South Africans. Therefore deserving community members must be afforded a fair opportunity to participate in the Programme."

She added that "our recruitment process must be transparent, ethical, equitable and accountable".

Ms. Nkuna urged councillors to continue to plan an oversight role in the implementation of the EPWP and to not politicize the recruitment of participants into the Programme.

The municipality, led by Executive Mayor, Speaker and the Municipal Manager, welcomed the presentation of the EPWP Recruitment Guidelines.