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### Upcoming events

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) and the Department of Social Development will from 02 to 04 March 2020 host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Social Sector Conference at Saint George Hotel and Conference Centre in Gauteng

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) will from 02 to 06 March 2020 host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) SIYB Training for Vuk'uphile Contractors in Limpopo

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) will from 09 to 13 March 2020 host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Learning Programme in Worcester, Western Cape



## EPWP TRAINING LEADS TO PERMANENT JOBS FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

Article & picture by Michael Mokoena



A total of seven (7) young women from Upington in the Northern Cape have been permanently employed in the province's tourism sector after the successful completion of a 3-year Diploma in Professional Cookery which was funded by the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). These young graduates are employed by various hospitality institutions in the Northern Cape – which are Protea Hotel, Kalahari Lodge and Odessa Guest House in Upington.

The seven women are part of 17 EPWP participants who have successfully completed the diploma, which was offered by the Northern Cape Rural TVET College.

While seven of the women are permanently employed, some of them have opened their own small food companies in the area.

This 3-year training was as a result of the partnership between the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) EPWP Branch,

the Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism as well as the Northern Cape Rural TVET College.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony that was held recently in Upington, the Acting Head of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism Ms. Jean Wilson emphasized that the collaboration between government, private sector and civil society was at the core of the success of the EPWP funded training. Speaking to the graduates, Ms. Wilson congratulated them for their achievement and urged them to continue to take advantage of opportunities that exists in the tourism sector.

One graduate, Ms. Portia Mothibi, said the three-year training offered them skills that they can use to lift themselves out of poverty. "As I speak today, I have opened my own food kitchen. Through the EPWP, I am now able to provide for myself and for my loved ones," Ms Mothibi added.

## DPWI IN EASTERN CAPE REGION HOSTS NYS GRADUATIONS IN MTHATHA

Article & pictures by Karen Mthombeni



practical. During practical work, both groups participated in the renovation of the local offices of the Department of Home Affairs as well as the Magistrates Court.

The exit workshops were led by the EPWP Programme Manager in the Eastern Cape, Mr Mziwabantu Ntse who wished exiting participants well for the future. The DPWI Head Office was represented by the NYS' Philip Tambani who encouraged the participants to use the skills they have acquired to better their lives and their communities.

Various stakeholders including Department of Employment and Labour as well as Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) attended the workshop.

One of the participants from Mount Fletcher, Ms Siphokazi Dhadha said: "The skills I have acquired from this project has lifted me out of poverty...today I am doing plumbing work in my community. I thank the EPWP for giving me an opportunity to earn an income and acquire new skills."

The Department of Public Works & Infrastructure (DPWI) in the Eastern Cape hosted the National Youth Service (NYS) exit workshop in Lusikisiki and in Mount Fletcher on the 5th and 6th of February 2020. A total of 47 learners exited the Programme at the Lusikisiki event, while Mount Fletcher saw the exit of 40 young people.

Both groups of participants (Lusikisiki and Mount Fletcher) were trained in a range of artisan related skills such as tiling, carpentry, plumbing and bricklaying. The training was both theoretical and

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