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GAUTENG REGIONAL OFFICE OF DPWI PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EPWP-AGRISETA ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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"In Pretoria, we visited Gregoire Unisex Salon which is providing Hairdressing training to participants while in Johannesburg we visited the Artisan Development College which is providing 10 participants with training in mechanical artisan trade. We are pleased with the quality of training that participants at both sites are receiving," Mr. Ramashau said.

Ms. Mulima commended all role-players for working together to move the Programme forward. She also praised the participants for their commitment to the Programme. The facilitator at the Artisan Development College, Ms. Khensani Baloyi said that the skills given to participants will assist them to find work or open their own businesses after exiting.

The EPWP-AgriSETA Artisan Development Programme is a national programme aimed at training 400 EPWP artisans across the country to enhance their skills, improve their employability, and the ability to start their own businesses. The Programme is funded through the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) - National Skills Fund.

Participants' Testimonials

The participants at the college expressed gratitude for being selected to participate in the programme. Ms. Nkutilweleng Lesetla said that "participating in the EPWP-AgriSETA Artisan Development Programme has built my confidence...I have learned a lot about the field of mechanical engineering".

A participant at Gregoire Unisex Salon, Ms. Sophie Mahunga said that she will use the skills that she is acquiring to start her own business after exiting the programme.



The Gauteng Regional Office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) is pleased with the progress of the implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) - AgriSETA Artisan Development Programme in the province.

According to the Training Coordinator from the regional office, Mr. Vincent Ramashau, the commitment of all role-players has contributed to the successful implementation of the Programme in Johannesburg and Pretoria regions.

Mr. Ramashau and his colleague, Ms. Julia Mulima recently visited workplaces (companies) that are participating in the implementation of this programme by placing learners to acquire practical training in different Artisan Development Programme trades.



EPWP PARTICIPANTS IN LIMPOPO RECEIVE SIYB TRAINING

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) recently delivered the Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) training to Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants who are working as general workers at the Limpopo Department of Health. The four-day training workshop was officiated by DPWI's EPWP Enterprise Development Unit and was attended by 70 participants.

The workshop was conducted by various officials from DPWI including the Deputy Director for EPWP Enterprise Development in Limpopo, Ms. Victoria Mphahlele. In her opening remarks, Ms. Mphahlele explained to the participants that the "objective of this training is to give you a better understanding of how to start your own business".

"We want you to know what to expect if you venture into the business world as well as provide you with tools you can use to navigate the business environment," she said.

The Deputy Director for Vuk'uphile Learnership Programme, Mr. Osborne Neluvhani encouraged participants who were planning to open businesses to be committed and dedicated to their companies.

The Deputy Director for EPWP Environment and Culture Sector in Limpopo, Mr. Azwianewi Makatu advised participants to "integrate what you have learned from this training to the practical experience that you have acquired from the EPWP project that you participated in".

The participants who attended the training worked as general workers in various units (within the Limpopo Department of Health) such as horticulture, plumbing, painting, carpentry, and landscaping.

Participants' Testimonial

Ms. Matsatsi Melindah Magwele thanked the DPWI for granting her the opportunity to attend the SIYB training. "The training gave us a better understanding of how to start a business."

"I have also gained a lot of experience from participating in the Limpopo Department of Health EPWP project and I believe that I am ready to start my own business" she added.

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