



## Former EPWP participant gets permanent employment

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A Bloemfontein woman has gained permanent employment in the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) after having participated in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Ms. Annekie De Wee has been appointed as a security administration officer at DPWI's Bloemfontein Regional Office following her completion of the EPWP General Security Practice Learnership.

She stated that the security-related skills she acquired from the EPWP assisted her to get employment in the Department.

"The training I received from the EPWP learnership included proper use of security equipment, conducting security patrols, and handling complaints and problems. The training covered both theoretical and practical aspects of security work," De Wee said. She pointed out that upon completing the training, she applied

for a vacant security administration position in the Department and was subsequently appointed to the position.

"I must state that before joining the EPWP, I had already completed Grade C security training. So during the interview, I displayed a wider understanding of security work," she stated. De Wee took the EPWP News through the emotional day when she received a call from the Department informing her that she had been hired.

"I will never forget the day I received the good news!! The phone call came through while I was at the doctor's office...as I was waiting for the doctor to attend to my son the phone rang and the official on the line told me I had been hired. I was so elated! I looked at my son and with a big smile I said "Mommy just got a job!"

She continued “I could not contain my excitement, I even shared the good news with the doctor”.

Explaining her first day at work, De Wee said that she was made to feel at home as her supervisor introduced her to officials within the unit and was also taken through some of the work activities that she was expected to perform on a daily basis.

She indicated that as a security officer in the Department, some of the tasks that she performs include security vetting of officials, taking fingerprints of officials who have just been hired, manning the security control area, and providing general security services in the Department.

De Wee encouraged community members who are currently participating in the EPWP to use the Programme to create a better lives for themselves.

“I appeal to participants to not underestimate the value of the EPWP. I urge them to look beyond the monthly stipend but rather to focus on the bigger picture...they must use the EPWP as a springboard to reach for their dreams,” she added.

The manager responsible for EPWP Training at DPWI's Bloemfontein Regional Office, Ms. Rose Dichakane explained that De Wee was one of the 22 participants who were part of the training.

She indicated that the training was initiated by the regional office and was funded by the National Skills Fund (NSF).

“Although the learnership was initially for a duration of 12 months, it was extended for an additional six months because at that time there was a shortage of security officers in our regional office. When a vacancy for one security officer was advertised, all the participants applied and after the interviews, De Wee was the one who was appointed,” Dichakane said.

She elaborated that while De Wee was the only one appointed by DPWI, she had received reports that some learners had also obtained employment in various private companies in the Free State.

The manager responsible for the learnership in the Department, Mr. Thapelo Sedupane, said that De Wee's appointment to the Department proved that EPWP does contribute to sustainable livelihoods.

# DPWI hosts virtual EPWP Community of Practice (COP) Webinar

Article and pictures by Kgomotso Mathuloe

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure hosted the community of Practice webinar recently. The webinar was hosted under the theme “Sustainable livelihood interventions through the Expanded Public Works Programme”.

Opening the session, the Deputy Director General for the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams welcomed attendees and outlined the purpose of the session, she highlighted that EPWP Communities of Practice is aimed at encouraging a culture of information sharing through structured discussions to develop approaches and methodologies to manage the growing EPWP information and knowledge.

The Director for Enterprise Development, Mr. Malusi Hadebe made a presentation on the role of Enterprise Development in the EPWP. He said that the EPWP Enterprise Unit offers a range of assistance such as assisting participants to start small businesses, developing the marketing plan, costing of products and services and financial planning, where feasible. The directorate also refers EPWP participants to other enterprise development agencies for support.

Presenting the role of training within EPWP, the Director responsible for Training, Ms Cinderella Makunike reiterated the important role of training within EPWP. Ms Makunike said that training in EPWP assists in equipping participants with the skills and knowledge they need to perform better on the projects they are working on and also to improve their chances to enter the job market and thereby contribute to the country’s economy.

She further said that EPWP provides training to eligible participants in the programme. This includes women, youth and people with disabilities. “The training covers a range of areas informed by sector priorities including basic financial literacy, vocational skills and entrepreneurship development.” Ms Makunike said.

Ms Makunike also outlined the key benefits of EPWP training as follows:

- To improve the productivity of the participant while they work;
- To improve the employability of participants.

“This not only benefits the participants, but also contributes to the overall economic growth of the country and ultimately to address the skills shortages in key sectors of the economy e.g. artisan development training” Ms. Makunike said.

Mr Tjaart van der Walt, Director: EPWP Analyst presented on the EPWP role in ensuring sustainable livelihoods for participants. He highlighted a range of critical factors that contribute to the concept of Sustainable Livelihoods, as follows:

- The amount of money paid for the work
- The duration of the work
- Making payments on time: enhancing the regularity and predictability of income
- Ensuring that wages are well-targeted at people who need it the most and at areas where poverty levels are highest.
- Ensuring that the work undertaken does not displace existing jobs at better rates of payment which defeats the purpose of public employment and leads to a net reduction of incomes at the local levels

The session was attended by more than 200 stakeholders from national, provincial and local sphere of government as well as the Non-Profit Organisations.



# EPWP takes centre stage at DPWI Service Delivery Consultation Workshop

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The government recently met with various stakeholders from the construction sector in Johannesburg to discuss a range of issues including the creation of EPWP work opportunities for the unemployed residents of the city.

The Service Delivery Consultation Workshop was led by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) and was attended by construction sector bodies such as the Independent Development Trust (IDT), the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), representatives of the private construction sector companies, and DPWI client departments.

DPWI officials responsible for the EPWP's National Youth Services (NYS) were also in attendance - they included the Director of NYS, Ms. Lefentse Ratsela, and the Deputy Director for NYS, Ms. Lungile Zulu, as well as her counterpart, Ms. Zanele Leeuw.

Ms Ratsela delivered a detailed presentation on the EPWP, unpacking the strategic objective of the Programme. She explained that the EPWP was aimed at alleviating poverty through the creation of work opportunities for unemployed South Africans. She added that the Programme was also an important vehicle to deliver community beneficial assets and services to communities.

Ratsela's presentation also provided in-depth information on various aspects of the EPWP such as government regulations that govern the Programme; labour relation matters that relate to the Programme; regulations that guide the recruitment of participants into the Programme; the importance of training in the programme and other such mechanics of the Programme.

The workshop had earlier been opened by DPWI Johannesburg Regional Office, Advocate Jeanette Monare. In her presentation, Advocate Monare called on stakeholders – especially entrepreneurs – to apply for DPWI projects so that they can contribute to the creation of work for unemployed community members.

The manager responsible for EPWP in the Johannesburg region, Mr. William Moeketsi thanked all stakeholders – contractors – who had created EPWP work opportunities in the projects they received from the Department.

The officials from the International Labour Organization (ILO) - led by the Chief Technical Advisor, Mr. Gamelihle Sibanda – were also in attendance.

The workshop also served as a platform to share information among stakeholders on all projects that DPWI regional office is currently implementing. The workshop also unpacked ways to improve working relations among stakeholders in the construction sector in the region.

The stakeholders who attended the workshop expressed gratitude to the Department for hosting the workshop. "We will continue to work with DPWI to create EPWP work opportunities in our projects," said Sir Mbeki from BNT Masinga Trading & Projects.

# KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works hosts EPWP Focus Week

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In his address, Mayor Shandu asked DPWI to coordinate the EPWP induction for all Mayors in the district. He also thanked the Department for hosting the EPWP Focus Week.

EPWP Focus Week session also took place at Ethekwini Exhibition Center in Durban. The sessions also continued in Harry Gwala District Municipality, which consists of the following local municipalities, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Greater Kokstad, Ubehlebezwe, and Umzimkulu. The session was also conducted at uGu District Municipality, which consists of the following local municipalities Ray Nkonyeni, uMdoni, Umzumba, and uMuziwabantu.

The focus week ended on 09 March 2023 with KZN-DPW officials meeting various stakeholders at the Department's head office in Pietermaritzburg.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works recently hosted the EPWP Focus Week where officials from the department engaged communities across the province on the operations of the Programme. Led by the Chief Director for EPWP in the Department, Mr. Bongani Dlamini, the three-week-long community engagement tour saw the Department engage with communities from various districts in the province on EPWP matters. According to the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's Manager for EPWP in the Province, Mr. Sduzuzo Simelane, the purpose of the EPWP focus week was to engage communities across the province on various matters that relate to the EPWP.

"The purpose of the EPWP Focus Week is to also provide a platform for communities (including municipalities) to share best practices in the creation of EPWP job opportunities as well as provide these communities with in-depth information on the EPWP," Mr Simelane said.

The KZN-EPWP Focus Week started on 20 February 2023 when the officials engaged with communities within the uMgungundlovu District. The Department also visited the ILembe District Municipality which consists of four local municipalities Mandeni, KwaDukuza, Maphumulo, and Ndwedwe. Amongst the attendees of the ILembe engagement was the Mayor of ILembe District Municipality Cllr Thobani Philani Shandu, the Deputy Mayor of KwaDukuza local Municipality, Cllr Thulani Ntuli, and the Speaker of KwaDukuza Local Municipality Dolly Govender.



# Nkangala District Municipality attends Pass-Out Parade for EPWP participants

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It was a jubilant day at the Gijima Training Academy in Pretoria as officials from Nkangala District Municipality in Mpumalanga joined their counterparts from Bidvest Protea Coin to attend a pass-out parade of EPWP participants who have been trained as security officers. The participants were trained by Bidvest Protea Coin as security officers through the Gijima Training Academy. Dressed in their security regalia, the thirty (30) young people took part in the pass-out parade in front of dignitaries from the municipality, the training provider, and the private security company.

The 12-month EPWP security training learnership is implemented by the Nkangala District Municipality through its Local Economic Development (LED) Unit. The participants have already completed the three-month theoretical part of the training and are now awaiting deployment by the company to various sites for on-the-job training.

“Once the participants are done with the 12-month training, they will be absorbed by the company as and when employment opportunities emerge,” the manager for LED at the Municipality, Mr. Johan Mangane explained.

The learners’ pass-out ceremony was attended by the MMC for Economic Development, Councillor Lindiwe Mahlangu, and the Municipal Manager, Ms. Margaret Skosana as well as other senior officials at the municipality.

Councillor Mahlangu explained that the primary aim of this learnership was to create work opportunities for young people in Nkangala District.

“The EPWP remains important in our work of tackling poverty and creating work opportunities for the community of Nkangala District. Through such programmes, we want to tackle poverty and unemployment among our youth,” Councillor Mahlangu said.

She also congratulated the young people who are part of this programme and wished them success during their training. “We have many young people who want to be part of this programme

but because of budget constraints, we are only able to take a handful. But we will continue to source more resources so that we can increase the number of young people we appoint through this learnership,” Councillor Mahlangu added.

The Municipal Manager, Ms. Skosana, commended all the stakeholders who made the learnership a success. “We have been running this learnership programme for a few years now and its success can be attributed to the working together between the municipality, DPWI, Gijima Training Academy as well as the Bidvest Protea Coin security company,” she said.

Ms. Skosana pointed out that the municipality will continue to work hard to provide more young people with opportunities through the EPWP projects that the municipality is implementing.

## Participants’ Testimonials

For Ms. Siphesihle Nkosi, Mr. Zenzele Mahlangu, and Mr. Godfrey Mabena, the training has taught them a lot about the work of a security officer.

“This learnership has taught me that being a security officer goes beyond the task of guarding property or doing patrols. Our work is broader than that and may include securing assets and human capital as well as providing a safe environment for communities,” Ms. Nkosi said.

The participants explained that their training included Grades B, D, C, and E.

All 30 participants came from six local municipalities within the Nkomazu District Municipality namely:

- Dr. JS Moroka Local Municipality
- Emakhazeni Local Municipality
- Emalahleni Local Municipality
- Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
- Thembisile Hani Local Municipality
- Victor Khanye Local Municipality

# Dozens attend KwaZulu Natal Labour Intensive Orientation Workshop

Article and pictures by Sduduzo Simelane



The KwaZulu Natal Department of Public Works EPWP coordination team, in partnership with the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI), held a two-day Labour Intensive (LI) Orientation Workshop for EPWP practitioners in the province. Facilitated by representatives of the International Labour Organization (ILO), a global social justice entity that has had a long technical support relationship with the EPWP in South Africa, the Workshop was attended by 100 officials drawn from provincial departments and municipalities across KwaZulu Natal. The Workshop was held at the Asherville Campus of the Thekwini Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College on the 16th and 17th of February 2023.

A range of topics and concepts associated with the Public Employment Programmes (PEPs), EPWP, and Labour Intensity Construction (LIC) were discussed. According to a presentation document on the workshop overview, the idea was that 'by the end of the session, participants should be able to identify relevant basic principles of labour intensive methods as well as demonstrate application in the improved planning, implementation and reporting of EPWP projects'.

Opening the Workshop, the KwaZulu Natal Chief Director of EPWP, Mr. Bongani Dlamini remarked that although many delegates were already working in the programme 'there is always something new to learn in the EPWP'. And, as if to agree with Dlamini, the facilitators ensured that, amongst others, the following were covered by the session:

- LIC approaches, procedures and principles in implementing EPWP projects
  - Aligning contract documents to EPWP requirements
- Sharing of experiences and creation of a platform for knowledge sharing in applying labour intensive methods

Inspired by useful knowledge and quality facilitation, the delegates ended the Workshop by adopting a comprehensive action plan with timeframes and to be managed by the KwaZulu Natal Department of Public Works Director for EPWP Coordination, Ms. Nondumiso Mahlaba. The action plan covers five focus areas:

- Extending the Labour Intensive Orientation training to the Environment and Culture sector
- Arranging sessions to orientate contractors on LIC
- Aligning of contract documents to incorporate EPWP elements
- Working to improve the image and reputation of the EPWP in KwaZulu Natal
- Engaging public bodies to ensure that the EPWP is institutionalised

As the session closed Ms. Mahlaba made the most apt remark: 'colleagues you have received the knowledge over the last two days, now go implement and innovate'.

# DPWI provides support to small businesses in Mpumalanga

Article by Maanea Maselesele and Lerato Mpiwa

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in partnership with Gert Sibanda District Municipality continues to provide support to Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) through Sithuthuka SMMEs Development Programme in Mpumalanga.

Selebela Bakery is one of the successful SMMEs to participate in the Programme for the period of two years which ended in 2021. During the duration of the programme the EPWP Enterprise Development Unit provided the participants with Start Your Business Training. This training provided participants with knowledge on a range of business-related matters such as Advisory Services, Tax, and Department of Employment and Labour Compliance to ensure that their business continues to operate and is sustainable.

DPWI visited the bakery which is situated at Selobela Township in Carolina-Mpumalanga. The visit was led by Mr. Evernick Malaza the EPWP ED Manager in Mbombela Regional Office. According to Mr. Mxolisi Maseko, the project manager their bakery received an EPWP grant and created 17 work opportunities. The funding also assisted the bakery with paying wages to EPWP participants, extending bakery building, and buying equipments such as ovens and mixers for the operations of the bakery. The bakery supplies the local community and businesses around Carolina. They produce fresh bread, scones, buns, biscuits, fat cakes, etc.





# EPWP participants receive training in landscaping

Article by Lerato Mpiwa and Michael Mokoena  
Pictures by Lerato Mpiwa



The Mbombela Regional Office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) recently trained 20 Expanded Public Works Programme Participants from Thaba Chweu Local Municipality in Mpumalanga under the programme Thaba Chweu Parks and Cemetery for Landscaping. The training started in November 2022 with the 8 days theoretical part and in December (same year) the participants were deployed to the municipality for the practical aspect of the training. The training is at NQF Level 3 Skills Programme.

According to DPWI's Lesley Nthangeni, the training was aimed at assisting participants to carry out their work with efficiency.

"The participants have been appointed by the municipality to provide cleaning services at sites such as community parks, libraries, and municipal precinct. The participants carry out activities such as gardening, pruning trees, and cutting the law at the sites where they are located. It was therefore important for us as DPWI to provide them with training that will assist them to do their work with dexterity," Nthangeni explained.

The training was provided by JNV Landscaping and Training.

The EPWP manager responsible for the programme at the municipality, Mr. David Mkhabela, pointed out that the participants contributed to the municipality's work of attracting tourists to the area. "Mpumalanga - including our municipality - remains an

important tourist destination in the country...we have tourists from in and outside the country visiting our area. By assisting to keep the municipality clean, the participants contribute to our local tourism," Mkhabela said.

He added that the participants were deployed at various municipal localities such as Graskop, Pilgrim's Rest, and Lydenburg.

The training provider - represented by Ms. Ignitia Khumalo from JNV Landscaping and Training - expressed confidence in the ability of the participants to grasp the knowledge given to them during training. She indicated that the following unit standards were covered during the training: Monitor Health and Safety in the horticulture industry; Applying biological control and chemical control of invader plants, Mowing of the lawn and Pruning of shrubs.

## Participants' Testimonials

Ms. Thidi Lixhele thanked the government for providing them with an opportunity to work in the EPWP. "Working in the EPWP has given hope to many of us in the community. Through the stipend, we are able to provide for our loved ones," she said.

Another participant - Ms. Lerato Mnisi - explained that the landscaping training is assisting them to not only do their work efficiently "but has given us lifelong skills we can use to make a living for ourselves when we eventually exit from the Programme."



# Department of Public Works and Infrastructure condemns the delayed payment of participants' wages

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The Deputy Director General of the Expanded Public Works Programme, Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams has raised concern over the recent media reports regarding the EPWP participants in the Eastern Cape who have been reported to not having received their payments on time.

“It is disturbing and unfortunate that some of the EPWP participants have to experience hardships of non-payments and late payments of their wages whereas the primary aim of the Programme is to alleviate poverty among the most vulnerable and poor people within our communities.”

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as the lead coordinator of the Programme call upon EPWP implementing bodies to put measures in place to address the late payments of participants and ensure that the EPWP projects are implemented within the principles that govern the Programme. “It is upon every implementing body of the EPWP to note that most of these participants have no other means of survival and they solely depend on the EPWP for their welfare, Ms. Abrahams concluded.

Subsequent to the meeting between DPWI and relevant stakeholders the participants in question have since been paid their wages. The EPWP implementing bodies are requested to ensure that in the future, participants should always be paid on time and under no circumstances the participants should receive late payments or non-payments.

The mandate of the EPWP is to alleviate poverty and unemployment by providing short-term to medium term labour intensive work opportunities to poor and unemployed South Africans, thereby providing income relief.

The conditions of work for the EPWP participants are outlined in the EPWP Ministerial determination and among others, the conditions for the payment stipulate that:

- An employer must pay all the wages at least monthly in cash or by cheque or into a bank account
- A worker may not be paid less than the minimum wage rate per day or per task
- A task-rated worker will only be paid for tasks that have been completed
- An employer must pay a task-rated worker within five weeks of the work being completed and the work have been approved by the manager or the contractor having submitted an invoice to the employer
- A time rated worker will be paid at the end of each month



# Polokwane Regional Office provides environmental practice training to CWP participants

Article by Michael Mokoena

Pictures by Phuti Ngoasheng



The Community Works Programme (CWP) participants at Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality in Limpopo have received training on Environmental Practice. The training was delivered through the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's Polokwane Regional Office's EPWP Training Unit. The aim of the training was to provide Participants with skills they can use to make a living after exiting the Programme.

The CWP is a sub-programme of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and is led by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta). According to the EPWP Training Manager at DPWI's Polokwane Regional Office, Ms. Phuti Ngoasheng, the 20 participants will be able to use the knowledge they received from the training to find work or even create small businesses upon exiting the Programme.

"The training has also given the participants an opportunity to encourage their children to study," she said. Upon completing the course, a graduation ceremony was hosted for the participants. "Seeing themselves wearing graduation gowns was also a cherry on top for many of these participants as some of them never imagined themselves wearing such gowns," Ngoasheng added.

All 20 participants were women and eight of them are young people.

Participants received 8 days of theoretical learning and 19 days of workplace learning.

During the workplace learning, participants were assigned mentors, who ensured that they gained appropriate skills and knowledge while in the workplace

These participants were trained on National Certificate on Environmental Practice, NQF 2 and some of the unit standards included the following:

- Use tools & operate equipment in an environmentally responsible manner
- 12463 - Understand and deal with HIV/AIDS
- 113818 - Clean and maintain the area of responsibility

Providing a strategic overview of the work of the EPWP in the region, Ngoasheng explained that DPWI secured funding from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) - National Skills Fund (NSF), to support the EPWP training initiatives across all Provinces.

"The objective of the training is to equip the participants with skills and knowledge which will enable them to effectively implement their EPWP projects and to enhance their active participation in the labour market and SMMEs development at exit level," she said.

Ngoasheng elaborated that out of the national target of 7000 training on Skills Programmes, Limpopo has approved training applications to train 537 learners and 7 (ETQA) SETAs will play an important role in providing quality assurance and ensuring that the participants are certificated.

"Talent Emporium Academy was contracted to train the 20 CWP participants. The academy is a fully accredited training provider, and has accreditation on National Certificate in Environmental Practice amongst others," she added.



To implement this CPW project, the Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs is working with the South African Youth Movement (SAYM) as an Implementing Agent.

The 20 participants have been placed at Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality (under Mopani District) where they are working with local clinics, South African Police Services (SAPS), and local based Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in various campaigns and community outreach programmes.

The project is performing tasks directly assisting the municipality with service delivery by means of Community Services. Participants perform the following tasks amongst others: cleaning of cemeteries, cleaning of community halls/schools/churches, clearing of illegal dump sites and rubbish pits.

## Participants' Testimonials

Participants have expressed gratitude for the training as well as an opportunity to work and earn an income. One participant – Ms. Alletah Sithole – explained that the training has impacted on lives of participants in a positive way. She said that at home, their children were also encouraged to study, as they saw them (as parents) also studying.

# Kimberley Regional Office provides plant production training to CWP participants

Article by Michael Mokoena  
Pictures by Meshack Moduka



The Kimberley Regional Office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) recently provided plant production training to 25 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants from Richtersveld Local Municipality in the Northern Cape. The participants are placed at the municipality as part of the Community Works Programme (CWP) programme.

The official responsible for the training, Mr. Meshack Moduka, explained that the training was part of the strategy to exit the participants from the Programme.

“After the training, participants will be able to operate mainly in the agricultural sector, and will be better equipped to grow and maintain their food gardens which will provide the necessary food security in the poverty-stricken communities which aligns with the objectives of the Community Workers Programme,” he said.

Moduka further stated that the qualification – which is accredited by AgriSETA at NQF Level 2 – will also capacitate participants involved in the agricultural environment to be able to practice the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to operate professionally.

“The training also enables the person to appreciate the basic genetic and physiological regulations on plant growth, the impact on the growth of soil, water, nutrient, disease and pest control, and the influence of management processes. It also enhances their career opportunities within the agricultural environment,” he added.

He indicated that upon completion of the qualification, it was envisaged that participants will be able to access higher qualifications within the learning pathway.

Moduka stated that as part of the practical component of the training, participants set up a food garden at one of the local schools. “The garden at the school will assist in providing food for the School Nutrition programme which will ensure proper nutrition to their children at school,” he said.

He added that the school principal was also involved in the project and assisted in approaching the Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Land Reform for additional seedlings. “The school has also committed to assisting in the maintenance of the food garden,” he said.

Moduka explained that the participants were thrilled about the training. “The participants stated that the training has opened doors and enhanced their skill in plant production which will assist them to improve on techniques of how to maximize growth in their own food gardens which will greatly benefit the community.”

He added that the participants also took pride in the fact that the food garden is contributing to the School Nutrition programme which will ensure proper nutrition of the children at school.

“The participants have also expressed excitement on the fact that AgriSETA will provide them with accredited certificates which will assist them to access entry-level jobs within the farming community.”



# EPWP GALLERY

