



Media statement

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Department restores dignity of the communities through CWP

Mahikeng – At least 15 908 previously unemployed people from 15 local municipalities in Bokone-Bophirima are involved various projects that are intended to address community needs and priorities in their respective wards, through the Community Work Programme (CWP) which is a non-state sector component within the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).

Such projects include vegetable gardens, building of public amenities such as old age homes, , clearing of illegal dumping sites, home-based care, community house building, cleaning of illegal dumping sites etc. Through the programme, 25 CWP participants have enrolled (2015-2018) for a Grade R Diploma through the University of North West (Potchefstroom campus), through distance learning.

CWP is a programme of the national Department of Cooperative Governance and it targets unemployed and underemployed people within communities at ward level to accelerate job creation and enhance service delivery through 'useful work'. The main purpose of the programme is to provide an employment safety net, to contribute to the development of public assets and services in poor communities, to strengthen community development approaches and to improve the quality of life for people in marginalised economic areas by providing work experience, enhancing dignity and promoting social and economic inclusion.

Participants have been contracted for a period of three years (2014-2017), work eight days a month and receive a stipend of R608. Their main role is to identify 'useful work' in their wards that address community needs and priorities. The "useful work" is planned in partnership with ward councillors and traditional councils and institutions identified through the support of implementing agents and municipalities.

MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Collen Maine said the programme has immensely changed the lives of benefitting communities. "People will acquire different skills and the much needed experience in the job market something which will go a long way in changing their lives. They must embrace the opportunity and make full use of it", he said.

The Department has partnered with other stakeholders such as Departments of Social Development, Public Works and NGOs in order to ensure that the programme achieve its intended objective.

Local municipalities that have benefited from CWP are : Mahikeng, Ratlou, Tswaing, Ramotshere Moiloa, Moses Kotane, Madibeng, Moretele, Rustenburg, Ventersdorp, Maquassi Hills, Greater Taung, Naledi, Kagisano-Molopo, Mamusa and Kgetleng Rivier.

Toilet was built at Nyetse Home Based Care



CWP PARTICIPANTS DONATING VEGETABLES TO THE NEEDY AT NYETSE



PARTICIPANT DONATING SPINACH AT BORAKALALO



CWP PARTICIPANTS BUILDING A HOME FOR AN ELDERLY AT LEKGOPHU



KAGISANO –MOLOPO



Donated vegetables for feeding scheme at school: Botsalano primary school ward 10.

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