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Youth in waste project well on track in identified municipalities

Schweizer-Reneke - The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements has invested R2 million to change the face of at least four municipalities in Bokone Bophirima, a Youth in Waste Management Project which started mid last year.



The project which is the brainchild of the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements has benefitted at least four local municipalities, namely Tswaing, Maquassi Hills, Mamusa and Moretele local municipalities and is to end in March 2015.

The project is funded through the Department of Public Works' Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) Grant and has employed at least 100 young people from these municipalities and they receive a monthly stipend of R1640.

At the completion of the project, these young people will receive certificates of competence in basic waste management. Furthermore, a prize will be awarded to the cleanest community where the beneficiaries were deployed.

The project is set to assist municipalities raise awareness about waste management, encourage youth to take part in waste management ventures, forge partnership of stakeholders to provide resources for the implementation of the project, whilst creating temporary employment. The project focuses on waste management, i.e. waste recycling or removal in areas such as schools, sidewalks, parks, central business district (CBD) etc.



“Once this programme is rolled out successfully in these four (4) municipalities, we will engage with the Department of Public Works to avail more funds for it (project) to be extended to other municipalities. The daily running of the project will be monitored by designated waste officers at the municipality level and they will be supported by the Department, said MEC Collen Maine.

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