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“We hosted Public Works Minister, Thoko Didiza, her nine MEC’s and HODs in Bojanala Region on Wednesday and Thursday. As a prelude to the Minister-MECs (MinMec), host MEC, Jerry Thibedi took the delegation on a visit to five EPWP and NYS projects in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality”.

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Public Works Minister, Thoko Didiza encouraged Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and the National Youth Service (NYS) beneficiaries to take advantage of the skills they acquire through such programmes.

Minister Didiza, her deputy, Mr Ntopile Kganyago and MEC’s from nine provinces including heads of departments converged onto Moses Kotane Local Municipality where they interacted with EPWP and NYS beneficiaries on Thursday.

The visit to the five projects was a prelude to their two-day meeting (MinMec) held in Bojanala Region near Rustenburg.

Projects visited included visits to EPWP infrastructure, social and culture projects.

“Work in the two programmes is labour intensive, and most find it difficult to survive, but all beneficiaries need to be dedicated, have the right mind-set and their commitment will take them to greater heights. Hard work never did anyone any harm,” Didiza told more than 100 young beneficiaries.

Projects in the infrastructure sector have already created 651 jobs through the construction of the 200 bed Moses Kotane Hospital in Ledig, 427 beneficiaries received training in soft and hard skills through the R56m Boshhoek-Sun City road project and 20 through the paving at Mogwase Public Works Offices.

Project manager, Ms Itumeleng Modimola of the Pholo Modi Wa Setshaba, an EPWP social project showed how the community of Welgeval embraced and supported the project which has touched the lives of many rural communities in the Moses Kotane Municipality.

The project is run by 14 women, nine youth and five men.

Pholo Modi Wa Sechaba offer Home-Based-Care, counselling, after-care programme, early childhood development, poverty alleviation, soup kitchen and community outreach to Lerome, Dikweipi and Sandfontein villages..

“We are proud as government to have members of the community that continue to provide excellent service to their communities through EPWP. Indeed Pholo Modi Wa Sechaba project proves that working together towards a common goal,” Didiza said.

She said upon completion of projects, beneficiaries could still access opportunities tailor-made for them by government which include bursaries to further studies in the built-environment. Beneficiaries could also apply for finance from Umsobomvu to start small businesses.

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