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### **EPWP BRINGS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION IN TAUNG**

The North West Department of Public Works is spending R3, 4 million on the construction of Community Halls at Modimong and Cokonyane Villages in Taung. Both Projects commenced in September last year and have thus-far provided training opportunities for thirty-one bricklayers and created a hundred job opportunities for previously unemployed villagers.

The Community Hall Construction Projects implemented as an exit strategy for learner contractor graduates previously on the Modimola EPWP Project include the construction of traditional meeting areas (Kgotlas) near the halls and construction of traditional cooking areas (Digotlo) and sceptic tanks on the hall premises.

Phase One of the Land Care Programme included bush clearing for boundary fencing, drilling, testing of borehole and establishing windmills in Modimong village. A hundred families in the village also benefited through the Household Food Security Programme.

The Second Phase for the 7 kilometres road upgrading and surfacing project between Cokonyane and Modimong Villages is to commence in May.

Congratulating learner contractor graduates on his project site visit recently, MEC for Public Works, Mr Howard Yawa-MPL said; "It is encouraging that in less than a year, learner contractors from Modimola EPWP Project have reached Construction Industry Development Board Level three grading. The intervention in Modimong also includes skill development for local aspirant contractors through a Learnership programme".

Fifteen contracts will in due course be awarded to local learner-contractors for the construction of thirty kilometers village roads in Modimong and Cokonyane villages including the access road to Heulingspan.



The Projects are part of the R93, 6 million Modimong Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Project launched in February 2006 as part of government's Accelerated Shared Growth Initiative of South Africa (ASGISA) and massification of EPWP.

The integrated project is a partnership of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, Bophirima District Council and the Greater Taung Local Municipality

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