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NCOP GIVES THUMPS UP TO EPWP IN KGALAGADI DISTRICT

The Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), the Honourable Mr. Mninwa Johannes Mahlangu today applauded participants in Expanded Public Works Programme Projects for their patience, voluntarism and commitment towards community development.

The Chairperson led a delegation of Members of Parliament to two Expanded Public Works Programme Projects in Mothibistadt as part of the NCOP's Taking Parliament to the People Campaign.

The North West Department of Public Works has spend close to R480 000 on renovation of offices of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment and the first phase of Brickmaking, paving and erection of 15 carports at the Moshaweng Area Project Office of the Department of Education in the area.

The 22 beneficiaries involved in both projects received on site accredited training in brickmaking, paving, painting, HIV and Aids Education, Financial Management and Career Guidance.



The delegation also visited the paving bricks manufacturing site at the Mothibistadt Public Works yard and Members of Parliament learned paving brick manufacturing from enthusiastic EPWP beneficiaries.

An upbeat Mahlangu commented the beneficiaries for participating in the programme to acquire skills while contributing towards community development. He said that their positive attitude would benefit them towards becoming successful entrepreneurs.

The second phase of the Brickmaking, Paving and erection of additional 15 carports at the Moshaweng Area Project Office commences on the 3 April 2006.

Northern Cape MEC for Social Development, Mr. Goolam Akawaray and Councillors of the Ga-Segonyane local Municipality were part of the NCOP delegation.

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