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NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF EPWP

The North West Department of Public Works in its closing presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Public Works informed the committee that the National Department of Public Works has appointed a team of experts to assist the Central District Municipality Integrate Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) delivery approaches in the delivery of Basic Infrastructure such as roads and side walk ways. A budget of R50 million has been set-aside for this purpose.

The Multiparty Parliamentary Delegation led by its Chairperson, Mr. Fezile Bhengu today concluded its hectic five-days Provincial Oversight Visit programme that included interaction with the Department of Public Works, the Department of Developmental Local Government, municipalities, traditional leaders and communities in the Bojanala, Bophirima and Central Region.

The North West Department of Public Works also informed the committee that it is in the process of developing a Provincial Expanded Public Works Business Plan for the current financial year and the next two years.

The Business Plan will serve as an annexure to the Memorandum of Agreement that the National Minister of Public Works and the Province will sign in line with the Intergovernmental Relations Act in order to improve implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme and identify exit opportunities for beneficiaries.

The department will also work with all Public Bodies to put in place sector coordinating structures at all levels.



The Provincial Oversight Visit included project Site Visits to the R25 million Integrated Modimola Expanded Public Works Project near Mafikeng, the Boitekong Water Reticulation EPWP Project and Meriting Road Construction EPWP Project in Rustenburg. The highlight of the visit was the Project Site Visit to the R93 million Modimong EPWP Project in Taung launched early this year.

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