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NORTH WEST TO LAUNCH MASSIVE EPWP PROJECT IN TAUNG

North West Premier, Honourable Mme Edna Molewa and the MEC Howard Yawa of the Department of Public Works are to launch a massive multi-million Expanded Public Works Project (EPWP) in Modimong Village, Greater Taung Local Municipality on Friday 17 February 2006.

The Integrated Modimong Project is a replicate of the R24 million Modimola EPWP Flagship Project in terms of elements of road construction and household food security but has unique additional elements to stimulate and boost economic activity as part of Taung Development Programme.

The Taung Development Programme is a Special High Impact Programme and the province's contribution towards Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (ASGISA). The Project adds to the 207 EPWP Projects that have created thus far 13 578-job opportunities throughout the Province in the current financial year.

The intervention in Modimong village is expected to alleviate poverty, provide training opportunities and create jobs for unemployed villagers in Modimong and neighbouring villages.



The Project is partly funded and coordinated by the Department of Public Works in partnership with the Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, the Department of Labour and the Greater Taung Local Municipality.

Members of the Executive Council, Members of the Public Works Portfolio Committees of the National Assembly, NCOP, the Provincial legislature, traditional leaders and business people are expected to grace the occasion.

The Modimola EPWP Project was last month awarded a Gold Award as the Best Performing Project Team in the Province during the 2005 Premier's Public Service Excellence Awards.

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