



the dpw

Department of Public Works
Departament van Openbare Werke
Lefapha La Ditiro Tsa Setshaba

OFFICE OF THE MEC

PRESS RELEASE

20 February 2006

SMME DEVELOPMENT IMPRESSES MEC YAWA

North West Public Works MEC, Honourable Howard Yawa says SMME development is a key to the achievement of Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment. MEC Yawa said this today on conclusion of Project Site Visits to Maboloka Traditional Council Offices and Community Hall Building Project outside Brits and the Moses Kotane Hospital Revitalisation Project in Ledig near Sun City.

Commenting on the training of 12 local SMME's involved in the R3 million Maboloka Traditional Offices and Community Hall Project, MEC Yawa said, "The model of the skills development and empowerment initiative used in this specific project is phenomenal."

The Project has thus far created 173 job and training opportunities for unemployed and unskilled locals. 6 Women SMME Contractors and 6 Male SMME Contractors are receiving on-site training in Construction Management, Financial Management, Reading Drawings, and Completion of Bill of quantities and Tendering.

According to the Professional team, the Construction of 39 staff housing units, which are part of the new 200 beds Moses Kotane District Hospital under construction, is 5 months ahead of schedule and the R200 million Hospital Building Project has thus far created close to 500 job opportunities.



Kgosi David Lion of the Bataung Traditional Council expressed his council's appreciation of the Maboloka Traditional Council Offices and Community Hall Building Project. He said that no government has shown respect and support for traditional institutions such as the ANC led government.

The Mayor of Moses Kotane local Municipality, Councillors and officials of Madibeng and Moses Kotane Local Municipalities accompanied MEC Yawa during the project site visits. The purpose of the Project Site visits was for the MEC to appraise himself of progress on Projects being implemented by the Department of Public Works in the Bojanala Region.

**ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FOR FURTHER CLARITY CONTACT: Lesiba Moses Kgwele (Departmental
Spokesperson) on 018-387 2447 OR 083 629 1987**