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### YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN EPWP IS ENCOURAGING SAYS YAWA

The North West Department of Public Works has recruited over a hundred Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) beneficiaries for EPWP Projects in the Southern Region for the current financial year. According to MEC for the department, Honourable Howard Yawa, training of beneficiaries in tiling, painting and carpentry has commenced as the department has set aside R1.4 million towards training and salaries of the beneficiaries.

In line with the department's resolve to make a difference, public infrastructure maintenance and renovation Projects in EPWP mode have already commenced at the Ventersdorp Road camp, the District Office of the Department of Transport, Road and Community safety in Ventersdorp and Landscaping at the Regional Office of the Department of Public Works in Potchefstroom.

The beneficiaries will also receive training in Life skills that include amongst others career guidance, HIV and Aids and financial management skills.

" In the last financial year, 5355 youth participated in the Expanded Public Works Programme in the Province through various projects in their communities. As a department we created 38 Learnership contractors as a contribution towards deepening youth participation in development. It is encouraging that our young people have seized opportunities that the age of hope have presented to them and are acquiring skills in order to participate in the economy and in community development." says MEC Yawa.

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