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Summit, Re-oils EPWP the job creation machinery



MEC Thabitha Mohlala addressing delegates during EPWP Summit

The Limpopo department of Public Works (LDPW) as a coordinator for EPWP (Expanded Public Works Programme) in the province, convened an EPWP Summit on the 12th and 13th of July 2012 in Polokwane. The delegates for the summit were National Public Works (NPW), Limpopo Department of Agriculture (LDA), Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (LDSAC), Limpopo Department of Economic Development and Tourism (LEDET) Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), 5 Districts Municipalities and 25 Local Municipalities. The two day summit was aimed to intensify the contribution on National Gov-

ernment's job creation targets of 4.5 million by 2014/15.

In delivering the key note address during Summit, MEC Thabitha Mohlala said, "this is a call for Political buy – in of municipal Mayors and municipal Mangers to implement and monitor EPWP performance targets". "We cannot do this alone without all the executive mayors, mayors and all the stakeholders in the province so that we can achieve goals". She also added that the recent National Portfolio Committee on Public Works oversight visit, raised concerns over the performance by municipalities". She congratulat-

ed the Vhembe District Municipality on being the best performing municipality in the province in terms of implementing EPWP projects since its launch in April 2004 of Phase 1.

The HOD for the department of Public Works, Mr Madidimalo Chaamano, on his report indicated the Limpopo Province showed a remarkable improvement since 2009 to date. In 2009/10 financial year, it came at fourth position and in 2010/11 financial year it was at third position compared to other provinces, this regardless of the smaller budget which was allocated to the province

The infrastructure sector remains the best performer in terms of work opportunities created and municipalities were encouraged to work harder and closer with all the relevant stakeholders in order to ensure the much needed job creation for our people. The EPWP is one of government instrument and strategies aimed to reduce poverty and provide income relief through the creation of temporary work for the unemployed to carry out socially and economically useful activities.



Officials and delegates during EPWP Summit

Public Works and Business Sector donates a house



Mrs Mdluli and her son together with DPW officials

As part of this year's Mandela Day celebration, the Department of Public Works (DPW) in partnership with the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality (GTLM) and the business sector donated a house to Mrs Grace Mdluli aged 73. The sod turning for the house was done by MEC Thabitha Mohlale and Mayor NJ Mahlake of GTLM at Phiring Village on the 18th July 2012.

Mandela day came as call to ac-

tion, for people to recognize their individual ability to make an impression and change the world around them. Mandela Day has been created to inspire people from every corner of the world to embrace the values that have embodied Nelson Mandela's life – democracy; equality; reconciliation; diversity; responsibility; respect and freedom – for these are the values of Nelson

Mandela and they are his legacy to the world. Nelson Mandela has given 67 years of his life fighting for the rights of humanity. Mandela Day would involve taking 67 minutes in the day to do something for the good of humanity and the planet, in recognition of the 67 years Mandela devoted to liberating South Africa.

Mrs Mdluli, who is a pen-

sioner, and her two sons share a dilapidated one roomed house that can fall at any time, she was identified by the local municipality as one of those in need of proper shelter. The business sector donated the materials that are currently being used for the construction of the house, while the department has provided labourers. It is anticipated that the house will be fully build by mid-August 2012.



All system go: LDPW officials packing bricks which will be used to build Ms Mdluli's house

Events highlights



Do you really know your department?

The quiz published in the first edition of Mishumo E-newsletter was created as a survey to see how much we know about the Department and also as a small survey to see how many of our internal stakeholders read the newsletter.

Congratulations are in order to Ms Fatima Lutchman, Transport Officer at Head Office who is the winner of the quiz placed on the 1st e-newsletter of the Department. Ms Lutchman received the special token of appreciation as promised. Thank you for participating.

It is however disappointing that Ms Lutchman is the only person who took the time to respond.

If there is anything you would want us to include on the e-newsletter or improve on, please do let us know by e-mailing

newsroom@dpw.limpopo.gov.za

Look out for the next quiz in the 2nd edition of the electronic *Mishumo* edition.

Let's get to know our 'bone' and all other issues concerning our Department.

Answers to the quiz:

Q1: On which date was Mr Madidimalo Chaamano appointed as Head of Department for Public Works?

A: 6 April 2011

Q2: On which date was Ms Thabitha

Mohlala sworn-in as the MEC for Public Works?

A: 7 February 2011

Q3: What was launched on 09 June 2011 by Premier Cassel Mathale?

A: EPWP Wednesday Campaign

Q4: On which month was head office staffs relocated to Works Tower?

A: 29 May – 30 June 2009

Q5: How many cost centers does Mopani District Office have?

A: Five (5)

Q6: How many cost centers does Vhembe District Office have?

A: Six (6)

Q7: How many cost centers does Capricorn District Office have?

A: Four (4)

Q8: How many cost centers does Sekhukhune District Office have?

A: Three (3)

Q9: How many cost centers does Waterberg District Office have?

A: Five (5)

Q10: What are the core functions of the department?

A: Professional Services, Project Management, Real Estate, Building Maintenance and EPWP



Ms Fatima Lutchman received a gift from Communication and Stakeholder Management

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*“Remember the values
Happy people
Professionalism”*