

News Flash

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EPWP project spotlight



Ikageng crèche children during playing time.

Ikageng crèche, part of the early Childhood Development programme (ECD), situated in Moletjie Blood River, outside Polokwane, and is one of the beneficiaries supported by Limpopo Department of Social Development under Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The ECD which falls under the Social Sector was established in

1982, by a group of dedicated women.

The crèche, which started with only 12 children has grown in enrolment and currently has 135 children, and is still going strong, with support from government.

The crèche has managed to achieve three awards in two financial years. During the financial year 2009/10, Ikageng crèche won the ABSA ECD award as it was the best site ECD under Limpopo. In the financial year 2010/11 it came second in the Limpopo Provincial Kamoso awards for best ECD projects and it moved to second position



The new road from Mohlonong to Diana Clinic

The Limpopo Department of Public Works' Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Infrastructure Sector together with Aganang Municipality continues to be beneficial to communities. The community of Diana Village and nearby villages are relieved that gravel road will be a thing of the past as a tarring project has been started in that area.

Community members have for years experienced problems in travelling on the gravel road, especially during rainy seasons and expressed the need for government to intervene.

The construction of 4,5km tarred road from Mohlonong to Diana Clinic has created 21 temporary work opportunities and is scheduled to be completed in December 2012.



EPWP beneficiaries hard at work



Wathint'Abafazi Wathint'imbokodo

On 9 August 1956, 20,000 women staged a march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against the proposed amendments to the Urban Areas Act (commonly known as the pass laws) of 1950. They left bundles of petitions containing more than 100 000 signatures at prime minister J.G. Strijdom's office doors. Outside they stood silently for 30 minutes, many with their children on their backs. The women sang a protest song that was composed in honour of the occasion: *Wathint'Abafazi Wathint'imbokodo!* (*Now you have touched the women, you have struck a rock.*). In the 54 years since, the phrase (or its latest incarnation: **"you strike a woman, you strike a rock"**) has come to represent women's courage and strength in South Africa.

The march was led by Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Albertina Sisulu and Sophia Williams-De Bruyn.

Other participants included Frances Baard, a statue of whom was unveiled by the then Northern Cape Premier Hazel Jenkins in Kimberley (Frances Baard District Municipality) on National Women's Day 2009.^[1]

Since 9 August 1994, the day has been commemorated annually and is known as "Women's Day" in South Africa. In 2006, a reenactment of the march was staged for its 50th anniversary, with many of the 1956 march veterans.

SOURCE: Wikipedia

The Limpopo Provincial Government will celebrate this annual event as follows:

Venue: Ephraim Mogale Stadium Modimolle Local Municipality Waterberg District

Time: 10h00

Date: 09 August 2012

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