

News Flash

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Waterberg EPWP Forum Launch



District Mayor receive incentive Agreement protocols while Local Municipality looks on.

The National Department of Public Works held an Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Municipal Summit in November 2011 at Gallagher Estate under the theme: "Accelerating towards the delivery of 4, 5 million work opportunities to the poor". The Limpopo Department Of Public Works hosted the Provincial EPWP Summit on the 12th to the 13th July 2012. The Summit was successful as it has paved ways and has had municipalities committed to the implementation of EPWP.

The launching of District Forums is part of the implementation of the resolutions from the National EPWP summit. This conscious decision was taken to strengthen participation of municipalities and to ensure that Incentive Agreement Protocols signed between Mayors and the Minister is adequately implemented.

On the 14th of August 2012 the first District Forum was launched in Waterberg District at Mogalakwena Local Municipality. The launch was well attended by the Mayors in the Waterberg District Municipality, Councillors and other stakeholders. In her remarks during the Launch MEC Thabitha Mohlala indicated that the Provincial EPWP Summit committed municipalities to plan in advance in order to access the Incentive Grant well on time and to report accordingly. The MEC further indicated that the other reason for having District Forums was to ensure that the Incentive Agreement Protocols signed between Mayors and the Minister are adequately implemented. Mme Mohlala acknowledged challenges still faced by municipalities in terms of reporting on work opportunities created through EPWP projects and emphasized that this will be corrected through the EPWP District Forum.

The same event was also utilized to handover title deeds as the three Municipalities receive title deeds for farming land for agricultural purposes, Mogalakwena Local Municipality received two title deeds, Mookgopong Local Municipality received one title deed and Lephalale Local Municipality received two title deeds.

Waterberg District Mayor receive Title Deeds for





Minister Thulas Nxesi gives key note address at Kamoso Awards

*Minister awards
best
performing
province*

The National Department Public Works led by Minister Thulas Nxesi awarded the nominees for National Kamoso Awards ceremony on Friday, 17 August 2012 in honour of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). This is a government wide initiative aimed at drawing poor unemployed people into the world of work and the fight against poverty, unemployment and inequality.

Since 2007, the annual Kamoso Awards event has been celebrated to recognise, motivate and reward national, provincial and local government and other public bodies who have excelled in the implementation of the EPWP.

The significance ceremony of 2012 financial year marks an increase in the number of public bodies, particularly municipalities, who are implementing the EPWP. The Limpopo Province scoped four Awards among nine provinces participating on the National

Kamoso Awards.

Limpopo won in the following categories:

- ♦ Best Province in the Social Sector
- ♦ Best Programme – National School Nutrition
- ♦ Best Co-operative Project – Rehlagane Table Grape
- ♦ Best Environmental Project – Leolo Land Care



HOD, Chaamano MC and Officials from Limpopo departments during Kamoso Awards



E NEWS FLASH TALKS TO MS. QUIN SUAN

for the endorsement of title deeds.

Q: When did you start working in the Department of Public Works?

A: I started working for the Department in November 1992, in the Finance Section, Roads and Transport in Capricorn District. In 1997 I was transferred to Head Office, Property & Facilities Management as the Personal Assistant for the Senior Managers and also assisted the Head of Department's Office for several years. In 2006 I was redeployed into Property & Facilities Management due to structure changes.

Q: How did you get into this kind of profession?

A: In June 2006 I started in Acquisition and Vesting, in a very difficult time. But with good supervision at that time we managed to succeed to reach our targets. At the moment there is so many things to learn in our field, like GIS and what it can do for us in Property & Facilities Management and for the Department in a whole.

Q: Which qualification does one need to be in this profession?

A: Matric Certificate, willing to learn new things, be a go getter. Things will not come to you, you must chase them.

Q: What does your daily activities entails?

A: Typing of documents, faxing, e-mail, talking to external clients, attend meetings on a monthly basis, taking documents to the Office of the State Attorney in Pretoria on a monthly basis

Q: Do you regard yourself as a leader? If so how?

A: Yes I believe in working together with the officials who fall under me. A good leader leads by example.

Q: What advice would you give someone going into your position for the first time?

A: You should be willing to work well in a team. Be punctual for meetings, keep a good record system, you should manage your time well, be organised and last but not least, treat people with respect.

Q: How do you balance your personal life and work?

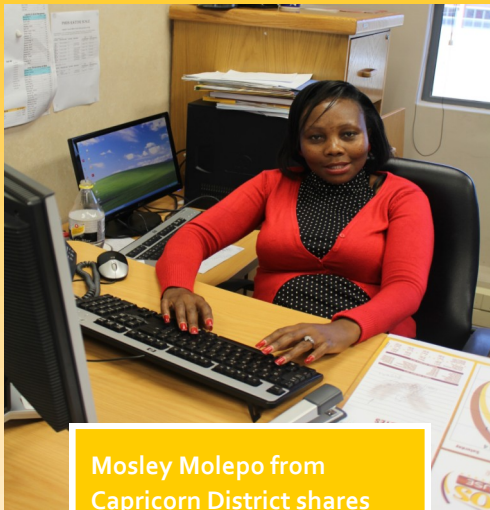
A: That is a big challenge. But I manage. My morning starts at 05H00, getting the kids ready for school and pre-school. Give 100% at the office and at night time be a mother again.

Q: What do you do on your spare time, anything exciting?

A: I like reading, doing creative beads and on weekends we spend quality time on the farm with the three girls.

Q: What does Women's Day mean to you?

A: It's a day that we need to be spoiled. For me a woman is very special, kind, caring, understanding, loving person in the world. And just being women you should have good values which you then pass on to your daughters. These are the values my mum gave me.



Mosley Molepo from Capricorn District shares her view on Women's

What does women's day mean to you?

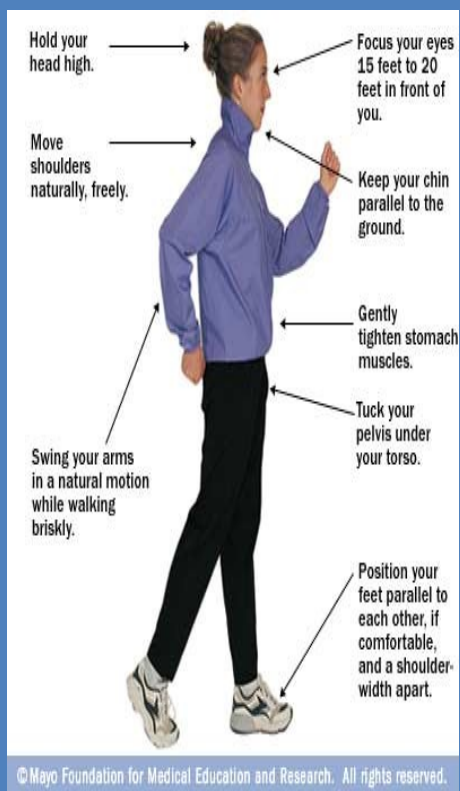
A: Women's Day is all about celebrating women and to remember all the women that marched to the Union Building in 1956. Women's Day should be a day where women should stand together and support each other. It is my responsibility that when I see another woman suffering I should offer my help and support. On a lighter note I think on this day men should do all the house chores and take us shopping.

A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS,



1. Mr. Mbuyi Dondashe during Health awareness session in honour of Women's months.
2. A dance group entertains during Health awareness session
3. PAPSWA group members dancing with Anita and Fatima.
4. Queen and Sesi Evodia having a good time at women's Walk.
5. Women listen attentively
6. Mma Mashiane, Patience, Khomotjo, Shoni and Makosa

Proper walking technique



IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU WANT TO TAKE A WALK AS A FORM OF DAILY EXERCISE:

- ◆ Be a comfortable gear
- ◆ Start slow and easy
- ◆ Measure the intensity of your workout
- ◆ Check progress
- ◆ Stay motivated
- ◆ Change your routine
- ◆ Make it fun and interesting

Some of health benefits are:

- ◆ Lower low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol
- ◆ Raise high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol
- ◆ Lower your blood pressure
- ◆ Reduce the risk of or manage type 2 diabetes
- ◆ Manage your weight
- ◆ Improve your mood
- ◆ Stay strong and fit

Information from Mayo Clinic website

PUBLIC SERVANTS STAYING ACTIVE

Women from various provincial government departments in Limpopo led by MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Ms Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba, participated in the Women's Health Walk from SABC Park in Landross Mare Street to the Olympic Towers in Biccard Street, Polokwane on 24 August 2012. This initiative was organized by the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture as part of their departmental women's month celebration.

In attendance there was Ms Rachel Molepo-Modipa, Limpopo Province Director General, Ms Basani Baloyi, HOD for Sports, Arts and Culture, Ms Noko Matlou and Ms Mary Ntsweng, Banyana Banyana players who represented South African during the 2012

London Olympics.

MEC Letsatsi-Duba encouraged all the women to take care of themselves and to lead a healthy lifestyle by excising and eating right.

The department handed over sporting equipment to Matlou and Ntsweng who will donate to the school(s) of their choice.

Women from the different provincial departments enjoyed a session of aerobics and received some refreshment.



VISION

A leader in the provision and management of land and buildings.

MISSION

Optimal utilization of resources in the provision and management of provincial land and buildings and the coordination of Expanded Public Works Programme.

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*“Remember the values
Happy people
Professionalism”*

Re a Sana