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BLM OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES TRANSPORT EPWP

The life of Thirty-five-year old Lucy Monepya of Thlona and 599 others have been transformed for the better, thanks to government. The Provincial Roads and Transport allocated Blouberg Municipality 600 EPWP jobs for the financial year 2013/2014.

EPWP is a government initiative by government which aims to reduce unemployment and reduce unemployment and alleviate poverty by creating jobs occupied with training. Monepya an unemployed single mother of four said she has been struggling to make ends meet before receiving the EPWP job. She said nothing makes her happy than knowing where her next food will come from.. The scope of the work of the project is a routine maintenance of all roads within Blouberg for a period of a year. The Beneficiaries will be responsible for amongst other things Pothole patching, Surface repairs, Drainage cleaning and repairs, shoulder maintenance, grass cutting and bush clearing and other maintenance work.

According to the Department the job creation target for EPWP for the financial year 2013/2014 is 20 808 job opportunities with an allocated budget of R505 ,8million. Delivering his budget vote Limpopo Roads and Transport MEC said the department is proud is proud of EPWP and are convinced that the evident poverty reduction brought by the programme will go a long way in enhancing the quality of life to all beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries are employed from communities located within the road and work three days a week Monepya said with the money she receives she is now able to feed her children and buy them school uniform.

Mayor of Blouberg Municipality Cllr Serite Sekgoloane has welcomed the allocation by the Department saying the project will continue to alleviate poverty and enhances their chances of future employment.

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