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## **News Release**

## CWP CREATES MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN BLOUBERG

In a bid to fight unemployment and poverty within its communities Blouberg Municipality has launched a Community Works Programme. 700 men and women of working age from all 21 wards of the municipality benefited from this government initiative. This brings to 1000 the number of people employed by this programme since it's inception last year. 300 people from ward 9 and 21 benefited.

This is an initiative by the National Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs to address the high unemployment rate in the country. It compliments government's existing social protection measures and it is designed to insure that people with limited alternatives can rely on at least a minimum level of regular work to provide a predictable income stream.

Mayor of Blouberg Municipality Cllr Serite Sekgoloane launched the programme in different wards aound the month of July as part of Mandela Month Celebration and August as part of Women month celebration. During the launch of the programmes municipal officials and councilors led by the mayor volunteered their time by cleaning community buildings, grave yards, tree planting and donating sporting equipment among other things.

Launching one of the programmes at Dantzig village on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2012 as part of women's month celebration Blouberg Mayor Cllr Serite Sekgoloane said the programme consists of more women to improve the social and economic conditions of women in Blouberg.

He said the programme will assist in providing training to unemployed and unskilled individuals and contribute to the strategic goals of government in eradicating poverty and unemployment.

The programme will offer participants a minimum number of regular days a of work focusing on labour intensive activities that include food gardens at clinics, schools, churches, home based care, developing creation spaces and sporting facilities, environmental rehabilitation, general maintenance work, cleaning schools as well as other tasks to support schools.

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