

Creating more jobs through LED and Community Work Projects

Despite Ephraim Mogale local municipality being rural and small, it has created over 1187 jobs and job opportunities during the past financial year. This was revealed by the municipal MayorCouncillor MrsYvonne Mmakola during her budget speech presented in Moomane Village, Ward 13 on the 30 May 2013.

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has assisted communities through the Local Economic Development (LED) in creating projects with some sustainable jobs. The municipality in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) made available a grant amounting to R25m, created organic projects through which a total of over 135 sustainable jobs were created in the following areas:Magarola Cooperative at Dichoeung with 28 beneficiaries, Mpoaboeng Cooperative at Regae with 12 beneficiaries, Phakamaseme Cooperative at Phetwane with 10 beneficiaries, Advidata Trading, Toitskraal Incubation Production Site with 16 beneficiaries, AganangMorarela Cooperative at Morarela with 12 beneficiaries, PheletjoyaTlala Cooperative at Morarela with 6 beneficiaries, Mercy Grace Cooperative at Leeuwfontein with 12 beneficiaries, Farm Establishing (brick Manufacturing) at Dichoeung12 beneficiaries, Mmaswi-a- Nape Cooperative at Mamphokgo with 6 beneficiaries, and Secondary Cooperative: Marble Hall packaging with 4 beneficiaries and Project Support office with 11 beneficiaries.

Over 750 jobs were created through Community Work Program (CWP) which started on the 17th September 2012 with 300 participants employed in Driefontein, Uitvlugt, Klopper and Ditholong in Moutse. A further 450 jobs were created when the project was extended to areas such as Mmakgatle; Makhutso and Selebaneng; Matseding, Mbuzini and Morarela; Mogalatsane and Phetwane. The municipality has further created 320 jobs through the Expanded Public WorksProgramme (EPWP).

The municipality will continue to implement LED projects which will create more jobs in future in areas such as TompiSeleka Bio-Diesel Process; Phetwane Irrigation; Mogalatsane Irrigation; Moutse West Alien plant control; Kopano Disable Irrigation Scheme; Rahlagane Pack house;TompiSeleka Piggery & Irrigation Upgrade. All the projects will be implemented in partnership with other Departments such as Limpopo Economic Development, Department of Trade and Industry as part of municipality's commitment to intergovernmental relations.

[\(Please link this to Budget speech\)](#)

