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Communities of Thabo Mbeki, in Lephalale welcomed with excitement the launch of the Expanded Public Works Programme by Lephalale Municipal Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, on Wednesday (01 June 2016). The programme is one of government's array of programmes aimed at providing poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed. The key approach is to drive Public Employment Programmes (PEPs) through community participation to ensure that poor people become actively involved in government programmes within their communities

One hundred and forty four (144) people have been employed. The one year programme commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2016 and will end in June 2017. Some of the duties to be done under these programmes are road maintenance, cleaning of storm water culverts (pipes), grass cutting, bush clearing and road markings. The programme will cover the D3110 (Shongoane to Seleka), D1675 (Medupi T-junction to Steenbokpan) and R572 (Lephalale to Tom Burke).

The Mayor said at the event that the initiative is one of the best equipped programmes to address challenges of unemployment and poverty in local rural communities. Unemployment is one of the main issues which were raised by communities during the municipality's annual draft IDP/Budget road show recently. The Project team comprises of Road Agency Limpopo, the Contractor, Provincial Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure and the Municipality.

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