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EPWP's ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE PROGRAMME YIELDS POSITIVE RESULTS:

Write-up:

The Department of Public Works & Infrastructure through its Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has embarked on the National Youth Service (NYS) programme, aimed at equipping unemployed youth with technical skills required in the built environment.

The Department has implemented Electrical Apprenticeship programme within the NYS Programme. The learners are presently trained at CENTLEC Training and Development Centre. The training commenced in January 2013 and it will run for the period of three years. It develops qualified Artisans in the electrical field.

Embarking on a training programme enables Apprentices to develop experience of a wide range of jobs and acquire a broad understanding of Electrical Engineer activity outside their own branch. The training also offers the opportunity to experience the work of different sectors of an industry such as Mining industry.

The implementation of this apprentiship programme was a rising clarion call of fostering the skills revolution and development in the country and ensuring that critical sectors that are indispensable for growing the economy receive attention. Its implementation also serve as a process of addressing scarce skills needed to meet the EPWP goals which among others is to alleviate poverty and address the challege of unemployment.

This is also corresponding to the Departmental Human Resource Plan, which provides for the development of a retention plan to attract employees in areas of scarce and critical skills.

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