

My Journey in the Pothole Eradication Program – A Case Study

Thank you for being part of the Pothole Eradication Program. Your feedback is valuable in understanding how this project has impacted your life. Please share your experiences honestly.

Full Name(s) & Surname *

Relebohile Beauty Hlalele

Age *

25

Gender *



Male



Female

Town/Location *

Van Stadensrus

District Municipality *

- ☒ Mangaung
- ☐ Fezile Dabi
- ☐ Xhariep
- ☐ Thabo Mofutsanyana
- ☐ Lejweleputswa

Which Site are you on? *

Van Stadensrus site

What were you doing before joining the EPWP Pothole Eradication Program? *

I was unemployed

Did you have prior experience in road maintenance or construction? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If Yes, describe your previous experience.

How did you hear about the EPWP opportunity? *

- ☒ Municipality announcement
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Other

How long have you been working in the program? *

- ☐ Less than 6 months
- ☒ 6 months - 1 year
- ☐ More than 1 year

What Skills have you learned during this program? *

- ☐ Pothole Patching techniques
- ☐ Shoulder Cleaning and drainage maintenance
- ☒ Team work and leadership
- ☐ Communication and reporting
- ☐ Safety Procedures

What challenges did you face while working in this program?

I couldn't use a spade before and I was afraid to communicate with others.

How did you overcome these challenges?

By learning and connecting with others.

How has this opportunity of working in the PEP impacted you financially

I can now help my mother financially

Has this program helped you gain confidence or skills for future employment? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

If given another opportunity in road maintenance or construction, would you take it? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

What advice would you give to future EPWP learners? *

Hard work pays and if you willing to learn you'll end up gaining a lot of skills

In a few sentences, describe how the EPWP Pothole Eradication Program has changed your life. *

I couldn't speak in front of people before but now I can and I've gained a lot of confidence. Teamwork makes work much easier because the aim is to work smart not hard.

What are your future career or educational plans after this program? *

I'm going to apply for construction and hopefully I'll have my own company so that I can provide work opportunities

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