

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 *

Mile Augustinus Letlaka

Age *

31

Gender *



Male



Female

Town/Location *

Ladybrand

District Municipality *

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

Which Site are you on? *

Clocolan

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

Hustling and selling

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?

Unavailability of toilets on site
Extra Exposure to hazards
Lack of or miscommunication to us learners.
Operating with less tools
Unavailability of first Aid kit

How did you overcome these challenges?

Chain of command was placed and prior site meetings were held, including tool box talks.
Induction were implemented for OHS
Then everything became easier and availability of Helpdesk to provide us with necessary information reduces the pressure and level of stress.

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

It helped alot because I was able to put bread on the table ,able to pay institution fees for my child at creche.
Helped for in case of emergency ,in health wise and to be able attend Doctors and buy meds

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? *

They should respect the time

Be passionate about what they've been appointed for.

Be humble and keen to learn more

Because we learn to grow in future.

Never under estimate any job,because each job has its own capabilities and skills to provide.

Be humble at all times and loyal to your tasks .

Never takes short cuts in work unnecessary, just obey the rules.

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

I studied civil engineering but I was never been on construction site of roadworks but since I joined the programme ,I was able to learn few things I didn't know about the potholes, the causes ,the techniques and the prevention of potholes.

It changed how I see the roads and effects on roads.the maintenance as well.

Financially it helped me.

Empowered my knowledge and uplifted my skills in roadworks construction. Also enhanced the health and safety on roads and how to minimize the hazards and implementing the risk assessment.

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

Career wise I want to grow more as I would have the knowledge of production of Asphalt ,ETB and application. Maybe to study for project management and built nor register the production company of roadworks. As to also gives awareness on how to minimize potholes, how to prevent them ,how to maintain our roads .

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