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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ASSISTS WITH REGISTRATION OF COOPERATIVES FOR EPWP GRADUATES



(L-R): Mr Mdu Nhlozi (Director: Youth, Women, People with Disabilities Empowerment and Military Veterans) leads by example in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic; participants observing social distancing and Ms Delisile Mncube (Director Youth, Women, People with Disabilities and Military Veterans from Public Works) outlines their programmes.

The information session was held at the Chiliza Tribal Authority, in uBuhlebezwe Local Municipality. The Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), represented by Ms Thobile Msomi, actively participated in the information-sharing session, along with the KZN Department of Public Works, represented by Ms Delisile Mncube (Director: Youth, Women, People with Disabilities Empowerment and Military Veterans). Ms Mncube outlined the different programmes offered by Public Works which include amongst others Eyesizwe Programme, Enterprise Supplier Development and Vukuzakhe Development Programme.

All health and safety protocols were followed throughout the session in light of it being held during the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials ensured that social distancing was maintained, masks were being worn and all hygiene measures were followed.

KZN Human Settlement's presentation was conducted by Mr. Ntokozo Xaba (Deputy Director: Youth, Women, People with Disabilities Empowerment and Military Veterans).

Mr Xaba's presentation covered a wide range of business and entrepreneurial opportunities in the human settlements value chain. "The building industry is not only about putting brick and mortar, there's a business value chain. There's material supply which includes cement, bricks and sands etc. We want our youth to become business owners", Mr Xaba stressed.

SEDA's Ms Thobile Msomi's focused on training and promotion of small businesses. She outlined SEDA's role as "assisting people who either have a business or business ideas". She explained the different forms of assistance provided by SETA for the various business needs: "Business talk deals with information sharing, whilst business start deals with how to start a business. Business build deals with an existing business whereby the owner does not want the business to collapse and business grow deals with established business who want to expand either nationally or internationally".