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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA VISITS EPWP PROJECTS IN NORTHERN CAPE**

In his capacity as the chairperson of the Public Employment Programme-Inter Ministerial Committee (PEP-IMC) and the champion of the Public Employment Programmes (PEPs), the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa and his entourage will on **22 April 2016** embark on an Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) sites visits in Kimberley and Kuruman in the Northern Cape.

The site visits will include interaction with the EPWP participants, walkabout around community assets created and maintained as well as an assessment on the impact of the Programme in alleviating poverty and unemployment through the provision of work opportunities to the poor and unemployment South Africans.

The PEP-IMC is composed of the Deputy President and various Ministers who are responsible for Public Employment Programmes and their Director- Generals.

In South Africa, Public Employment Programmes are implemented under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), and provide training and short term to medium term work opportunities for the unskilled, poor and unemployed South Africans. The Programme is also committed to the positive socio-economic impact within South African communities.

The rationale behind the formation of the PEP-IMC is to provide a high-level and collective leadership to achieve better synergy among Public Employment Programmes and to ensure that the government achieves its target of creating 6 million work opportunities by 2019.

**The sites visits will unfold as follows:**

**Date** : 22 April

**Time** : 11h00

**Venue:** Kuruman (Mothibistad)

**Name of EPWP project to be visited:** Infrastructure project-Root out dust (paving and brick making project), followed by Ga-Segonyane Waste Management and Greening project (Lanfill site)

**Led by:** Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa

**Date** : 22 April

**Time** : 11h00

**Venue:** Kimberley (Galeshewe)

Project to be visited: School Support and Community safety project in Galeshewe and the third project to be visited in Kimberley will be the Root out Dust project in Green Point, Kimberley

**Led by:** Public Employment Programme Ministers and Deputy Ministers

The EPWP sites visits will be followed by the PEP-IMC de-briefing session at Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre in Kimberley at 14h00

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