

MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY



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EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP) POLICY

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following terms, definitions and acronyms are used in this policy document.

By Hand	Refers to the use of tools, which are manually operated and powered
Capital Expenditure	Expenditure used to create new assets or to increase the capacity of existing assets beyond their original design capacity or service potential. CAPEX increases the value of an asset.
Cash Flow	The stream of costs and/or benefits over time resulting from a project investment or ownership of assets.
Community Liaison Officer	A member of the targeted community, recommended by the ward committee and appointed by the contractor to assist with the identification of suitable persons from the community to be appointed.
Demographic Characteristics of Workers	The number of workers that fall within the following categories must be recorded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth (18-35 years of age)• Women• People with disabilities•
Environment and Culture Sector	The sector aims to build South Africa's natural, social and cultural heritage, and in so doing dynamically uses this heritage to create both medium and long-term work and social benefits through sustainable land-based livelihoods, waste management, tourism and creative industries, parks, beautification, and

sustainable energy.

Full-Time Equivalent

Full-Time Equivalent means 230 person days of work created by an EPWP project within a financial year. Person years of employment equals total number of person days of employment created for targeted labour during the year divided by 230. For task rated workers, tasks completed should be used as a proxy for 8 hours of work per day.

Geographic Information Systems

Software, which provides a means of spatially viewing, searching, manipulating, and analyzing an electronic database.

Incentive Grant

Incentive paid to public bodies to incentivise employment creation under the EPWP. The incentive is paid per quantum of employment created for the EPWP target group and can be measured in FTEs.

Infrastructure Sector

The sector aims to promote the use of labour-intensive methods in the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure.

Key Performance Indicator

A qualitative or quantitative measure of a service or activity used to compare actual performance against a standard or other target. Key performance indicators commonly relate to statutory limits, safety, responsiveness, cost, comfort, asset performance, reliability, efficiency, environmental protection and customer satisfaction.

Labour-intensive	Labour-intensive construction is the economically efficient employment of as great a proportion of labour as is technically feasible throughout the construction process to achieve the standard demanded by the specification; the result being a significant increase in employment being generated per unit of expenditure by comparison with conventional equipment-intensive methods.
Life Cycle Cost	The cycle of activities that an asset throughout its life including planning, design, construction, acquisition, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and disposal, costs.
Non-State Sector	The sector aims to foster partnership between non-profit organisations (NPOs), communities and government to create opportunities through socially constructive activities for a large number of individuals within local communities.
Person-days of employment	The aggregate of the number of people who worked on a project multiplied by the number of days each person worked.
Project Budget	The price tendered by the contractor plus the professional fees for the professional service provider appointed to design and supervise the project.
Project Wage	Minimum Daily Wage Rate (whether task-rated or time rated) per individual project
Social Sector	The sector aims to drive a sphere of social

policy dedicated to human development and improving quality of life in the areas on education, health and welfare.

Training Person-Days

The number of training person-days is the number of people who attended training multiplied by the number of days of training. A distinction must be made between accredited and non-accredited training person-days.

Work Opportunity

Paid work for an individual on an EPWP project for any period of time. The same person can be employed on different projects and each period of employment will be counted as a work opportunity.

ACRONYMS

BCEA	Basic Conditions of Employment Act
CM	City Manager
COIDA	Compensation for injuries and Diseases Act
DORA	Division of Revenue Act
DPW	National Department of Public Works
DSC	District Steering Committee
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GMs	General Managers
HOD	Head of Directorate
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
GIS	Geographic Information System
H/O	Head Office
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LED	Local Economic Development
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MMC	Member of the Mayoral Committee

MM	Municipal Manager
MMM	Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NDPW	National Department of Public Works
NGP	New Growth Path
NSC	National Sector Committee
NSF	National Skills Fund
OHSA	Occupational Health and Safety Act
PFMA	Provincial Finance Management Act
PSA	Public Safety Act
PSC	Provincial Steering Committee
PSCC	Provincial Sector Coordinating Committee
SDA	Skills Development Act
UIFA	Unemployment Insurance Fund Act
USDG	Urban Settlement Development Grant
WO	Work Opportunity

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of EPWP

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a South African Government initiated programme aimed at creating 4.5 million work opportunities by 2014. The Programme is implemented by all spheres of government, across four (4) defined sectors, namely the Infrastructure, Social, Non-State and Environment and Culture. The Programme is co-ordinated by the National Department of Public Works (DPW), as mandated by Cabinet.

This programme is not implemented in isolation with other Government strategic initiatives, but rather in collaboration with the New Growth Path (NGP) which outlines Key Job Drivers, such as *targeting more labour-absorbing activities across the main economic sectors; and substantial public investment in infrastructure both to create employment directly in construction, operation and maintenance environments, and lastly by indirectly improving efficiency across the economy.* EPWP work opportunities are all linked to the NGP Job drivers and expected to contribute to the NGP targets through its Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) targets.

The National Development Plan Vision 2030 through the Diagnostic Report identified nine main challenges facing South Africa, amongst others are: *too few people work, and the quality of education available to the majority is poor*. The persistently high rate of unemployment in South Africa is one of the most pressing socio-economic challenges facing government. High youth unemployment in particular means young people are not acquiring the skills or experience needed to drive the economy forward. This inhibits the country's economic development and imposes a larger burden on the state to provide social assistance.

No single policy offers the solution; what are needed is a sustained period of accelerated and inclusive economic growth and a comprehensive set of short-term and long-term policy reforms and initiatives that encompass increasing demand for labour, improving education and skills, and labour market interventions that improve the employability of young people. EPWP is one of those short-term initiatives by Government aimed to create work opportunities for the marginalised: women, youth and people with disabilities.

The incentives grant was introduced during the second phase of the Programme with the aim to reinforce and reward public bodies that implement labour intensive methods and utilise their existing budget allocations effectively to increase the labour content of service delivery; also to encourage public bodies to meet their EPWP targets and rapidly expand job creation.

1.2 Legal and Policy Framework

The development of this policy is based on the following legislative and policy prescripts:

- The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;
- The **Public Finance Management Act** (Act No.1 of 1999);
- The **Public Service Act** (Act No. 147 Of 1999);
- The **Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act** (Act No. 56 of 2003);
- The **Division of Revenue Act** (Act No 5 of 2012);
- The **Local Government: Municipal Systems Act** (Act No.32 of 2000);

- The **Basic Conditions of Employment Act** (Act No 75 of 1997);
- The **Skills Development Act** (Act No 97 of 1998);
- Cabinet Memo 2003 approving the implementation of the EPWP;
- The EPWP Phase 2: Consolidated Programme Overview, 2009;
- The Ministerial Determination and the Code of Good Practice for Expanded Public Works Programme;
- The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Institutional Arrangement Framework, (2012);
- The National Development Plan 2011;and
- The New Growth Path 2010.

1.3 Problem Statement

The introduction of the significant changes in the EPWP Phase II required intensification of EPWP coordination and implementation by all spheres of government. More than 30% of the overall EPWP Phase II targets had to be contributed by the local sphere of government.

1.3.1 Challenges Affecting Municipalities to Deliver on EPWP Objectives and Targets

Most public bodies implementing EPWP face similar challenges. The most common challenges include amongst others:

- Commitment of political and administrative leadership;
- Capacity in terms of designing projects labour-intensively;
- Capacity in terms of reporting;
- Dedicated coordination capacity within the municipality;
- Low incentive draw-down;
- Achievement of longer duration of work opportunities and FTE targets.

As it relates to the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, the following challenges are more prominent:

- Procurement process: late starting of projects; contractors under pressure and the use of mechanised plant and/or equipment;
- Insufficient cooperation from officials on internal projects;
- Shortage of accredited service providers and hence lack of bidding for and allocating of the EPWP resources;
- Late or no reporting by service providers and project managers on EPWP projects;
- Lack of skills and capacity to manage the EPWP projects particularly managing innovative cross-sectoral projects;
- The data base for EPWP not readily available in a up-to-date format including on-line and EPWP sites cannot be traced with ease leading to under reporting on internal projects;
- Budget constraints on social projects;
- Insufficiency of staff numbers and skills to cope with the existing EPWP as well as the expansion of the programme without concomitant provision for human resources;
- No induction to contractors and beneficiaries;
- Inadequate involvement and support from top management for the EPWP;
- Structure not finalised;
- No clarity on both political and administrative commitment to the social sector EPWP.

1.4 **EPWP Policy objectives**

This policy document is aimed at providing an enabling environment for MMM wherein more EPWP projects can be implemented by adhering to the Government directives which calls for the channelling of more funds and human resources towards the implementation of EPWP projects. Through this policy the MMM is aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- To have the EPWP as an approved delivery strategy for project coordination and implementation, employment creation and skills development;
- To inform all Directorates within MMM on how their functions should contribute towards achieving the EPWP objectives;

- To entrench the EPWP methodology within the IDP by acknowledging the EPWP in the IDP.
- To develop sustainable capacity within the community by providing on-the-job and/or other accredited training to the EPWP employees.
- To capacitate SMMEs and emerging contractors within local communities by facilitating the transfer of sustainable technical, managerial and financial skills through appropriate learnership programmes and SMMEs development initiatives;
- To re-engineer the planning, design and implementation of programmes/projects within the existing MMM's operational and capital budgets in order to maximize greater employment opportunities per unit of expenditure;
- To maximise the percentage of the MMM's annual total budget spent and retained within local communities by promoting the procurement of goods and services from local manufacturers, suppliers and service providers; and
- To ensure coordination, development and integration across all sectors.

1.5 EPWP Sectors

The MMM is determined, in line with the directive from Government, to deliver the EPWP across the following sectors:

- **The Infrastructure Sector:** increasing the labour intensity of government-funded infrastructural projects;
- **The Environment and culture Sector:** creating work opportunities in public environmental programmes;
- **The Social Sector:** creating work opportunities in public social programmes;
- **Non-State Sector:** contribution by NPOs, NGOs, and CBOs to the overall government objective of jobs creation by providing support to the delivery of the non-state sector through measures such as facilitating and mobilising.

1.6 Overview of EPWP Sector Programmes

1.6.1 Environment and culture sector programmes

The aim of the sector is to build South Africa's natural, social and cultural heritage, and in doing so, to dynamically use this heritage to create both medium and long term work and social benefits such as :

- Sustainable land based livelihoods (greening, working for water and wetlands etc.);
- Waste management (working on waste, food for waste);
- Tourism and creative industries (working for tourism);
- Parks and beautification (people and parks, Cemetery Maintenance);
- Sustainable energy (working for energy).

1.6.2 Social sector programmes

The objectives of this sector is to contribute to the overall Government objectives of improving the delivery of health services, early childhood development, community crime prevention, school nutrition and other social development oriented services through programmes such as:

- Community safety programmes (crime reporting, crowd control, school patrol, disaster emergency response, fire fighting, floods Impact support and community safety officials);
- Home-based community care services (TB, HIV/Aids) and pharmaceutical assistants;
- Early Childhood Development (early childhood development, homework services, literacy programs, peer education, social issues awareness and career guidance);
- Sports and recreation (life guards, sports academy, seasonal employment: holiday resorts and nature reserves);
- Social Services (domestic violence, rape counselling and support, child labour, suicide counselling, abuse counselling and support, substance abuse);
- Graduate development programmes (updating indigent register and debt collection).

1.6.3 Infrastructure sector programmes

The Infrastructure Sector aims to promote the use of labour-intensive methods in the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure.

- Road construction and maintenance;
- General construction and maintenance (construction of buildings, dams, reservoirs etc. and their maintenance);
- Storm water programmes (storm water drainage systems);
- Water and sanitation projects;
- National youth services (aimed at developing and training youth on artisan trades in the built environment);
- Vukuphile programmes (Learnerships aimed at training and developing contractors and supervisors in labour-intensive methods of construction);
- Large Projects (aimed at providing support to public bodies in the implementation of labour-intensive projects);
- All infrastructure related programmes.

1.6.4 Non-State Sector

The objective of this sector is to create an avenue where NPOs can assist government in creating income for large numbers of individuals through socially constructive activities in their local communities.

1.6.5 Cross-Cutting Support Programmes:

Training Support: The municipality shall strive to access various funding options for training, including the National Skills Fund (NSF), and the training for municipal officials in Labour Intensive work methods to ensure that municipal projects are designed and implemented in a labour intensive manner. Training can either be accredited or non-accredited.

Enterprise Development: The MMM shall capacitate SMMEs and emerging contractors within local communities by facilitating the transfer of sustainable technical, managerial and financial skills through appropriate learnership

programmes and SMMEs development initiatives. It shall also maximise the percentage of the annual total budget spent and retained within local communities by promoting the procurement of goods and services from local manufacturers, suppliers and service providers.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The former Mangaung Local Municipality (MLM) was established in 2000 with the amalgamation of four former Transitional Councils, and was recently (April 2011) elevated from a category “B” municipality to a category “A” Metropolitan municipality (also incorporating the former Motheo District Municipality administration) comprising of Bloemfontein, Botshabelo, and Thaba Nchu. This new status presents both challenges and opportunities to MMM and it is against this background that the MMM is excited to fulfil its Constitutional mandate by focussing on effective and efficient municipal service delivery, growing the economy and empowering its community. More than half of the population is concentrated in Bloemfontein, followed by Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu, and the rural area.

2.1 Socio-economic Activity in the Municipality

The research findings (Quantec Research, 2012) which were released at the beginning of 2012 made the following observations:

- That 63.4% of households earned less than R3, 200 a month in 2010. This compared better to Free State (71.2%) and South Africa (64.4%);
- That the largest income group in MMM, (25.3%) earned between R1, 600 and R3, 200 a month in 2010;
- That 90.8% of households in MMM had access to electricity as the main source of energy in 2010;
- That 52% of households had access to water borne sanitation in MMM during 2010;
- That the Government Services sector is the largest contributor to MMM's economy (35.3%);
- That the MMM experienced an annual economic growth rate of 3.5% from 2000 to 2010;

- That Government sector provided the most formal employment opportunity in MMM (42.6%);
- That employment grew by an average of 0.6% p.a. between 2000 and 2009;
- That the HIV/AIDS prevalence in MMM was estimated at 14.3% in 2010 as compared to that of the Free State Province at 14.5% and that of the entire South Africa at 12.6%;
- That the number of people with HIV/AIDS in MMM grew by an average of 5.4% per annum from 2000 to 2010, compared to 4.2% in the Free State Province and 5.5% in South Africa.

2.2 Human development index

The research findings (Quantec Research, 2012) also made the following observations:

- That at the end of 2010 there were an estimated 744 872 people living in MMM, comprising of approximately, 202,945 children, 505,385 persons of working age, and 36,542 persons that can be classified as the aged;
- That the MMM population experienced an average annual growth rate of 1.2% since 2000;
- That the MMM gender distribution for 2010 was 47.7% males and 52.3% females;
- That the working age population (16 to 65), in 2010, consisted of around 67.8% of MMM population compared with 64% in South Africa;
- That around 33.6% of MMM adults finished secondary school and 10.9% obtained a tertiary qualification;
- That only 13.1% of workers in the formal sector can be classified as highly skilled;
- That an estimated 6.2% of adults in MMM did not attain any form of formal education by 2010 compared to 10.8% in South Africa.

3. **VISION**

“By 2030 and beyond, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality is recognised as globally safe and attractive municipality to live, work and invest in”.

Additionally, the 8-point delivery agenda is identified in the Integrated Development Plan as follows:

- Poverty reduction, job creation, rural and economic development;
- Financial Sustainability;
- Spatial Development and the Built Environment;
- Eradication of bucket system and VIP toilets, improve and maintain infrastructure;
- Human Settlements;
- Public transport;
- Environmental management and climate change;
- Social and community services.

This delivery agenda supports the objectives of the EPWP as outlined above.

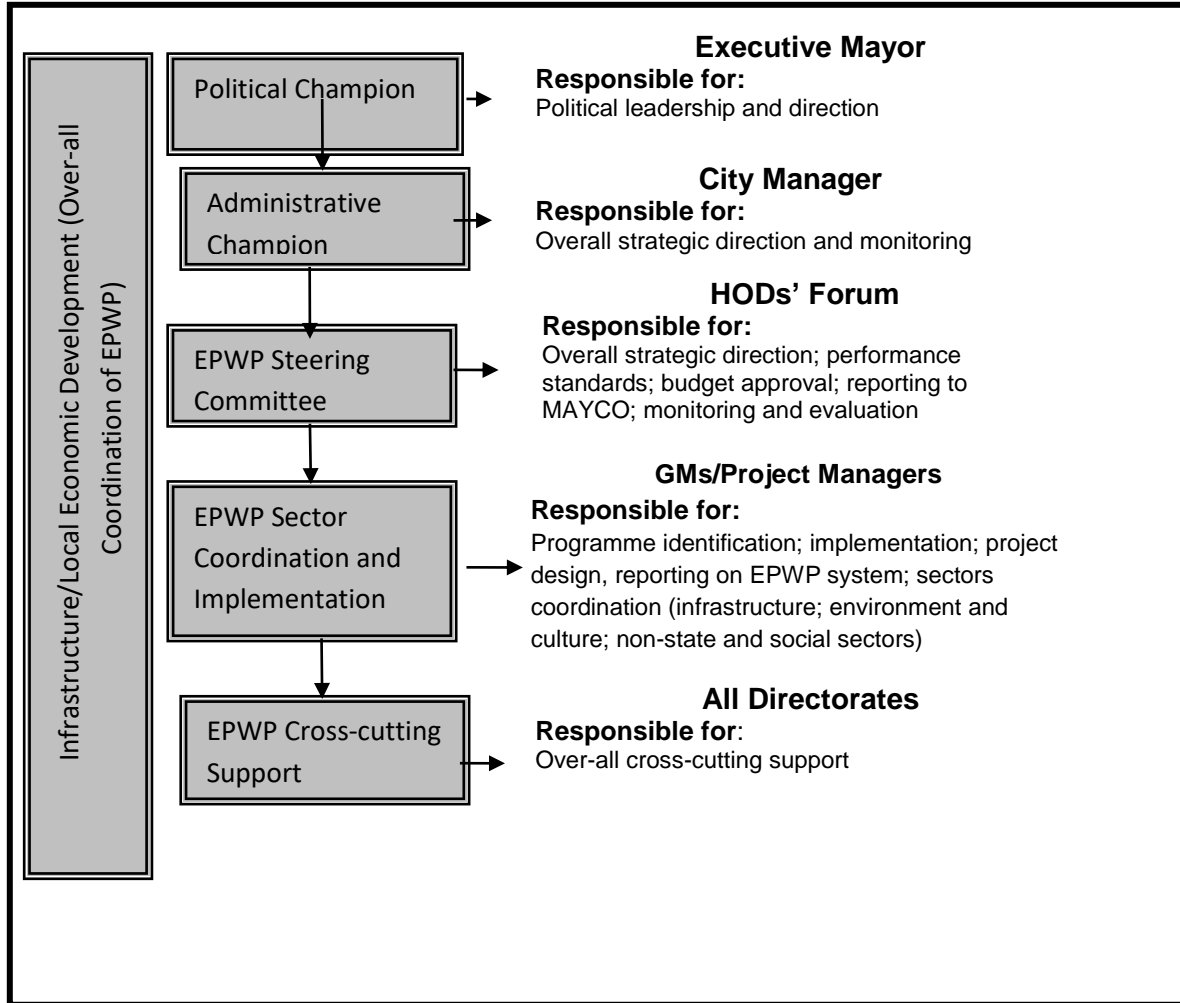
4. **MISSION**

In pursuance of the vision and the delivery agenda, the Municipality has spelt out its mission as “to improve social and economic livelihoods through public participation, effective and efficient integrated governance systems and programs”.

5. **EPWP MUNICIPAL COORDINATION STRUCTURE**

The organisational structure for the coordination and implementation of the EPWP is informed by the EPWP Institutional Arrangement Framework from the National Department of Public Works. Figure 1 below depicts the Municipal EPWP Coordinating Structure.

Figure 1: Municipal EPWP Coordinating Structure



6. EPWP INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

EPWP cuts across all the Directorates and units of the Municipality. Each Directorate must make a systematic effort to target the unskilled and unemployed and develop a plan to utilise their budgets to draw significant numbers of the unemployed into productive work, in such a way that workers are given an opportunity to gain life and job specific skills while they work to increase their chances of getting out of the marginalised pool of unemployed people

6.1 Roles and Responsibilities

6.1.1 Political Champion: The Executive Mayor

In line with the EPWP Institutional Arrangement Framework and Protocol Agreement signed by the Minister of Public Works and the Executive Mayor, the Executive

Mayor shall provide leadership and direction on the implementation of the EPWP in the Municipality. The Executive Mayor must appoint three (3) MMCs to champion and lead each EPWP sector namely; Infrastructure Sector, Social Sector, and Environment & Culture Sector, in the municipality. The appointed MMCs shall also ensure that the EPWP is aligned with the IDP and key policies and programmes of the Municipality.

6.1.2 Administrative Champion: The City Manager

The CM shall appoint an HOD or delegate functions of the overall coordination of the EPWP to a particular unit. The CM must also ensure that all the HODs have the EPWP as an item in their performance contracts/agreements. The appointed/delegated HOD shall ensure that the EPWP is incorporated in the development plan of the Municipality and he/she must also ensure that each Directorate incorporates the EPWP FTE targets into their programme plans. The appointed/delegated HOD shall ensure the effective coordination as well as the monitoring and implementation of the EPWP within the municipality. The appointed HOD will assist and mobilise Directorates within municipality to meet their EPWP targets.

7. OVERALL COORDINATION

The MMM must establish an EPWP Steering Committee that will be responsible for the strategic direction and coordination of the EPWP. The Steering Committee shall be chaired by the appointed/delegated HOD. The Steering Committee shall be constituted as follows:

- Social coordinator;
- Infrastructure coordinator;
- Environment and culture coordinator;
- Champions from Directorates;
- A representative from the Directorate: Corporate Services.

The EPWP Steering Committee shall be responsible for:

- The overall coordination of the EPWP;

- Regular annual reviews of the EPWP policy;
- Setting overall EPWP targets for the MMM;
- The creation of an enabling environment for the successful implementation of EPWP;
- The compilation of an EPWP Management Plan.

The Management Plan includes the outputs for each sector and shall be used to:

- Guide the execution of the EPWP,
- Project selection;
- Document EPWP related decisions and assumptions;
- Define Sector reviews;
- Facilitate communication among stakeholders; and
- Provide a baseline for progress measurement and programme control.

8. COMMUNICATION AND BRANDING

The MMM must ensure that all the projects are branded, profiled, and comply with EPWP Corporate Identity Manual as provided by NDPW. The MMM must submit entries for the Kamoso Awards hosted by both the National and Provincial Departments of Public Works.

The MMM must communicate EPWP projects to all stakeholders using different communications strategies, depending on the affordability of the communication medium(i.e. public consultations, constituency meetings, roadshows, door-to-door, workshops, seminars, conferences, and/or media).

9. EPWP SECTOR INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

Various Directorates are grouped into EPWP Sectors in accordance with their core and related businesses as depicted in Table 2. These Sectors must be implemented by the municipality, and the different Directorates must lead and coordinate their own sector activities within the Municipality.

Table 2: Directorates and Entity by EPWP Sectors

Infrastructure Sector	Environment and Culture Sector	Social Sector
Engineering Services	Planning and Economic Development	Social Services
Strategic Projects and Service Delivery Regulations	Social Services	Finance
Planning and Economic Development	Planning and Economic Development	Corporate Services
Human Settlements	Strategic Projects & Service Delivery Regulation	Finance
Centlec	Finance	Strategic Projects and Service Delivery Regulation
Finance	Engineering Services	

10. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, DESIGN AND SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

10.1 Project Identification

Suitable projects shall be identified by various Municipal Departments using the EPWP provided Sectors Guideline.

10.2 Project Design

EPWP Sectors guidelines shall also be used at the initial projects design phase to ensure that the projects optimise the use of labour-intensive methods. Specific clauses related to the use of labour-intensive methods must be incorporated into tender/ contract documents under special condition of contracts, specifications and schedule of quantities.

10.3 Target Groups and Beneficiaries Recruitment

The Municipality must prioritise the EPWP target groups during the recruitment of beneficiaries: Women (55%); youth (40%), persons with disabilities, (2%) and others, (3%).

EPWP beneficiaries must be:

- South African citizens who holds a valid South African ID document;
- Residents of the designated area where the project is being implemented;
- Persons from indigent households;
- Households with no income and priority must be given to one individual per household.

11. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

EPWP beneficiaries shall be employed under the conditions of employment as stipulated in the Ministerial Determination and Code of Good Practice for the EPWP. The Municipality must ensure that its projects fully comply with all Labour Legislation such as the **Unemployment Insurance Fund Act** (Act No.63 of 2001), the **Compensation for Injuries and Diseases Act** (COIDA), and the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** (Act No.130 of 1993).

12. EPWP INCENTIVES

The City Manager shall sign the Incentives Agreement with the National Department of Public Works in which the Municipality agrees to receive and utilise the EPWP Incentive Grant on the basis of the stipulations, requirements, conditions and obligations assigned to the agreement. By signing the Incentive Grant Agreement, the Municipality confirms its willingness to receive the grant as well as its undertaking to put in place measures to abide by the requirements of the progress reporting, audit and disbursement procedures.

13. **SCM PROCESSES**

The legislations and policies governing municipal sector procurement must be adhered to in the implementation of EPWP within the Municipality. **The Municipal Finance Management Act** (Act No 56 of 2003) and the MMM procurement policies must apply, unless where The National Treasury has granted the permission to deviate from the prescribed SCM processes.

14. **SUPPORT FROM THE PROVINCE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

- Provincial – supportive role (i.e. within the region);
- National (H/O) – called in from time to time through the Provincial offices.

15. **EPWP TARGETS FOR THE MANGAUNG METRO**

In terms of the Protocol Agreement, the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality needs to achieve the following Phase II EPWP targets over the next five years as summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: EPWP Phase II targets for Mangaung

Financial Year	Work Opportunities (WO)	Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)
2009/10	2367	810
2010/11	2703	974
2011/12	3478	1273
2012/13	4521	1643
2013/14	5691	2046
Total	18759	6747

16. **PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The performance of the Municipality with regards to the implementation of the EPWP must be measured by the following indicators:

16.1 **Work Opportunities (WO) Created**

This performance indicator can be described as the opportunity to work provided to a targeted individual for a period of time. The quality of WO shall be measured by duration, the level of income and regularity of employment.

16.2 **Persons-days of Employment**

This performance indicator relates to the number of person-days of employment created during the period under review. This is calculated by aggregating the duration of each of the job opportunities created and dividing the total by the appropriate unit (days, weeks or months). The result is the number of person-days for any given review period.

16.3 **Project Budgets**

This performance indicator can be described as the total expenditure aggregated for all EPWP projects inclusive of all the sectors, infrastructure, environment and social.

16.4 **Person-Training Days**

This performance indicator can be described as the total number of training opportunities aggregated and expressed in the equivalent number of person-training days.

16.5 **Demographics**

This performance indicator can be described as the number of job opportunities created for women, the youth and people with disabilities expressed as a ratio of the total number of job opportunities created for any given period, for each of the Sectors.

16.6 **Expenditure Retained within Local Communities**

This performance indicator can be described as the amount of the budget spent and retained within local communities through the procurement of goods and services from local manufacturers, suppliers and service providers during a given period. This includes the expenditure injected into the community through wages being paid to communities.

17. FUNDING MECHANISMS

The Urban Settlement Development Fund (USDG), EPWP Incentive Grant, the municipality's own budget, as well as funding from National and Provincial Departments, shall be used in the implementation of EPWP projects within the Municipality.

18. INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The **Municipal Systems Act** (Act No. 32 of 2000) promotes the development of an Integrated Development Plan (IDP) as a key strategic planning document, guiding and informing all planning and development activities in Mangaung Metro.

Currently the EPWP forms part of the programmes and projects in Chapter 4 of the IDP that deals with poverty eradication, rural development, economic development and job creation. Articulated in the IDP are, amongst others, the following key challenges:

- Low economic growth and unemployment;
- Poor access to basic household services;
- High levels of poverty;
- Low levels of literacy and skills development; and
- Exposure to unacceptable high level of crime and risk.

19. REPORTING PROCESS

The Municipality must adhere to the EPWP M&E reporting process by ensuring the following:

- Recording of the data at the project level using provided templates;
- Verifying that the information/data is correct;
- Capturing the project data on the EPWP Reporting System on a monthly basis;

- Correcting all the non-compliant projects within a week after the data and analysis report have been received;
- Reporting on a monthly, quarterly, mid-year and annual basis.

20. **ENDORSEMENT OF THE POLICY**

The EPWP Policy must be endorsed, and approved by Council after all the formalities pertaining to the formulation of policies have been fulfilled.

21. **REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

The policy must be reviewed on an annual basis in line with the Budget and IDP review processes.