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MEC HLOMUKA TO ANNOUNCE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE ZIBAMBELE POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME AND LAUNCH A R153 MILLION ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY OF KWADUKUZA

In a bold move to empower women headed households, the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will tomorrow (Thursday, 01 February 2024), announce interventions that will improve incentives and benefit participants belonging under the Zibambele Road Maintenance Programme.

The Zibambele Road Maintenance Programme is a poverty alleviation programme in line with government's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and forms part of the broader provincial job creation programme S'thesha Waya Waya.

The programme has 41 000 beneficiaries who are doing minor road work maintenance and is part of the government's job creation programme dubbed S'thesha Waya Waya.

The programme is targeting women and child-headed households.

There are few men, who constitute five percent of the programme, as part of uplifting families that are living below the poverty lines.

The Zibambele Roadshow will start with the engagement of two districts, iLembe, and eThekwini, where MEC Hlomuka will announce an increase in their stipend.

This is part of the economic improvement plan. MEC Hlomuka will also use the occasion to distribute much needed Protective Personal Equipment to the Zibambele participants.

As part of reviving the infrastructure that is damaged by the flood, MEC Hlomuka will launch the rehabilitation of road P492 which is linking N2 and 102 in KwaDukuza.

This road will be rehabilitated at the value of R153 million with more than 50 jobs to be created. The roads provide a strategic link to the Chief Albert Luthuli Museum and Ballito.

Details for the programme:

@09h00 – Contractor handing over for the rehabilitation of P492 at the intersection of R102 and P492 in KwaDukuza.

@10h00 – Engagement with Zibambele beneficiaries at eThembeni Sports Ground in KwaDukuza

Ends.