

Unemployed members given skills training

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A number of unemployed people have descended on St Ives Primary School in Klipspruit West to register for training.

The school's current plan is to build a school hall but another goal is to give skills training to unemployed community members.

This project is the initiative of Elisa Januario who has been working in the area for a long time, after knocking on several doors for help she finally managed to bring both the extended Public Works Program (EPWP) and the private sector in to either sponsor or fund this needed project.

"The aim of this project was to build a hall that will cater for both the schools and community needs.

"As this is a community project so we opted for full participation of the community so that they also benefit in terms of skills development," said Januario.

Having received funding from the EPWP for training for the unemployed community members, a date was set for registration of members.



Elisa Januario briefing the community about the training programme that will result in the community having their own hall.



Elisa Januario during the registration at St. Ives Primary school in Klipspruit West.

"On June 16 registration took place at St Ives Primary from 10:30am to 2:30pm and community members came in numbers.

"It was a productive day where 144 unemployed people from areas such as Klipspruit West, Eldorado and Chiawelo were registered and were eager

to do the work," said Januario. After the success of the first day, the need to register the parents of the school arose and a second date was set for registration, this time on June 23 at 10am to 11am after the parent's school meeting that was held at the school.

"Another 47 unem-

ployed people were registered bring the total amount to 191 registered trainees," said Januario.

"This number surpasses the number of trainees needed by the EPWP to work on this project but no one will be turned away as this is a community building and upliftment pro-

ject.

"We could not turn people away so we improvised to ensure that we include as many people that the budget can allow us to, so come July the building will start and finally the community will have its own hall and people will have a better chance of being em-

ployed as the would have acquired certain skills from the project," she said.

Trainees will be notified by the EPWP of training dates and times, this will take place early July and Klipspruit West will have its own hall that the community that will be proud of.