

# DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

**Community Work Programme  
Presentation to  
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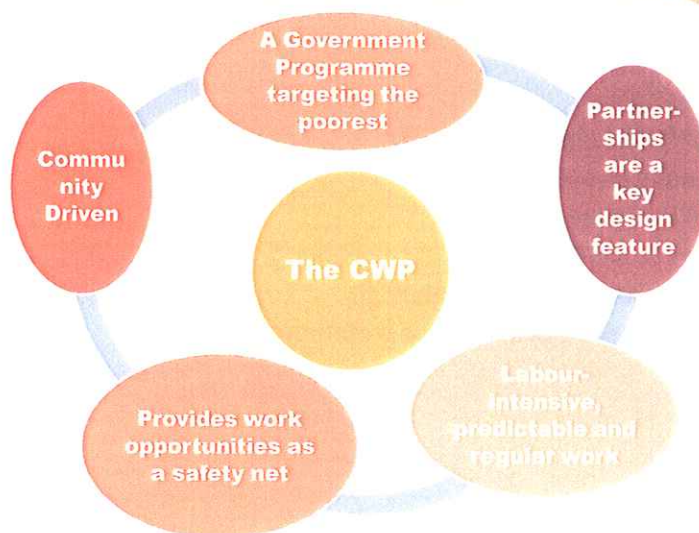


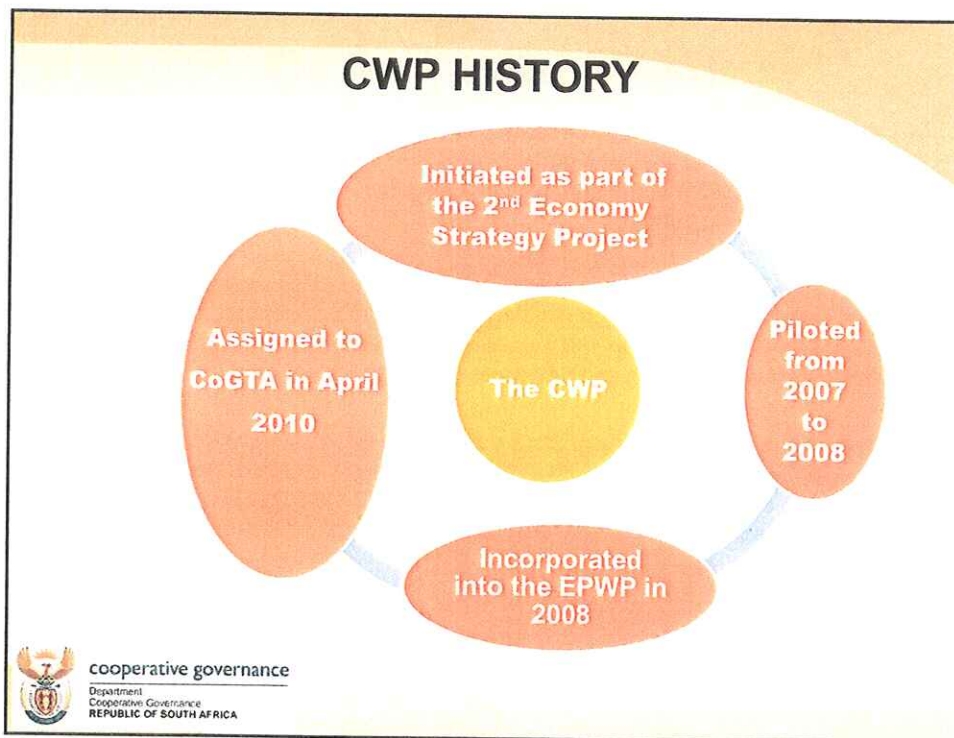
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## INTRODUCTION

- The Community Work Programme (CWP) is a community-driven , government-funded , partnership programme whose objective is to soften the negative impact of high unemployment in areas of greatest socio-economic need across all 9 provinces.
- It is an initiative designed to provide an employment safety net, by providing participants with a predictable number of days of work per month and thus supplement their existing livelihood strategies and affording them a basic income security through 'work'.
- The CWP is Output 3 of Outcome 9- A Responsive, Accountable, Effective and Efficient Local Government System.

## WHAT IS CWP?







## CWP PERFORMANCE – 2009- 2014

***The progress of CWP can be summarised as follows:***

- CWP is performing well in terms of achieving its targets especially in the provision of work opportunities.
- The CWP target for **2009/10** was significantly increased from a target of 10 000 participants to a revised target of **50 000** participants. The CWP exceeded this revised target, reaching **55 582** participants **by end of March 2010**.
- For the period **01 April 2010 – 31 March 2011**, the CWP created **89 689** work opportunities in 45 municipalities against a target of **87 000** work opportunities across 9 provinces; 65% of the participants during this period were women and 59% were young people.

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### CWP PERFORMANCE – 2009- 2014

- For the period **01 April 2011 – March 2012**, the CWP scaled up to **105 218** work opportunities against a target of **69 120** across all 9 provinces, in 63 municipalities; 69% of the participants during this period were women and 54% were young people.
- For the period **01 April 2012 – 31 March 2013**, the CWP scaled up to **204 494** work opportunities against a target of **172 000** work opportunities across the 9 provinces, in 140 municipalities, 58% of the participants during this period were women and 54% were young people.
- In the financial year (**01 April 2013 – 31 March 2014**), the CWP has maintained **216 929 (cumulative)** work opportunities against a target of **172 000** work opportunities across 9 provinces, in 140 municipalities; 64% of the participants during this period have been women and 52% are young people.



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### CURRENT SCENARIO OF CWP

- The new target in the current financial year (2014/15) is scaling up by an additional 15 000 work opportunities to **187 000**.
- By end of **June 2014** of the current financial year the **actual** number of work opportunities provided was **177 912** against the target of **171 500**.
- The **actual** participation rate by **31 July 2014** was **178 788**. The above represents a significant contribution to the reduction of the impact of unemployment to the affected communities. The cumulative number will be calculated by end of the financial year.



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## CWP IN RELATION TO EPWP

**CWP:**

Communities make decisions;  
Work is part time but available long term

**EPWP:**

Government decides;  
Work is full-time but temporary

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## IMPACT OF CWP

***The Impact of CWP can be summarised as follows:***

- CWP has elements that contribute to infrastructure maintenance, although it is not a key infrastructure programme. Assistance is provided based out of need and offer temporary relief to a desperate situation.
- The useful work identified and implemented through the CWP consists of variety of activities e.g. food gardens, home-based care, cleaning of public spaces, repairing of potholes, grass cutting, renovation of houses, halls, schools, etc. This contributes not only for maintenance of community assets and public spaces, but also in the promotion of community participation on matters affecting development. It is also linked with the IDP projects.
- From the 'wage' received, participants are able to buy the basic necessities and food for their families thus mitigating the impact of poverty and also stimulating the local economy

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### IMPACT OF CWP cont.

- Participants in the CWP are also provided with relevant training to improve their skills in order to enhance their chances of entering the mainstream labour market or becoming self-employed.
- Partnerships with organizations that offer an exit opportunity to participants for permanent employment, as CWP does not offer permanent employment.



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### CWP FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Regarding the CWP performance against the allocated budget, the following provide a brief summary:
  - **Budget (2014/15):** R 2 257 840
  - Actual expenditure (31 August): R 597 483
  - Variance R 1 624 394
  - Percentage spent 27%
- Community Work Programme reflected a 27 per cent spending rate at 31 August 2014. The spending is lower than the average spending rate of 41.7 per cent for a five-month period. The main reason for the lower spending is due to the delays in the receipt of invoices from the new Implementing Agents and the outstanding finalisation of procurement processes.



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### MEASURES IN PLACE TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

- All appointed Implementing Agents have been inducted on the programme.
- However the procurement policy guidelines are now being finalized and bulk procurement would commence during September 2014.
- The establishment of new sites and up scaling of existing sites with more work opportunities has been approved and the recruitment process is implemented.
- A proposed organizational structure for CWP has been submitted to Department of Public Service and Administration for concurrence.



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