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ABSTRACT

The Inanda, Ntuzuma, KwaMashu (INK) area has been the main concern of the eThekweni Municipality. This area has been marked for its poverty and crime rate which is very high and has a bigger population. In terms of the eThekweni Municipality's Intergrated Development Plan (IDP) and the Local Economic Development (LED) this area needs to fight poverty through providing sustainable programmes that will lead to economic growth and development thus changing the lives of many. There are policies and strategies that the government has embarked on to fight poverty and unemployment in the country but still this pandemic is growing. This study looked at how government has intervened in this community through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). This programme is intended for those people who have no employment or any source of income and its aim is to reach the poorest of the poor anywhere in the country. A sample was chosen through the purposeful method from a population frame of all people in the INK area who had worked in the EPWP. The researcher also used community leaders in the area who had been directly involved in the programme.

The researcher obtained data from primary sources, which are individuals that were involved in the study. The researcher used both self-administered questionnaires and structured interviews for this study. The interviews were conducted with the community and community leaders. The questionnaires comprised of open-ended and closed-ended questions. The reason for using open-ended questions was to allow respondents a chance to give their opinions and make useful comments. The results are indicative of government strides to reduce poverty. The impact of the programme seems positive. This is mainly because of the knowledge and skills that the beneficiaries gained during the programme. The issue of job creation is still a major challenge in terms of addressing poverty in the INK area..

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CBO	: Community-based organisation
CETA	: Construction Education and Training Authority
DoSD	: Department of Social Development
DoT	: Department of Transport
ECD	: Early Childhood Development
EPWP	: Expanded Public Works Programme
GEAR	: Growth, Employment and Redistribution
HDI	: Human Development Index
HPI	: Human Poverty Index
IDP	: Integrated Development Plan
IDT	: Independent Development Trust
INK	: Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu
KZN	: KwaZulu-Natal
LED	: Local Economic Development
MIG	: Municipal Infrastructure Grant
NGO	: Non-governmental organisation
PAP	: Poverty Alleviation Projects
PIG	: Provincial Infrastructure Grant
PRF	: Poverty Relief Fund
RDP	: Reconstruction and Development Programme
SASSA	: South African Social Security Agency
SMME	: Small Medium and Micro-Enterprises
UNDP	: United Nations Development Programme