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Masibambisane - First Step Resource Management Project

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

Are you a young person looking for an opportunity to build a sustainable livelihood and make a positive impact in your community and your environment?

WasteAid, in partnership with **Emakhazeni Local Municipality**, and **Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs** (DARDLEA) invites **unemployed youth** residing in all 4 units of the municipality to apply for participation in the ***Masibambisane - First Step Resource Management Project***.

About the Project

The **Masibambisane -First Step Resource Management Project** is a two-year initiative, running from March 2025 through to February 2027. Training for successful participants is scheduled to commence in June 2026 including a **compulsory orientation** session. The project aims to support the **economic empowerment of vulnerable youth in rural South Africa** by equipping participants with:

- Practical skills in waste management and recycling
- Business and entrepreneurship training
- Access to basic tools and equipment
- Ongoing mentorship and support

Through this initiative, waste is transformed into opportunity, enabling young people to:

- Earn a sustainable income
- Work safely within the waste value chain
- Improve their health and wellbeing
- Contribute to a cleaner and greener community

Who Should Apply?

We are looking for:

- Unemployed youth (18 – 35 age group)
- Residents of Emakhazeni Local Municipality (**proof of Residence will be required**)
- Individuals eager not only to learn but to also work in waste and recycling
- Those interested in starting or growing a small business
- Youth already involved in recycling or waste activities **but with limited experience** who want to grow and improve
- Must be willing to commit time to participate in prescribed activities for the duration of the project
- Youth groups looking to venture into waste and environment management are also encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Interested applicants must complete a **short application form** available at all **local Municipality office of Emakhazeni offices**.

Completed application forms can be submitted at the **Emakhazeni Local Municipal offices** or via email to **waste@emakhazeni.gov.za**. For further enquiries, please contact: Ms. Norah Mapfumo or Ms. Mpumi Ndlovu 013 253 7618

The closing date for applications is: **24 April 2026**.



Take The First Step Towards A Better Future, Apply Today!