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EC ROADS&TRANSPORT DEPT TO EMPOWERS DISABLED ROAD ACCIDENTS VICTIMS

Since yesterday, the Eastern Cape Department of Roads and Transport has embarked on a week-long empowerment programme for the disabled bus and taxi accidents and violence victims at the Head Office in Schornville, King Williams Town.

The purpose of the programme is to empower victims with skills to sustain themselves with a particular focus on tyre repairs, welding and seat repairs.

This training is part of a roll-out programme since the launch of this pilot project in April 2007. There are 10 beneficiaries, who have done training provided by the Department of Labour in welding, introduction to business skills and leather work.

The beneficiaries, who are from areas such as Phakamisa, Zwelitsha, Sweetwaters and Dimbaza, needed more training on the use of the equipment purchased for them by the Department of Roads and Transport and are currently doing advanced business skills, wheelchair repairing and computer skills.

The Department bought two containers (R11 000.00), tyre repair machine (R29 000.00), welding kit (R7 000.00). Leather sewing machine was sponsored by Uncedo Taxi Association (R7 000.00) and a computer sponsored by Vulindlela Office Solutions. The containers will be handed to the beneficiaries when all the necessary training has been completed.

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