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Small businesses need assistance - MEC

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Western Cape Economic Development MEC Alan Winde on Tuesday said that every effort must be made to ensure small businesses succeed.

Winde has visited two cooperatives run by women in Khayelitsha.

They are producing 3,000 bags, which will be part of a local exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show in London in June.

Hard at work, the women are trying to meet their deadline for the 3,000 bag order. The Sophumelela and Singalakha cooperatives are among seven which give work to 60 women in Khayelitsha, Manenberg and West Lake.

Currently, they rely on the township group for marketing and training. Most women are single mothers and depend on their work to feed their families.

In a good month each cooperative can make about R45,000.

Winde said all they need is help to become fully-fledged businesses.

(Edited by Lindiwe Mlandu)

Khayelitsha women hard at work in an attempt to finish their 3,000 bag order for the Chelsea Flower Show. Picture: Malungelo Boo!/EWN



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