

**Government has created programmes to build and strengthen infrastructure.**

**Infrastructure means roads, houses, electricity, water supply, etc. — all those things that help a country to develop and run smoothly. These programmes create jobs for many previously unemployed people.**



## Emerging Contractor Development Programme (ECDP)

The construction industry is important for the development of our country's infrastructure. Every year, the South African government spends billions of rands hiring the services of previously disadvantaged people and businesses in the construction industry. These contractors are registered in government records, giving them a better chance of finding work in the future.

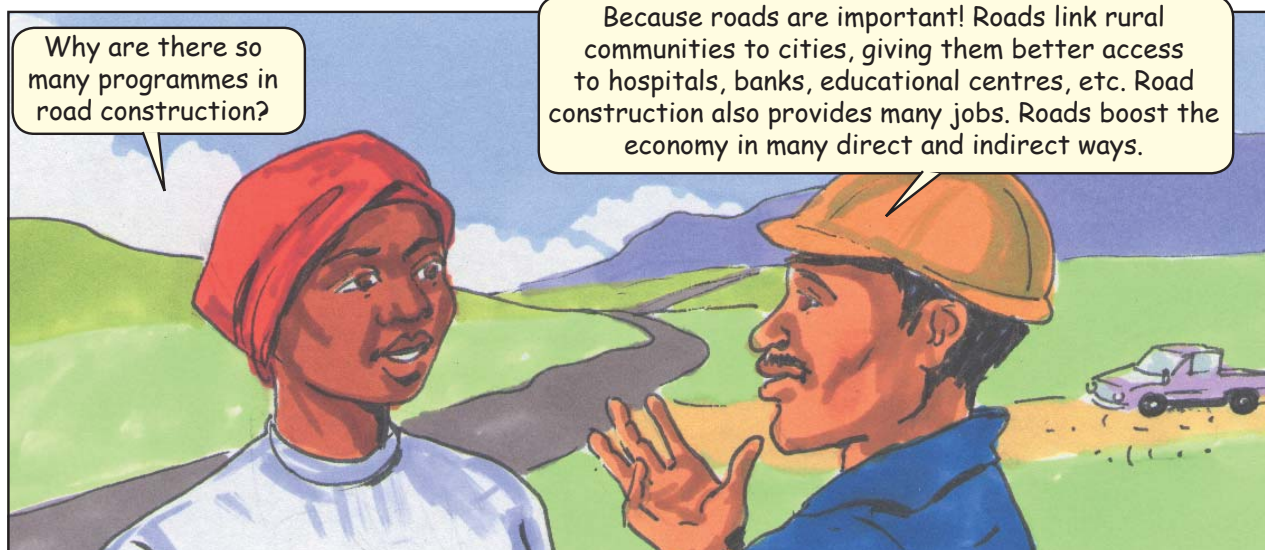
### Who can access this programme?

Anybody who owns a registered construction business can apply for a government contract. Some projects, however, need complex machinery and special building skills. Bigger companies will get these contracts.

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