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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 awareness roadshow

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System, in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ekurhuleni District Health Services and the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, embarked on a vaccination awareness roadshow activation on 31 May 2021 in Vosloorus.

The aim of the activation was to educate and encourage registration of vaccination for senior citizens who are 60 years and above, to heighten public awareness on the vaccination roll-out programme, and to encourage behavioural change. Government officials also helped the elderly to register for vaccination.

The awareness roadshow activation featured a drama performance to showcase and guide the 60-year-old and above on how to register on Electronic Vaccination Data System for vaccination. The message was delivered to the community in languages they understand such as isiZulu, isiXhosa and Sesotho.

Information flyers with vaccine registration details were distributed to community members. Furthermore, communities were encouraged to adhere to Level 2 lockdown regulations, continue to wear a mask, wash hands or sanitise, practise social distance, and avoid gatherings and congested places.













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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 60-year-olds and above:

Online at:

https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/ Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.

Via SMS by dialling *134*832#. Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.



Lusanda Radebe said:

"I am happy to get the information on how to register for the vaccination. The free data and airtime, WhatsApp and SMS registration methods are good for those who may not have airtime or data. I am taking the flyer, which I will use to assist the elderly I know to register for vaccination and when my turn comes to register I already know how to do it."



Grace Banda said:

"I am glad I got assisted to register to vaccinate on the electronic system, and have received confirmation of my registration. I will wait for the second SMS to inform and confirm my appointment to get the



"I urge all young people to assist the elderly to register on Electronic Vaccination Data System because it is their turn now to vaccinate to avoid COVID-19 as the vulnerable group."







Thuthuzela said: "People should stop inciting fear about the vaccine. This vaccination process is easy and not painful at all."



"I was very scared to be vaccinated, as so many stories were told about this vaccination. When I came here the nurses explained the process to me. I got vaccinated and nothing is wrong with me. I encourage other elders to come for the vaccination so that they can be safe."

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Buffalo City vaccination roll-out

By Ayanda Jack and Tabita Nggunge: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Buffalo City Executive Mayor Xola Pakati receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

On 19 May 2021, the Executive Mayor of Buffalo City Metro Municipality, Councillor Xola Pakati, led the launch of Phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out programme in Bhisho Hospital.

The programme commenced with the vaccination of persons who are 60 years and older. The Department of Health started swiftly with the programme and communicated the information about the location of the other vaccination centers within the metro.



The Executive Mayor took the first jab as the first citizen in the Buffalo City to encourage other citizens. He called on people who are 60 years and older to register on the COVID-19 Electronic Vaccination Data System through registration sites or by dialing the USSD code *134*832# on their cellphones.

Government continues to encourage community members to adhere to non-pharmaceutical interventions aimed at preventing the spread of the COVID-19, which are to avoid large gatherings, wearing a mask, keeping a social distance and washing hands regularly or sanitising.





PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Lejweleputswa conducts vaccine roll-out

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

As the Phase 2 vaccination roll-out programme continues across the country, the Executive Mayor of Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Sebenzile Ngangelizwe, was one of the first people to receive the vaccine at Bongani Hospital on 21 May 2021.

The Mayor was accompanied by 10 elderly citizens who are 60 years and above. He said the process of vaccination has been smooth at the hospital's vaccination site.

Mayor Ngangelizwe further encouraged the community to assist the 60-year-olds to register on the Electronic Vaccination Data System by using 134*832# on their cellphones, or by sending the word "REGISTER" to the WhatsApp number: 0600123456. Government will be opening more vaccine sites in all public hospitals to avoid overcrowding.









PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

KwaZulu-Natal outreach programme

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala and his Members of the Executive successfully hosted Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Cabinet Day at uMzinyathi District within eNdumeni Municipality. This was done as part of government's intergration of services and community engagement on what hinders service delivery, thus affecting the improvement of the lives of the people.

Community members received service delivery through handovers such as houses, sporting equipment of various codes, farming impliments, approved funding, and social assistance.

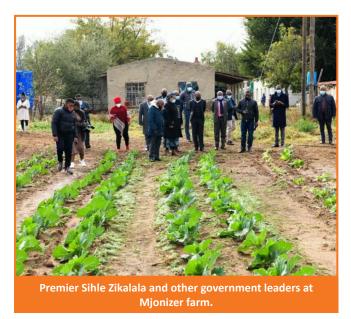
Premier Zikalala was firm on issues such as water shortages at Wasbank and poor sewerage spills that affect citizens. He further assured community members that government would tighten its belt to deliver services, more especially on issues raised.

The MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation, Hlengiwe Mavimbela, visited Ward 1 in Wasbank as part of the OSS. Some of the challenges identified in the ward include unemployment, lack of housing, water and electricity. She welcomed issues raised by the community and assured them that government would prioritise its responses by attending to urgent matters such as water supply.

The team visited projects which included the Mjonizer farm, which supplies milk to Orange Grove. The dairy farm and piggery was established in February 2021 and has employed over 13 people from the local community. Since the farm is still new it needs assistance with equipment and infrastructure. The provincial Department of Agriculture, which was also present, will be working closely with Mjonizer farm to ensure that it receives assistance.

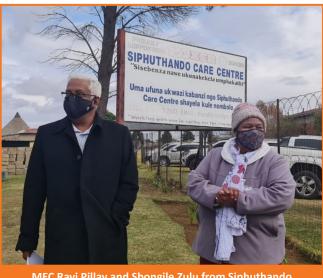
Premier Zikalala and MEC Mavimbela then proceeded to the Malinga household to hand over a house to two brothers who are both unemployed and have been struggling to make ends meet. The Malinga family has been staying in Wasbank for more than 20 years and had never benefited from any form of housing subsidy.

The MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affaris, Ravi Pillay, visited Siphuthando Community Organisation where he committed that his department would allocate R300 000 towards the purchase of a car for use by the organisation to continue servicing the people of Sibongile village. Siphuthando takes care of orphaned and vulnberable children at Sibongile and is running a soup kitchen, feeding scholars around the area.





Community members who were in attendance at Wasbank.



MEC Ravi Pillay and Sbongile Zulu from Siphuthando Community Organisation during a walkabout at the centre.