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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Women empowerment session

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

KwaZulu-Natal Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation MEC Hlengiwe Mavimbela, joined by the Member of the Provincial Legislature, Sbo Zuma, hosted the uMzinyathi District Women's Empowerment Seminar in Msinga on 31 August 2021.

Women from the district were empowered with information on health, agricultural opportunities and advice on social-development issues.

Furthermore, the women received blankets and agricultural starter packs in a bid to encourage them to participate in "one home, one garden" to sustain their families.

Through Operation Sukuma Sakhe Programme, the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government held various initiatives promoting women emancipation during August. The ongoing gender imbalances were among the key topics of the month by various stakeholders.

Operation Sukuma Sakhe held successful dialogues aimed at reducing violence against women and children. During these dialogues, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health encouraged women to get vaccinated for COVID-19, and also promoted and rendered health services.



Msinga women with some of the agricultural equipment received at the empowerment session.



Members of the public who attended the session.









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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 18-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.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Students get vaccinated

By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo

The Mopani District Command Council led by the Limpopo Department of Health, embarked on youth vaccination programme targeting students in the TVET colleges within the district, on 30 August 2021.

This was in addition to the usual outreach programmes, which target all individuals including the elderly, to vaccinate for COVID-19.

The district has two TVET colleges, which share five campuses that were all turned into vaccination stations from 20 August 2021.

District Executive Mayor Pule Shayi took his jab at one of the TVET colleges, Sir Val Duncan Campus on 27 August 2021. During the day, about 114 students were vaccinated.

"We urge and encourage all young people to vaccinate in order to speed up the herd immunity, which will assist in the rebuilding of the country's economy," said Executive Mayor Shayi. He further appealed to all men to also come forward and vaccinate, "By taking the vaccine, you will be a part of the millions of people around the world who have already been successfully vaccinated against COVID-19," he added.

The Executive Mayor concluded by thanking all healthcare workers together with other stakeholders who are at the forefront to ensure that people get vaccinated.

The Department of Health in Mopani District has increased its efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible by increasing vaccination sites and visiting high schools to encourage and create awareness on the campaign.





The President of Letaba TVET College at Maake Campus appealing to youth to vaccinate.





PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Truck vaccination drive

By Esmarelda Mckay: GCIS, Western Cape

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) truck vaccination drive campaigns were conducted in Langebaan and Vredendal from 27 to 28 August 2021, to educate the public about the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID-19.

This campaign was a joint venture between UNICEF, Department of Health and the Government Communication and Information System.

The truck showcased videos of public members sharing their positive stories on why they chose to get vaccinated, and officials interacted with community members, encouraging them to get vaccinated at vaccination sites in their areas.

Getting vaccinated is the only way to slow down the virus in our communities. Once vaccinated, you are better protected against severe illness, hospitalisation and death.

Citizens over the age of 18 years are encouraged to go to their nearest vaccination site to get vaccinated.









PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Men act against violence and femicide

By Ndyebo Kopo: GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 27 August 2021, Men's Forum in Alfred Nzo District led a symbolic walk against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).

The walk was held in Matatiele was a precursor to a candlelight memorial event held at Nokhwezi Community Hall, in remembrance of all women who have fallen victim of GBVF.

This follows the gruesome murder of five women in a space of few weeks in the area. The five women include a student at the University of Fort Hare, Nosicelo Mtebeni, who was allegedly murdered and dismembered by her boyfried.

Other women were found dead in open fields in different areas in Matatiele. This has brought panic and fear among the communities, especially women.

This initiative was a partnership between the Men's Forum, Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Matatiele Local Municipality and the Government Communication and Information System.

Different stakeholders delivered messages condemning GBVF.

"We will not be able to stay with men who abuse and kill women and children. We call upon all men in our villages to isolate such men and they must not have a place in our society," said Inkosi Zanemfundo Makaula from the Makaula Traditional Council in KwaBhaca.



