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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Mineworkers get COVID-19 vaccination

By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo

Limpopo Health MEC Phophi Ramathuba visiting Exxaro Mine in Lephalale Local Municipality to launch the COVID-19 vaccination for mineworkers on 20 July 2021. This was a call to curb the escalating outbreak of the COVID-19 in the area. Lephalale is one of the municipalities in the Waterberg District, which has been hit hard by the third wave of the COVID-19.

It has the highest statistics of COVID-19 positive cases compared to other four local municipalities in the district. During the vaccination launch, about 27 administrators from both the Department of Health and Exxaro were deployed to the vaccination site, and 2 000 mineworkers received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"As our country is moving to mass vaccination, we want to see every sector of our society being vaccinated, more especially those that are at more risk due to their nature of work in order to achieve herd immunity. We continue to encourage our community members to register for their COVID-19 vaccination using the Electronic Vaccination Delivery System, WhatsApp or SMS so that they can be vaccinated," said MEC Ramathuba.



MEC Phophi Ramathuba with Exxaro Mine Personnel during the launch of the COVID-19 vaccination for mineworkers.



A mineworker getting vaccinated at Exxaro Mine.



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for 35-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.



Johan said:

"I am happy that I got vaccinated today. Thank you Exxaro."



Joyce said:

"I am over the moon that I survived and got the opportunity to be vaccinated today. I thank government for saving our lives."



Gloria said:

"I got infected in February and survived. I am very happy that I got the vaccination today. I feel bad that so many lives were lost before they got the vaccination. I will continue to comply with the COVID-19 regulations to stay safe."

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Education sector receives COVID-19 vaccination

By Tebogo Monyo: GCIS, Northern Cape

The John Taolo Gaetsewe District vaccination campaign for workers in the education sector was conducted without any challenges from 28 June 2021.

Although vaccination is voluntarily, the Department of Education encouraged educators to take the vaccine in order to protect themselves and others.

Tshwaraganong Hospital in Batlharos, Kuruman, was identified as the main centre for vaccination, with other operational centres in Kathu, in the Gamagara Local Municipality.

Educators and other sector employees were happy that government prioritised them for the vaccination.

Registration for vaccine continues on the Electronic Vaccination Data System, and those who are 35 years and above are encouraged to register and get vaccinated.



Gloria Nnosang said:

"I am over the moon that I have now been vaccinated. I have been waiting for this opportunity, but will continue wearing my mask, sanitising and keeping social distance."



Tumelo Tlhopego said:

"I am very happy that our government is speeding up the vaccination campaign. The more people are vaccinated, the better for all of us to be safe and go back to normality."



Gloria Nnosang, an educator from the Bankhara-Bodulong Primary School, getting vaccinated.



Simon Thaelo, a general worker at the Bankhara-Bodulong Primary School, getting vaccinated.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Government assesses municipal infrastructure

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, together with KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Siphon Hlomuka visited Bulwer and Donnybrook towns in the Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality, Harry Gwala District on 20 July 2021.

The visit followed the torching of municipal assets, infrastructure and properties that accompanied the protests and looting, which in some areas led to the affected municipalities not being able to render basic services to communities. The municipality is one of the most affected in KwaZulu-Natal.

The violent and disruptive incidents bear major implications for local government operations especially planning and budgeting in respect of the costs of repairing or replacing assets, which places further strain on limited financial resources that were intended to expand and better service delivery.

Minister Dlamini Zuma started the visit by conducting a community engagement with local businesses and farmers within Bulwer and Donnybrook, where she expressed her sincere condolences to all the families who lost their loved ones and further committed to business owners that government was considering plans to work with them in rebuilding affected towns.

Harry Gwala District Mayor Zama Nxumalo and other senior government officials were also part of the engagements.



Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and MEC Siphon Hlomuka leading assessment walkabouts in Bulwer and Donnybrook.



Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and Mayor Zama Nxumalo at a community engagement session in Bulwer.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Public encouraged to protect infrastructure

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thambi Siweya, visited KG Mall in Emalahleni on 15 July 2021 and engaged the community policing forum and KG Mall management to assess their plans to protect economic infrastructure and to encourage communities to desist from acts of criminality and looting.

The day started with discussions where stakeholders highlighted their different roles in ensuring protection of infrastructure and economy. The Government Communication and Information System, National Youth Development Agency, the South African Police Service and Brand South Africa were part of the engagements.

In her opening remarks, Deputy Minister Siweya said, “I encourage all South Africans to play their part to protect South Africa”. The Deputy Minister then addressed and appreciated Emalahleni communities who were holding placards written ‘no looting’.

A loud-hailing session was also conducted by the Deputy Minister, encouraging communities to protect infrastructure and to observe COVID-19 health protocols.

Deputy Minister Siweya joined Mpumalanga Health MEC Sasekani Manzini for the launch of COVID-19 vaccination roll-out at Emalahleni Taxi Rank, and the Deputy Minister got her jab at the same venue.

The event ended with a community radio engagement at Emalahleni FM where Deputy Minister Siweya encouraged the community of Emalahleni to stand firm in protecting their infrastructure working with law-enforcement agencies, to stay safe and observe all COVID-19 health protocols.



Deputy Minister Thambi Siweya addressing community members.



Deputy Minister Thambi Siweya during the radio interview at Emalahleni FM.



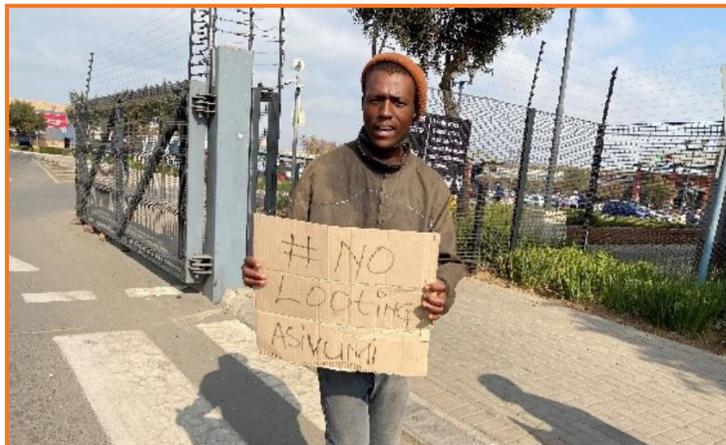
MEC Sasekani Manzini said:

"Today we are here at Emalahleni Taxi Rank launching the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out to taxi drivers, hawkers and commuters. The roll-out is running smoothly and we thank the taxi drivers and community members who are saying "No" to protests, looting and burning of infrastructure."



Waseem Carrin said:

"I am here to ensure that protest actions that are happening do not spread further and also encourage young people not to involve themselves in protest and looting, as this will cripple our economy."



Thabo Sibanyoni said:

"I have been here during the day and night since the protest started, protecting our mall as we shop here. Our mothers, brothers and sisters work here so if they can burn our mall, it is us who are going to suffer."