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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government continues to raise awareness on COVID-19

By Nosipho Keuti: GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 23 July 2020, the Government Communication and Information System held a loud hailing activation and placed COVID-19 awareness posters at Bhisho and King Williams town shopping centres, and post offices. The initiative sought to continue to raise more awareness about the coronavirus.

People shared their views on the virus and how it has affected them ever since the first case was reported in March in South Africa. Nolitha Xandula is one of the people who shared their frustrations and how COVID-19 has affected her as a vendor, but regardless she is still taking all the precautionary measures to stay safe and protect her loved ones. "If you come to buy at my stand I ensure that as a customer you sanitise before you take anything, I also sanitise every now and then, when I am at home, I am taking the recommended mixture to ensure that I stay healthy and protected," said Xandula.



Government official Vuyokazi Dube about to put up the COVID-19 awareness posters at Bhisho Post Office.



Vuyokazi Dube raising awareness about COVID-19 and reminding the Bhisho residents to adhere to regulations.



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Nolitha Xandula said:

"I am a street vendor and ever since the President announced the lockdown in March, things have been a little bit difficult for me. But I cannot complain because I understand that it was for the best. The pandemic has affected us so bad, but I continue to take all the measures, ensure that I keep my loved ones safe all the time."



Thembisile Ngxishi said:

"I know about the coronavirus and I know that it kills. Therefore, I am taking all the measures to ensure I stay safe and I do not contract it. I wear my mask every day. I practise social distancing and I encourage people to do the same, and not to take this virus lightly."



Phumeza Cebisa said:

"I lost my sister because of COVID-19 and it is not a nice experience. It was hard and that made us as a family to take this virus seriously. I see people are still taking it very lightly and it worries me as someone who has lost a family member. Some people are not wearing their masks, they not practising social distancing and it worries me. They are always making excuses that they do not have money to buy masks, and I always tell them that my little brother even takes a scarf and wrap it around so it is not an excuse not to wear anything."

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Glencore hands over R26m clinic to North West Health

By Tebogo Lekgethwane: Department of Health, North West



Newly built Bethanie Clinic donated to the North West Department of Health.

The community of Bethanie near Brits received a comprehensive healthcare services including dental at their doorstep. Glencore, a mining company operating in North West, handed over a newly built clinic to the Department of Health on 22 July 2020.

Built at the cost of about R26 million, the clinic has increased the number and size of consulting rooms and waiting areas, thus enabling more community members to be served, and in the process, eliminating any need to wait for service outside the clinic. A total of 16 nurses, two doctors, midwife and dentist have been appointed to work at the clinic.

The services that will be rendered at the clinic include treating communicable and non-communicable diseases, emergency cases, family planning, tuberculosis, maternal and child health, minor ailments and chronic illnesses.

The mining company donated furniture, medicinal and dental equipment including dentist chair. The company has also committed to maintain clinic infrastructure, garden, and pays for electricity.



Councillor Nomawethu Jantjies-Gushman said:

“Wear your mask, keep social distance, and wash your hands often. The pandemic we are facing can only be defeated if we all make an effort to follow the rules.”



Councillor Langa Langa said:

“Today, I am confessing that I did test positive for COVID-19. It is not a death sentence. Look at me today, I am healthy and well. We must stop the stigma.”

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 hotspot activation in Thembalethu

By Jetrho Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape



COVID-19 public education and awareness at Thembalethu Square Mall.



Placement of COVID-19 awareness posters at public places in Thembalethu Township.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) collaborated with the George Municipality to host a COVID-19 hotspot awareness activation at Thembalethu Square Mall on 16 July 2020. The initiative, together with an Eden FM live broadcast forms part of a targeted communications strategy to heighten awareness around COVID-19 regulations.

The communication campaign is grounded on the need to effect behavioural change around good hygiene, wearing cloth mask, social distancing, and what to do when you are sick within areas where there has been a substantial increase in community transmission over the past few weeks.

Councillor Langa Langa, who is a community leader and member of the George Council, spoke to shoppers at the mall about his exposure and subsequent recovery from the coronavirus. Another Councillor, Nomawethu Jantjies-Gushman, was interviewed by Eden FM, and urged people to adhere to COVID-19 regulations: wearing your mask, keeping social distance, and washing hands.

The GCIS and other stakeholders handed out COVID-19 preventative measures leaflets and visited several tuck shops to paste COVID-19 awareness posters.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Mandela Day donations to community centres

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Matron Nhlebeya from the Gugulethu St Benedict's Home for the Aged Home thanking stakeholders for the donations.



Deputy Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga handing over the donated items.

On 18 July 2020, Public Service and Administration Deputy Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga spent her 67 minutes of Mandela Day with Gugulethu St Benedict's Home for the Aged and Chief JM Dlamini Cheshire Home for the Disabled at Elukwatini in Mpumalanga.

Deputy Minister Chikunga, accompanied by the leadership from the Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality handed over sanitisers, masks, blankets and groceries to the two institutions to help them during this COVID-19 pandemic. The home for the aged, consists of 66 residents, while the one for people with disabilities has 54 residents and is situated in Nhlazatshe.

On receiving the items, the Manager for Gugulethu St Benedict Home for the Aged, Matron Nhlebeya said, "We thank you Deputy Minister Chikunga for thinking of us during this Mandela Day and for your love and caring spirit. We also thank those you have worked with to make this possible. The donations, especially the masks and sanitisers will help us a lot to prevent COVID-19 infections."

Speaking at the Chief JM Dlamini Cheshire Home, the Deputy Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga said, "People in the disability centres must not shy away from applying for employment and also asking companies if they are complying with the prescribed requirement of 2% employment of persons with disability." She further appealed to the workers at the disability centre to ensure that safety measures are put in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.