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Remembering Minister Mthembu

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Minister Mthembu engaging with Mitchells Plain community members during the pre-2020 SoNA community activation.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) pays tribute to the late Minister in The Presidency, Mr Jackson Mthembu, who passed away on 21 January 2021, from COVID-related complications. The GCIS is one of the departments that fall under The Presidency.

The late Minister Mthembu participated in multiple public engagements and activities in various provinces after he took office in government and assumed the portfolio of Minister in The Presidency.

These activities include the pre-2020 State of the Nation Address (SoNA), Mitchells Plain community outreach programmes, the 2020 Back-to-School



Minister Mthembu during a visit to his former school, Elukhanyisweni Secondary in Emalaheni, Mpumalanga.

Campaign and the launch of the 25-Year Review report in Mpumalanga, and the District Development Model (DDM) rollout activities in the Harry Gwala District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal.

Speaking at a virtual memorial service for Minister Mthembu, Deputy President David Mabuza said, "As a nation, we have been unjustly robbed of a champion for social justice for the marginalized and destitute. For him, the public service leadership role meant that in everything we do, we must never stray from our relentless pursuit of changing the lives of poor and vulnerable communities for the better".



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Minister Mthembu at Sunflower Gender-Based Violence Shelter in KwaZulu-Natal during the oversight working visit to Harry Gwala as part of the DDM rollout.



Minister Mthembu during the inauguration of the DDM in Harry Gwala District Municipality.



GCIS officials Livhuwani Tadani and Joy Themba with Minister Mthembu during the launch of the 25-Year Review report at Mpumalanga University.



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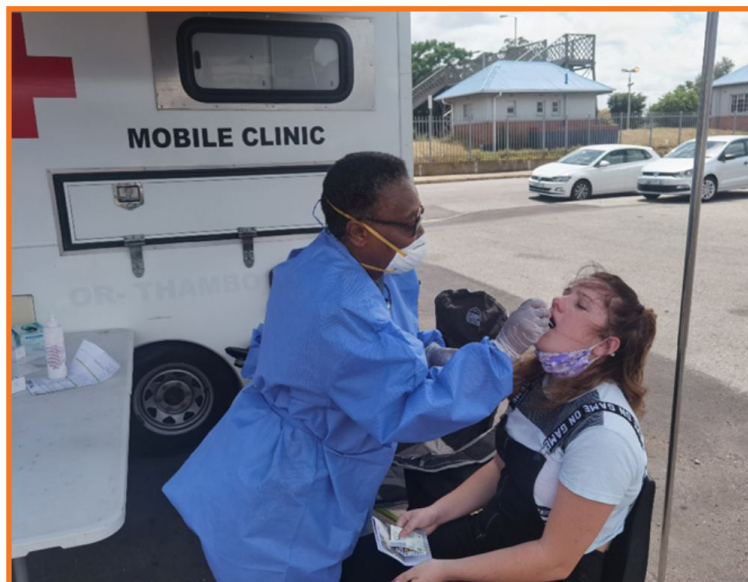
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Nelson Mandela Bay COVID-19 awareness and testing

By: Zukiswa Mqumbisa: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Siebert after testing for COVID-19.



A resident being tested for COVID-19 in Despatch.



Nodastini Ester Marwane receiving a COVID-19 leaflet from a government official.

The Government Communication and Information System, and the Department of Health are conducting the Antigen Testing Programme to help flatten the COVID-19 curve in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality – targeting hotspots.

Mobile testing stations are placed in different areas every week. On 8 January 2021, an antigen mobile testing station was placed at Despatch, one of the hotspots.

Residents went to screen and test for COVID-19, demonstrating how they value the fight against the pandemic. One of the young people who were tested for COVID-19 was Renaldo Siebert. He said, "I came to test because I want to know where I stand. I would encourage young people to go and test when there is a mobile testing in their areas so we can protect the people that we love."

The number of people infected by COVID-19 has been going down in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality since the start of this programme.

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Creating awareness on COVID-19

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape



Flyers were distributed in Calvinia.



Loud hailing done in the community to remind people to follow COVID-19 regulations.

On 21 January 2021, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) embarked on COVID-19 safety precautions information-sharing sessions using loud hailing in Calvinia, Northern Cape.

During the activation, flyers were distributed to community members and stuck on tuck shops to keep residents informed. Community members indicated their gratitude towards the government for the information that was supplied to them.



Edwin Thomas said:

"It is very good to see that our government is concerned about our health and has awareness activities like this one. It is sad that our people, especially the youth, do not listen to the warnings and the health tips given to them. They are careless and reckless in their behaviour. I would like to see the police being given more power to assist in combatting the virus."



Chrisanda Maswana said:

"I am grateful to see the GCIS in our community today. We have to keep hearing the message to ensure that everybody adheres to the safety rules during the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank our government for everything they are doing to keep us safe and healthy."



Kerneels Swart said:

"I am grateful for what government is doing for us today. Everybody should listen carefully to the message and do what they are told, otherwise we shall never win this fight against COVID-19."

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Impendle loud hailing outreach

By Mlungisi Dlamini: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



COVID-19 posters mounted at a local tuck shop.



Jojo tanks were also used to display messages about Covid-19.

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality Disaster Management, the Impendle Local Municipality and other stakeholders held a loud hailing and motorcade outreach on 22 January 2021. The outreach was aimed at educating the community of Mahlutshini about dangers associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and how they can protect themselves and eliminate infections. COVID-19 awareness posters were mounted in strategic points to educate the public about the virus.

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality is one of the areas that are affected by the recent surge in COVID-19 infections. Community members are urged to continue following the COVID-19 regulations to protect themselves and others as the country remains on Adjusted Risk Alert Level 3 of the National Lockdown.