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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government takes healthcare services to the people

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Transnet-Phelophepa healthcare train continued to service the communities of Carolina in Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality during the Annual Thusong Service Centre Week, which ran from 13 to 17 September 2021.

Community members came in their numbers to access free healthcare services. Chief Albert Luthuli Executive Mayor Dan Nkosi came to welcome and appreciate the provision of services.

The Phelophepa train provides mobile healthcare clinics that travel to the rural areas of South Africa, helping thousands of communities in those.

Services provided included healthcare clinic, eye care clinic, dental clinic, counselling and psychology clinic. Some of the services are offered for free while others are offered at a very low fee ranging from R5 to R30. All the health services provided are free to children who are not older than 15 years.

Stakeholders such as the Mpumalanga Department of Health, Broad Reach and the Government Communication and Information System also exhibited their services during the activity, thus creating awareness about the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and Public Service Month. Communities were also afforded the opportunity to be registered and to get COVID-19 vaccination.



Carolina community members receiving services inside the healthcare train.



The Transnet-Phelophepa healthcare train stationed at Carolina.



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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.



Mthetho Malaza said:

"I am here to do my health screening and I will vaccinate by taking my first shot today."



Nondumiso Mabuza said:

"I have vaccinated. I encourage others to do the same. It is the right thing to do. We all can be saved from this deadly disease."



Eddie Shabangu said:

"Thank you for this information about vaccination. I will register for vaccination using WhatsApp, and I will then vaccinate."

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 campaign targets hotspots

By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng

The Tshwane COVID-19 Ward-Based Outreach Campaign team is continuing with its education, screening, testing and vaccination of communities in the hotspots within the city.

During these campaigns, health services, information and relevant information products are brought closer to the people. Community members are educated and encouraged to follow and adhere to all non-pharmaceutical COVID-19 interventions.

The hotspots are identified weekly through the city's continued analytical exercise that zooms into all its townships and suburbs to determine where the spike of COVID-19 is, with a vision to institute informed health programmes and awareness interventions.

This ongoing campaign has been a success, having reached most of the hotspot areas. It has also helped to enhance the city's efforts to fight against this dreadful pandemic as those who had tested positive for COVID-19 were advised to follow specific health protocols, such as isolating, to avoid the spread of the virus.

Some of the places that were visited in Region 6 from 16 to 23 August 2021, are Mbalati, Silverton, East Lynne, Mamelodi East and West, and Eersterust.

During the campaigns, community members who are eligible to be vaccinated are also encouraged to register for vaccination on the Electronic Vaccination Data System.

Field workers of Multi-Sectoral Aids Management Unit and community development workers are the mainstay of these campaigns as they lead community mobilisation through door-to-door campaigns, face-to-face interactions and distribution of information products.

The Government Communication and Information System and other stakeholders such as Tshwane Health, Tshwane Metropolitan Police Department and local organisations, worked together to ensure that the programme becomes a success.



The Tshwane COVID-19 screening and testing station at Denlyn Mall in Mamelodi.



A government official, George Moeketsi, encouraging the community to screen, test and vaccinate.



Ricardo Fitzpatrick said:

"The centre will be beneficial to the community members of Roodepan as they will now also be able to receive free Wi-Fi and other services provided by government at this one-stop centre."



Hendrik Maleta said:

"I am happy that the centre is operational again. I am here because I heard that with the relaunch, the COVID-19 vaccination will also be done and I encourage fellow men to come out in numbers to be vaccinated, just as I did."

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

Manne Dipico Thusong Service Centre relaunched

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Thembu Siweya, and Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul jointly relaunched the Manne Dipico Thusong Service Centre on 17 September 2021 in Roodepan, Kimberley, to mark the end of 2021 Annual Thusong Service Centre Week.

They were joined by the Executive Mayor of Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, Patrick Mabilo, and Edward Matiwan from Afrovision & Abantu Wi-Fi.

Manne Dipico Thusong Service Centre was relaunched after part of it was closed for more than three years as a result of vandalism and arson following violent service delivery protest action.

The centre houses multiple departments and provides services that include applications for social grants, library services, soup kitchen, municipal services and free Wi-Fi.

The relaunch of the centre is one way of bringing services closer to the people of Roodepan, a step that will save them money and time.

Deputy Minister Siweya appealed to Roodepan community to protect the centre as this will ensure continuous integrated services for the community.

Premier Saul called on communities to be the "first line of defence" to protect the centre as it is for their benefit. "Our responsibility as government is to support such initiatives and how best the current services can be expanded," the Premier said.

Government departments exhibited their information material at the relaunch as part of marketing their services. Furthermore, a mobile vaccination site was established at the centre for community members who attended the event.



A board showing institutions providing services at the Manne Dipico Thusong Service Centre.

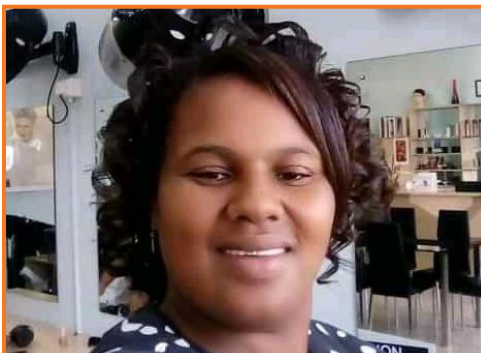


Deputy Minister Thembu Siweya and Premier Zamani Saul engaging with public servants.



Patricia Brentt said:

"I am part of the Gerald Wright Thusong Service Centre, my organisation is Pro Life. We are currently active and through the centre we get government information and help with capacity building workshops. My organisation has a few challenges in relation to space of a building as we have to accommodate children and also provide aftercare services."



Cindy Witbooi said:

"I am the owner of Sindirella's Hair Salon. We do braids, flatiron, colour and other beauty services. As a business woman I strive to ensure excellence and customer satisfaction. I received business management courses from the Gerald Wright Thusong Service Centre."

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

Public servants receive training

By Mbuyiseli Boqwana: GCIS, Western Cape

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture and Elsenburg College conducted Occupational Health, Safety and *Batho Pele* training for all departments and organisations officials rendering services from the Gerald Wright Thusong Service Centre in Grabouw, on 15 September 2021.

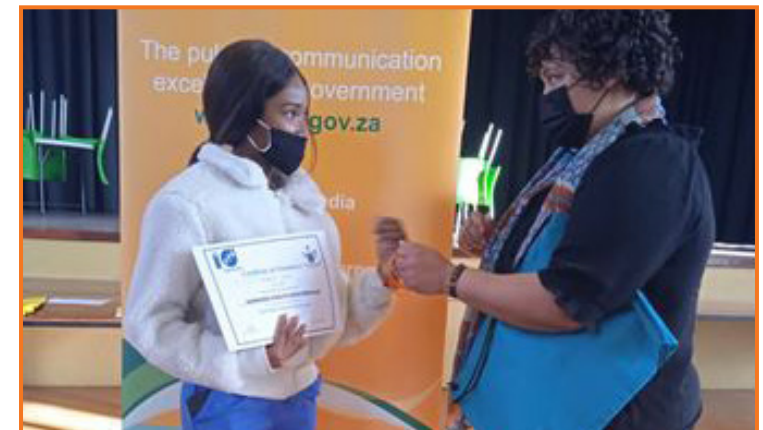
The session also awarded certificates of appreciation to public servants and stakeholders for their good customer service.

Services rendered at the centre include Early Childhood Development, old age home and welfare.

The Government Communication and Information System showcased the Thusong Service Centre good news stories about women in business and community work.



Public servants attending the Occupational Health, Safety and *Batho Pele* course.



Handover of certificates of appreciation to public servants.