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## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Minister monitors vaccination sites

*By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State*

The Minister of Health, Joe Phaahla, visited the Universitas Academic Hospital vaccination site in Bloemfontein on 17 September 2021. The purpose of the visit was to give support and monitor the provincial COVID-19 vaccine roll-out programme.

Minister Phaahla was accompanied by Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela and Health MEC Montsheng Tsiu as they undertook a walkabout at the venue.

"Today we have seen scores of people of the Free State communities responding to the call to get the COVID-19 jab," said the Minister.

Minister Phaahla proceeded to Mangaung Outdoor Sports Centre where he encouraged the communities to vaccinate for COVID-19 and thereafter, visited Pelononi Tertiary Hospital vaccination site where he concluded his visit.



Minister Joe Phaahla encouraging the community to vaccinate at the Mangaung Outdoor Sports Centre.



The community of Bloemfontein accessing different government services.



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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.



#### Pinkie Maselwa said:

"I came here today to take the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. I was scared because of the myths but I ignored them and took my jab as part of protecting myself."



#### Tshediso Baas said:

"I took the jab today because it is important to do so. I encourage everyone to come and vaccinate."



#### Lindiwe Boozi said:

"I feel happy. I did not know they were vaccinating. I came here for identity document application but I ended up vaccinating. I got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine."



## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Economic opportunities for youth

By Sinxolo Gqala: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with the Great Kei Local Municipality and Amathole District Municipality held a Women and Youth Empowerment Hybrid Seminar on economic opportunities on 27 August 2021 at Mzwini Community Hall in Mooiplaas.

The objectives of the seminar were to expose, empower and capacitate women and youth on various economic opportunities, enterprise funding or development schemes.

Skills development and entrepreneurship support programmes that are provided by government, entities, parastatals and other partners were also outlined.

Zuko Patuluko of Kei Mouth town expressed gratitude on the seminar programme and challenged the youth to take up the programmes and opportunities outlined by various departments and entities.

He also urged government to strengthen the idea of the oceans economy and the participation of youth as the Great Kei Municipality is largely a coastal area.

The municipality portfolio head for public participation, Nomonde Dyani, thanked the GCIS and stakeholders for the programme and indicated that similar programmes will be rolled out in various wards of the municipality as most of them have a population of unemployed and economic inactive people especially the youth.

Government departments and entities including the Eastern Cape Department of Employment and Labour, Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism, National Youth Development Agency, Services SETA, Media, Information, Communication and Technologies SETA, National Electronic Media Institute of South Africa, Small Enterprise Development Agency, Eastern Cape Development Corporation, Walter Sisulu University Centre for Entrepreneurship Rapid Incubator, Edu Empower SA conducted presentations and information sharing on the day.

Nomagcina Soduka who owns 4U&4ME Cooperative, an entrepreneur in the agriculture and poultry industry was able to engage the district municipality on the issue of water cuts and its effects on the growth of her enterprise.

She added that the platform has exposed her to more information on how she can access other markets for her products and how the use of digital skills can boost her market.



Some of the young people at the seminar at Mzwini Community Hall.



Neziswa Poto of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism presenting at the event.



**Nthabiseng Mojela said:**

"I appreciate the good work done by public servants of bringing services closer to us today. I hope it will not end today."



**Meriam Selepe said:**

"I am so happy today that I managed to apply for an identity document here at home. My mother has saved a lot of money. I will also be able to register to vote."

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

### Government takes service to the people

*By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo*

Different stakeholders at Babirwa Thusong Service Centre in Waterberg District Municipality held an outreach to provide services and information to community members at Rebone village on 16 September 2021.

Officials from the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Employment and Labour, Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa, and Independent Electoral Commission ensured that community members were informed of information that will change their well-being and their lives for the better.

The Department of Employment and Labour also afforded unemployed people an opportunity to register as job seekers.

Young people were also provided with an opportunity to apply for identity documents.



Community members applying for identity documents at the event.



Edith Ngobeni sharing information on the bursary offered by government.





**Philani Sithole said:**

"The peace march will help us to find peace. During the unrest, some things happened here in Phoenix. So, this programme government will help to restore peace."



**Meena Kisten said:**

"While the peace march is a great initiative and timely event, it cannot end there. We must strive and continue in every way possible to change the narrative and encourage social cohesion, peace and reconciliation across the racial divide."

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Walk to restore peace

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Following the July civil unrest and resulting racial tensions, discrimination and violence among communities of Phoenix and Bhambayi, Zwelisha and Amawoti, a peace task team, comprising sector departments, the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and civil society was established to restore peace in the area, render services and support families of the deceased victims and survivors of the unrest.

Education and awareness campaigns, support and assistance, including food hampers, psycho-social counselling and other poverty alleviation measures were provided to the affected communities.

As part of the continued interventions, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala together with the provincial Members of the Executive Council staged a peace walk from the Rydalvale Ground in Phoenix to Bhambayi Sports Ground, on 14 September 2021.

The walk served to heighten awareness of peace interventions in the area, promote harmonious co-existence between various communities and showcase the strength of a South African nation united in its diversity.



The peace walk led by Premier Sihle Zikalala and other government leaders.

Premier Zikalala further unveiled the new "One Nation" peace symbol at Rydalvale Ground, designed by a young graphic designer called Tshiamo Molehabangwe.

Carrying placards that displayed messages such as "KZN Rising and Rebuilding," "Sakha imiphakathi ebumbene," "One Nation", "Let's build a non-violent society", participants from Phoenix, Bhambayi, Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu walked side-by-side from Rydalvale to Bhambayi.

In addition to the peace walk, the Premier addressed the community at the Bhambayi Sports Ground, amplifying the values and prescripts of the Freedom Charter and the South African Constitution.

He appealed for peace and harmony from all communities and patience with the criminal justice processes.

In addition to the Premier's speech, the proceedings in Bhambayi also included an interfaith prayer, speeches from various community leaders, release of doves in memory of the deceased and a closing address and prayer by Bishop Reuben Phillips.



Premier Sihle Zikalala, Bishop Reuben Phillips and Tshiamo Molehabangwe unveiling the One Nation peace symbol.