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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Community educated about COVID-19 vaccine

By Ndyebo Kopo: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Distribution of information products to community members in KwaNkai village.

The Government Communication and Information System partnered with the Matatiele Local Municipality, Alfred Nzo District Municipal Health Services and Disaster Management Services to conduct a loud hailing awareness programme on COVID-19 vaccine in KwaNkai village, Eastern Cape on 10 March 2021.

The Matatiele Local Municipality is identified statistically as the leading locality with high COVID-19 infection rate compared to other three local municipalities under Alfred Nzo District Municipality. KwaNkai is said to be one of the villages where most community members do not adhere to the non-pharmaceutical safety measures.

The loudhailing created awareness of the district roll-out plan, how and from which vaccine centres will receive the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the district.

Stakeholders also held an engagement session with Xesibe Traditional Council, to engage traditional leaders and present the COVID-19 roll-out plan of government. COVID-19 vaccine information products were distributed to community members to provide them with further information and dismiss fake news.



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

**Oversight visit at Emfuleni**

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng



Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, Deputy President David Mabuza and Premier David Makhura during the oversight visit at Emfuleni Local Municipality.

Deputy President David Mabuza conducted an oversight visit at Emfuleni Local Municipality on 23 March 2021, as part of the work of Inter-ministerial Committee on service delivery.

The Deputy President was accompanied by the Gauteng Premier David Makhura, the Minister of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu, the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, (CoGTA) Obed Bapela, the Deputy Minister of Trade Industry and Competition, Fikile Majola, and the Gauteng MEC for Human settlement, Urban Planning and CoGTA, Lebohang Maile.

The visit started at Emfuleni Local Municipality where the Deputy President Mabuza was briefed on the progress made on the Vaal River System



Deputy President David Mabuza interacting with delegates at Sebokeng Waste Water Works.

rehabilitation in terms of water and to capacitate the municipality to sustainably manage water services operation. They then proceeded to Sebokeng Waste Water Works.

The Deputy President applauded the progress made towards the improvement of the water rehabilitation system.

“I am quite happy about the progress I have noticed. Remember the last time we were here, this module six was not working. It was still under construction. I am happy today to see that this module is working,” said Deputy President Mabuza.



**Simphiwe Mabuza said:**

“I will take the vaccine when government starts with the roll-out, and I am looking forward to it in order to be safe from this pandemic.”



**Nomusa Shoyiza said:**

“I stay with my 87-year-old grandmother whom I have to protect from COVID-19 due to the fact that if she can test positive, it will be difficult for her to survive because of her age and her underlying conditions. So, I will definitely take the vaccine to protect my family and the loved ones.”

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### COVID-19 and vaccine awareness

By Khanyiso Seyisi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with uPhongolo Local Municipality and Belgrade Thusong Service Centre conducted an activation which sought to intensify COVID-19 and vaccine awareness. The activation was held in Belgrade, KwaZulu-Natal, at Ilanga High School and Bambanani High School.

Learners were targeted mainly due to the fact that they are the catalyst through which the information is relayed especially in deep rural and previously disadvantaged communities. More than 50 learners were encouraged to advise their families and the community members they interact with, not to let their guard down on adhering to Alert Level 1

regulations. They were further advised to alert community members about fake news, which can be misleading to the society.

Community members were also encouraged to consider the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. Furthermore, learners and the residents of Belgrade were encouraged to continue to practise non-pharmaceutical methods of protecting themselves and their loved ones against COVID-19.



Government officials and stakeholders distributing COVID-19 information leaflets and calendars in Belgrade.

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Schools receive free WiFi

By Fatima Modise: GCIS, North West



**Stockie Modise said:**

"I am so grateful for Deputy Minister Pinkie Kekana's visit to Kagisano-Molopo Local Municipality, as it is not just a visit it is a blessing to our children. I wish she could visit again and cover all the schools in the district."



**Dr Mvula said:**

"This is a very good initiative, I am so glad that learners will be accessing the Internet for free to enhance their learning. I hope government will continue to connect other schools in future."

The Deputy Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Pinky Kekana, accompanied by North West Education MEC Wendy Matsemela visited Ganyesa in Kagisano-Molopo Local Municipality on 29 March 2021.

The visit sought to encourage and empower learners who are interested in Information and communications technology with information and opportunities, to connect free WiFi at schools. The project, sponsored by Vodacom, benefited Temoso Special School, Bore Secondary and Huhudi Secondary School, all from Ganyesa.

Deputy Minister Kekana encouraged learners to use the internet responsibly because posting inappropriate things may tarnish one's reputation. She further encouraged them to open their email accounts using the official domain name for South Africa: .co.za.

The Deputy Minister mentioned that she would like to visit Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality again with other government leaders to assist learners in rural areas to have a digital footprint.



Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana addressing learners in Ganyesa.



WiFi connection and installation of a set-top box at Temoso Special School.