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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Donation of equipment and blankets to shelters

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

In an effort to fight COVID-19, Minister of Social Development, Lindiwe Zulu accompanied by Social Development MEC Thandi Shongwe and Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Mayor Tsietsi Tolo, visited the temporal centres for the homeless and also child, and youth care centres in Middelburg on 24 May 2020. The visits were part of monitoring the implementation of the departmental response on COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with the lockdown regulations.

The Middelburg Care Centre, which accommodates 108 youth and children, welcomed the visit by the Minister and appreciated the supply of the personal protective equipment (PPEs), blankets and sanitisers that were donated to fight the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the front line workers.

“The donation is part of a wider national effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 among the vulnerable and high-risk group,” said Minister Zulu. She also appreciated all stakeholders and stated out that to date, the Department of Social Development has set up 163 shelters to provide temporal accommodation, meals, psychological support, healthcare services and other necessities to the homeless.



Minister Lindiwe Zulu, MEC Thandi Shongwe and Mayor Tsietsi Tolo presenting PPEs and blankets to the centres.



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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Temporary COVID-19 hospital opens

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS, Western Cape

President Cyril Ramaphosa, accompanied by the Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, visited the Western Cape on 5 June 2020 to assess the provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Premier Alan Winde led the health team who presented the provincial strategy to fight COVID-19. The President welcomed the strategy and emphasised the need for more health workers.

After the presentation, President Ramaphosa officially opened the Hospital of Hope at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The centre has been temporarily converted into COVID-19 hospital with 862 beds.

The team of government officials led by Premier Winde and MEC for Transport, Bonginkosi Madikizela, then took President Ramaphosa and Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula to the Traffic College Centre where Red Dot taxi service was showcased. This is a partnership between government and the minibus taxi industry. About 100 minibus taxis will transport essential workers to and from work daily.



President Cyril Ramaphosa and Premier Alan Winde engaging with health workers at the Hospital of Hope.



One of the Red Dot minibus taxis which are equipped to transport essential workers.

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 lessons for social grant recipients

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality Mayor Councillor Nomusa Mqwebu together with Deputy Mayor Councillor Ronnie Nair led an education drive campaign at social grant payment points in Port Shepstone on 4 May 2020. The leaders monitored the social grant payment point to ensure that people adhere to the COVID-19 regulations.

The Mayor further educated the public about the dangers of COVID-19 and the importance of abiding by lockdown regulations while ensuring that health specifications when in public spaces are adhered to. Mayor Mqwebu also donated sanitisers to people who were queuing for social grant payment at the Post Office, and further taught them how to properly wear their face masks.



Mayor Nomusa Mqwebu urging people to adhere to COVID-19 regulations.



Mayor Nomusa Mqwebu donating hand sanitisers to the elderly.

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Water and sanitation infrastructure

By the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), through its Government Component Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA), is supporting municipalities with water supply, in an attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19. Washing of hands, as people keep social distancing through the defined levels of lockdown, is the main strategy towards reducing the spread of the coronavirus.

MISA has partnered with Tirisano Construction Fund (within the Industrial Development Corporation) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to develop water sources in the form of boreholes and fix water, and sanitation infrastructure in the following areas:

- A total of 24 boreholes have been completed and handed over to the community in New Castle. Another set of 21 boreholes is being completed in KwaZulu-Natal.
- A total of seven boreholes in Ngquza Hill and Ubuhle local municipalities of Eastern Cape.
- Two boreholes in David Kruiper Municipality of the Northern Cape to serve destitute communities with portable water.

MISA, working with Tirisano Construction Fund, is procuring service providers to drill and equip further 30 boreholes, of which 26 are in KwaZulu-Natal and four in Gauteng. Municipalities receiving support in KwaZulu-Natal include Maphumulo, Abaqulusi, Emadlangeni, Greater Kokstad, Ubuhlebezwe, Ndwedwe and Nquthu. In Gauteng, water sources will be developed in Lesedi to cover the communities of Simphiwe, Houtpoort, Spaarwater and Driemanskaap.

MISA, working with the DBSA, will also be drilling and equipping boreholes and also fix water infrastructure in North West, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Free State and the Eastern Cape. Municipalities earmarked for support in these provinces include Kgetleng Rivier, Madibeng, Fetakgomo-Tubatse, Greater Letaba, Greater Giyani, Mopani, Bushbuckridge, Maluti-a-Phofung, Phumelela, Nyandeni, Ngquza Hill and Elundini.

The Abaqulusi Local Municipality has been supported to provide water to the Bhokwe and Enyathi communities through the implementation of a water reticulation system, including a water reservoir. The completed project is supplying at least 250 households with portable water. Hygiene packs, comprising hand sanitisers and antiseptic bath soaps have also been distributed to some municipalities and traditional leaders. CoGTA's initiatives to support municipalities with water provision will cost at least R95 million. Communities are urged to take care of the assets.



Some of the water infrastructure that were fixed.