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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Community outreach targeting youth

By Valencia Rachuene and Willy Phalane: GCIS, Head Office

The Government Communication and Information System in conjunction with various stakeholders conducted a community outreach targeting the youth in Soweto at the Dobsonville Mall, on 18 June 2021.

The aim of the outreach was to provide information and services to the youth on economic opportunities, COVID-19 vaccination, health issues, among others.

Stakeholders such as the South African Police Service, community health workers, Department of Health, Small Enterprise Development Agency, South

African Nuclear Energy Corporation, Lovelife, National Youth Development Agency, Choma online magazine, City of Joburg, Rosebank College, HIV SA, Mofolo, Tshepo 1 Million, Gauteng Premier's Office, Department of Employment and Labour, Independent Electoral Commission, and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, interacted with community members.

Young people were also encouraged to help the elderly to register for the COVID-19 vaccine. People were educated and encouraged to abide by the COVID-19 protocols, continue to the wearing of the mask all the time, social distancing and regularly using sanitiser or washing hands with soap.





Stakeholders sharing information material with community members.









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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 35-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.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 awareness programmes in Buffalo City

By Ayanda Jack and Tabita Nagunge: GCIS, Eastern Cape

Due to the increase in COVID-19 active cases in the Buffalo City Metro Municipality and the country at large, the Ward Based Rapid Response Task Team of the Metro embarked on loud-hailing activations throughout the different regions of the metro, on a mission to educate the community members about COVID-19 hotspots.

On 8 July 2021, the Buffalo City Metro Municipality Public Participation Unit, Health Services Unit, Department of Health and with support from the Government Communication and Information System, conducted a loudhailing programme in Nompumelelo and Ducats.

Another programme was held on 9 July 2021, led by the metro with the various stakeholders in Mdantsane and surrounding areas.

The purpose of the activations included educating the communities on the COVID-19 vaccination registration process and to keep them alert of the growing number of cases in their areas and surrounding ones.

These activations in the Buffalo City Metro are to continue throughout the month of July in the different regions, reminding people of the nonpharmaceutical protocols to follow to ensure that they curb any further spread of the virus and to ensure the metro's active cases do not increase further.





and Ducats townships.







being vaccinated. I am so glad that I was able to do such today. Thanks to government for bringing this service to us."

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Vaccine registration activation in Lejweleputswa

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

The Government Communication and Information System embarked on a truck activation in Virginia and Thabong, in Free State, on 11 June 2021, to mobilise the 60 years old to register on the Electronic Vaccination Data System in order to get vaccinated.

The vaccine message was dramatise to make it simple for the old people to easily understand it. The activation was also used to profile people who have been vaccinated to talk about their experience. Government has opened up more vaccine sites so that people do not have to stand in long queues waiting to access the vaccine.

The list of active vaccination sites can be accessed on the link: https://sacoronavirus.co.za/active-vaccination-sites/.

People who are 35 years and above are now eligible to register for the vaccine. It is also important to note that those who tested positive to COVID-19 need to wait 30 days after contracting COVID-19 before being vaccinated.









PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Maquassi Hills COVID-19 awareness campaign

By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West

The spike of COVID-19 cases in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality in North West compelled the District Command Council to take action to increase awareness campaigns within the district.

This comes after the COVID-19 third wave was declared, thus moving the country to Alert Level 4 lockdown.

Maquassi Hills Local Municipality under the leadership of Mayor Mmanini Gouws-Malinga together with the Department of Health and the South African Police Service responded to the District Command Council's call on 13 July 2021.

The team embarked on a loud-hailing awareness campaign through the street of Lebaleng township in Wolmaransstad. Several stops were made at local tuck shops where the team discovered that the youth of the community congregate and break the regulations. The youth were not wearing masks and were not observing the physical distancing regulation.

Mayor Gouws-Malinga gave a strong warning to all who were not adhering to the regulations and cautioned the partially compliant businesses in the area to adhere to regulations.

"Today was a success, as we managed to reach our people in Lebaleng and this was not the last time we come here. We have realised that our people let their guard down when we are approaching the finish line, then we start experiencing a surge in cases again. We will continue with these awareness campaigns until this pandemic is totally eliminated," said the Mayor.

The Government Communication and Information System took the opportunity to encourage the community members who are eligible to vaccinate to register on the Electronic Vaccination Data System.

Segametsi Mogaetsho Clinic in Lebaleng has opened its doors to help the community members without the technological means to walk in and register for the vaccine.



Mayor Mmanini Gouws-Malinga together with other government officials at the event.



Government official Thabo Mangwedi reaching out to community members through loud hailing.