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## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Students get vaccinated

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

Vaccination has been proven as one of the tools that can assist in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Government has intensified its COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in communities.

The Goldfields TVET College – Tosa Campus in partnership with Higher Health and the Free State Department of Health embarked on a campaign to vaccinate the students at the Thabong Campus on 8 September 2021.

“Our aim of this drive is to try to ensure our campuses reaches herd immunity in that way they will not be too much infection rate in our campus,” said Moeletsi Pinkoane.

The campaign was a huge success as 200 students managed to vaccinate on the first day. Lecturers and other general staff who had not been able to vaccinate also got an opportunity to be vaccinated during the campaign.



Tosa Campus students who got vaccinated for COVID-19 at their campus.



A student getting registered before being vaccinated.



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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.

**PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.**

**Addressing youth on economic opportunities**

By Phiwokuhle Zokufa: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System held a youth and women empowerment seminar focusing on government and economic opportunities at Mqanduli, KuGogozayo, under King Sabata Dalindyebo, on 27 August 2021.

The seminar was conducted in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency, Eastern Cape Premier’s Office, Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, O.R Tambo District Municipality and Department of Employment and Labour.

“We are appreciative of the fact that government is here to listen to what we want as young people, government must not impose assistance but should rather listen to what young people want then provide assistance,” said Nkosi Mduyvelwa.

He further stated that young people must not be afraid but engage and voice out their concerns especially on the funding of projects.

Stakeholders shared information on government economic opportunities available for young people who want to start their own cooperatives and businesses.

Communities were given the opportunity to interact with the presentations and raised issues of concern such as poor infrastructure, potholes in the Coffee Bay area, age restriction on development funding and young people being exploited by some employers.

Stakeholders responded to these concerns and indicated the services they will provide as an intervention.

During the question session, young people got the opportunity to state the business ventures they would like to pursue, which included production machinery, assistance with starting poultry cooperatives and other agricultural initiatives. A total of 50 young people around Ward 23, Mqanduli in Gogozayo formed part of the seminar.



Young people at Mqanduli who attended the seminar.



Yanga Tantsi from the Office of the Premier speaking about the opportunities that young people can access from the department.



## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Thusong Service Centre vaccination drive

By Ephraim Malema: GCIS, North West

Lerethabetse Thusong Service Centre in Lebotloane became the first Thusong Service Centre in Bojanala Platinum District Municipality to inoculate 585 people during the Annual Thusong Service Centre Week, which ran from 13 to 17 September 2021, vaccination drive.

Members of the community who receive services at Lerethabetse Thusong Service Centre were provided with an opportunity to go and vaccinate at the centre.

The vaccination drive was organised by the Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Moretele Local Municipality and the Department of Health.

Citizens of different age groups, including pupils from the nearby Thulare Secondary School, were vaccinated at the Lerethabetse Thusong Service Centre.

The centre will, once again take a vaccinate drive and mobilise other community members from villages, which get services from this centre to get vaccinated.

Social activist and who was also part of the mobilisation team, Sophy Mashishi, said it was important for community members to protect themselves against the COVID-19. "Vaccination is very important and if people are vaccinated, the chances of dying from the pandemic are very slim," said Mashishi.



**Kamogelo Moreosele said:**

"I vaccinated in order to protect his family and my colleagues at work."



**Monyamane Motaung said:**

"I am now relieved after being vaccinated here at the centre."



**Matsubane Laka said:**

"I am very happy to be vaccinated at the centre, which is closer to my home. It took me less than 10 minutes to come and vaccinate here."



Community members waiting to be vaccinated during the Lerethabetse Thusong Service Centre vaccination drive.



COVID-19 vaccination area at the Lerethabetse Thusong Service Centre.

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Young women empowerment

By Lindokuhle Chiliza: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Ndwedwe Local Municipality in the Ilembe District in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, Department of Social Development and the South African Social Security Agency, hosted a Young Women Empowerment Seminar on 26 August 2021 at Mary Grey Sports Centre.

The aim of the session was to highlight the challenges faced by women due to COVID-19, gender-based violence (GBV), and the unrests that took place in the province. Furthermore, the seminar aimed to prioritise the protection of women.

Speakers that addressed the audience were female leaders from different structures and sectors, including the Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition Nomalungelo Gina.

They shared their experiences of issues that affect them as women and also provided solutions on how they have overcome those challenges.

The engagements were robust and very constructive as the attendance was dominated by women of all age groups.



**Nokuphila Dube said:**

"I gained a lot from this programme. I learnt that I need to pride myself as a woman and never underestimate myself. I also learnt about the South African Social Security Agency social relief grant registration and will now assist those who need to register."



**Nomthandazo Khathi said:**

"I am very happy about this type of event in our community. My ward councillor informed us about this event and the mentorship from our leaders is amazing. I am very grateful for all the knowledge shared here, which I will pass on to my neighbours."



Deputy Minister Nomalungelo Gina with councillors who were guest speakers in Ndwedwe.



Women who attended the seminar.