



**TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS** 

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# COVID-19 vaccine registration campaign

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On 7 June 2021, the Government Communication and Information System embarked on a COVID-19 vaccination awareness roadshow in Galeshewe, aimed at encouraging behavioural change and creating awareness about the registration of vaccination for senior citizens who are 60 years and older.

Held at Galeshewe Pick n Pay Shopping Centre and St Boniface High School, respectively, the programmes informed the residents about the step-by-step process of registering for the vaccine on the Electronic Vaccine Data System, through the website, *https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/*, or an SMS by dialling \*134\*832# or on WhatsApp by sending the word 'REGISTER' to 0600 123 456.

The youth were encouraged to assist their families and neighbours to register for the vaccine, using their mobile devices. During these events, stakeholders registered many elderly people for the vaccine, using their personal cellphones. Information leaflets and promotional material such were also distributed at the events.



A government official registering an elderly for the COVID-19 vaccine in Galeshewe.



Truck activation in Galeshewe where people were informed about the COVID-19 vaccination programme.



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### **COVID-19 vaccine registration details** for 60-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.

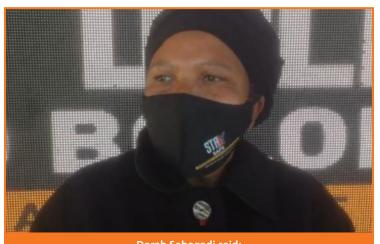


"I got vaccinated for COVID-19 at Harmony Home three weeks ago. There is no problem with the vaccination process. They check blood pressure before they vaccinate you. There is no harm from vaccination. Even if you have vaccinated you still need to maintain social distancing, wear mask and wash their hands."



#### **Tebogo Louw said:**

"I am here to encourage the elderly to please register for COVID-19 vaccination on their phones. I also encourage the youth to help the elderly to register. The COVID-19 vaccine is very important, it saves



Dorah Sebogodi said: "I am appealing to everybody who is 60 years and older to please go for COVID-19 vaccination. I went for vaccination last week, and here I am, standing and going strong. Let us go and vaccinate, it will save our lives."





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Joyce Mkwanazi said: "I am very happy that I have registered for the COVID-19 vaccine. I am not afraid of being vaccinated, as I will be receiving my jab today. I will also urge others to do the same so we can be safe."



Belfast Nkosi said: "I am very happy today as I am going to be vaccinated. I thank government for prioritising us as the elderly, since our immune system is weak when it comes to fighting the virus. I urge others to get vaccinated."

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Martha Makua said: "I have just received my jab. I am so happy and I will encourage others to get vaccinated."

# **PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

#### **COVID-19 information sharing and vaccine administration**

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Elders being sanitised before they registering and receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Government Communication and Information System in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Department of Health, conducted truck activations on COVID-19 vaccine registration on 7 June 2021 in Waterval Boven and Siyathuthuka at Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

The activations sought to mobilise and encourage citizens who are 60 years old and above to register for COVID-19 vaccinations. The programme kickstarted with an information distribution and loud hailing to urge community members to come and register for the vaccination.

The residents came in their numbers, and the elders were registered to vaccinate and some of them received their COVID-19 vaccine jab in their respective local venues. A total of 76 elders were registered at Waterval Boven and 60 of them received their first jab of vaccination.

The truck then proceeded to Siyathuthuka where 60 elders were registered on the Electronic Vaccination Data System, and 30 were vaccinated.

Learners given information on how to register elders online for

vaccination.

During the event, community members were also informed about the importance of being vaccinated, as it saves lives. The elderly were advised to visit health facilities for checkup if they have uncomfortable symptoms after receiving the jab.

The community was also encouraged to wear a mask in public spaces, wash hands regularly with soap or alcohol-based sanitisers and also keep a social distance.



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## **PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

## Vaccination registration and awareness campaign

By Mbuyiseli Boqwana: GCIS, Western Cape



Mayor Christelle Vosloo addressing the audience.

The Government Communication and Information System hosted a COVID-19 registration and vaccination awareness campaign through a mobile truck roadshow at Grabouw Taxi Rank on 8 June 2021.

Passengers and taxi operators received from vaccination leaflets, and witnessed drama performance, music and traditional dance with messages that encourage those who are 60 years old and above to register to be vaccinated. Furthermore, the youth were urged to assist the elderly to register through the Electronic Vaccination Data System.

The Mayor of Theewaterskloof Local Municipality, Christelle Vosloo, called upon all citizens to take action and ensure that all elderly people get registered for the COVID-19 vaccination, to save lives.



Elderly people registering for the COVID-19 vaccination.



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

## Government officials reach out to family

By Sinoxolo Gqala: GCIS, Eastern Cape.

The Department of Correctional Services has restored the dignity of an elderly woman from KwaMathanzima, Upper Dadamba in Willowvale under Mbhashe Local Municipality on 10 June 2021.

The Amathole District Development Model (DDM) champion, Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Phathekile Holomisa, handed over a newly built fully furnished house to Noprivate Peter, 67, who lived with her three grandchildren in a dilapidating rondavel structure.

The beneficiary's family ordeal was spotted by Correctional Services officials who were in the area for departmental outreach programme. Out of goodwill and in the spirit of Ubuntu, the officials donated towards the material costs. Private partners and donors were also roped in to assist in building the house for the family. The house was constructed by inmates and was a second one to be handed over in the same month.

The Deputy Minister said, "This displays the capabilities and strength of our rehabilitation programmes within the Department of Correctional Services. As the department, we have a strategy now on how the inmates can be involved in programmes that transform and develop our communities through the skills and programmes that they undergo in our facilities, and this is one of them."

An emotional Peter could not hold back her tears of joy and relief. "I thank the Almighty for giving those who saw my struggle the wisdom and energy to do this for me and my grandchildren. This house is a safe and warm place for my family. May those who were involved in this project have strength and courage to do this to others as well," she said.

Sahluko Mbopa, a local resident, thanked the department for the assistance to the Peter family. "We saw the plight of Mam' Peter and her grandchildren but we did know where and how to start assisting her since we are also struggling. This is a huge development," said Mbopa.

The Deputy Minister called on society to support and take care of the elderly. The handover of the house was part of the community outreach programme on service delivery and interventions by Deputy Minister Holomisa in his capacity as the DDM champion of Amathole District Municipality.



The rondavel that Noprivate Peter and her grandchildren used to live in.



Deputy Minister Phathekile Holomisa and Correctional Services officials observe as the beneficiary opens her newly built house.



Noprivate Peter's house that was built by inmates.