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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Coronavirus awareness campaign

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System in Mpumalanga conducted a public awareness campaign on coronavirus (COVID-19) at various public areas on 18 March 2020. Leaflets and posters containing information about COVID-19 were distributed at the public clinic, community centres, police stations, libraries and service stations.

Communities were empowered on how to prevent and curb the spread of the virus and also told not to panic but avoid fake news and misleading information. The community members and patients were urged to practice good hygiene and wash their hands regularly using soap for 20 seconds or use sanitisers where there is no water.



A health official educating patients about COVID-19.



COVID-19 public awareness campaign.



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Patricia Nkosi said:

"I am so pleased about the way our President and government responded to COVID-19. Thanks to the Government Communication and Information System for distributing posters and leaflets at our clinic as we always do awareness and information sharing every morning since the outbreak but we were without leaflets to share with our patients and community. I also request government to take action against people who spread fake news."



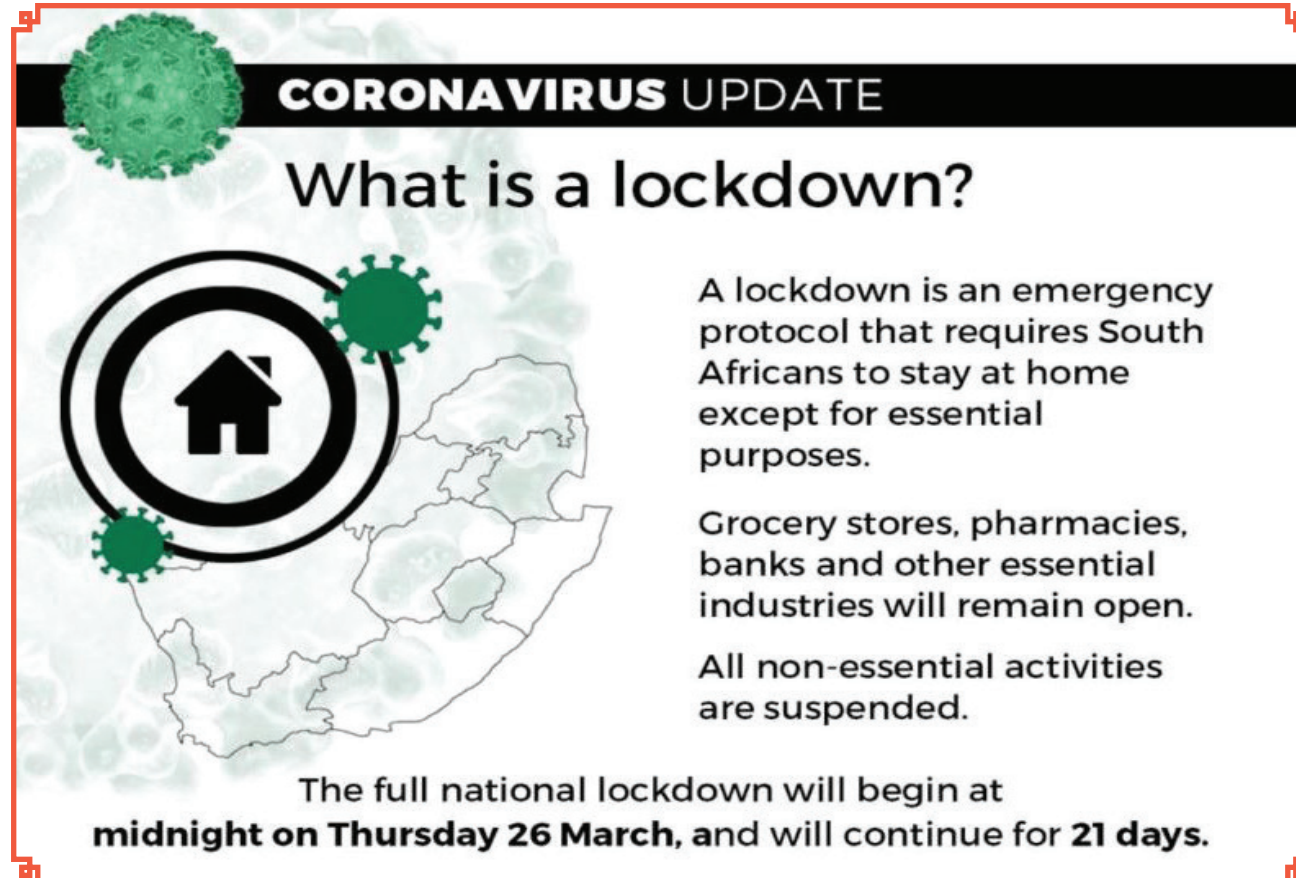
Ouma Potgieter said:

"We are grateful as old and people with disabilities to be updated and engaged about COVID-19 as we were worried about our families at home. We need government to give us sanitisers and soap so that we always stay healthy as some of us cannot walk or bath on our own."

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Coronavirus preventative measures

By the South African Government



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

What is a lockdown?

A lockdown is an emergency protocol that requires South Africans to stay at home except for essential purposes.

Grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and other essential industries will remain open.

All non-essential activities are suspended.

The full national lockdown will begin at **midnight on Thursday 26 March**, and will continue for **21 days**.

Use the following platforms for more information on coronavirus:

- Join the WhatsApp support for South Africans: Say "Hi" to 0600 123 456.
- Visit: <https://www.gov.za/NovelCoronavirus> or <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>
- Contact the toll free number: 0800 029 999.



Lehlohonolo Motaung said:

“We came to ensure that as the future of the country, we are able to protect our mothers and sisters.”



Jacob Jiba said:

“We must continue to work together to fight abuse in our society. It is not government’s responsibility only but a societal issue.”

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Young men engage in gender-based violence dialogue

By Mojalefa Senokoatsane: GCIS, Free State

On 8 March 2020, the Free State Provincial Government, in its endeavour to amplify the fight against the scourge of gender-based violence (GBV) hosted the Young Men and Boys GBV Dialogue in Tweeling. The programme was for the various stakeholders to engage with young men and boys about the role they should play in assisting government to end GBV.

The event, which was attended by approximately 1 000 young men and boys from all over the province, was led by Premier Sefora Ntombela, supported by the members of the Free State Legislature, business and other government institutions.

“The fight against GBV should be escalated within our communities and young people should be taught to play a pivotal role in respecting and protecting women,” said Premier Ntombela.

Two of South Africa’s renowned actors, Menzi Ngubane and Presley Chweneyagae, were given a platform to engage with the participants on how men should treat women and children. Ngubane emphasised the importance of young men knowing that women should be respected and understanding that no one should think that he/she owns another human being, because that is what usually leads to abuse.



The young men who attended the dialogue.

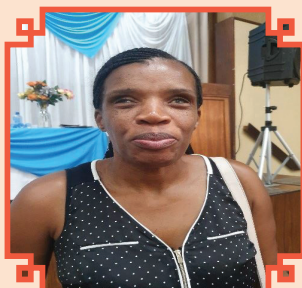


Premier Ntombela, Menzi Ngubane and Presley Chweneyagae during the dialogue.



Bhekisisa Nyawose said:

"I will use all the information shared here today and educate other people who were not part of this gathering."



Sindi Cebisa said:

"I have learnt about the rights of disability groups. As someone living with disabilities, I am happy that these institutions are working hard to defend our rights and I must admit they are doing their best. All we need is to keep on sharing information."



Shamain Saunders said:

"I will use the information shared here today to educate my community about their rights contained in the Constitution."

PRIORITY 6: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Institutions reach out to people

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

On 11 March 2020, Chapter 9 and 10 institutions such as the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and Human Rights Commission gathered at the Port Shepstone Civic Centre to meet with key community leaders from various formations such as political parties, disability, religious and community-based organisations.

These institutions were formed to entrench democracy in the country, ensure that the democratic system is realised and that there is accountability in all the three spheres of government.

"We also want to make sure that our democracy is strengthened and balanced. We want people to make informed decisions when going to the polls, and as the IEC, we keep on educating people about their rights through community outreach programmes," said an official from the IEC.



Different stakeholders at the event.



Representatives from various formations attending the seminar.