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PRIORITY 1: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Monitoring national roads during lockdown

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape



MEC Vilakazi being briefed by law enforcement officials at the roadblock.

On 2 April 2020, a government delegation led by Northern Cape Transport, Safety and Liaison MEC Nontobeko Topsy Vilakazi conducted a roadblock on the N7, near Garies in Namakwa District, to ensure that the transportation of essential items comply with the new regulations set for the lockdown period.



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MEC Vilakazi thanked the South African Police Service, the South African National Defence Force, the Department of Health and other stakeholders for their selfless service to the people of South Africa. The MEC also shared information about the COVID-19 virus with truck drivers, sanitized their hands and encouraged them to continue with the hygiene practice to remain virus free and protect the people they interact with. She thanked them for making sure that South Africans receive essential items like food and medical supplies during the lockdown period. The N7 is the main road between Cape Town and Namibia, and is the route for all trade between Cape Town and the Table Bay Harbour.



The police inspecting a truck while a team member engages a truck driver.



Joan Magerman said:

"I think the lockdown was the right thing to do. There is very little traffic on this road. This roadblock is a very good initiative to keep our area safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. One should rather be safe than sorry."



Susara Nero said:

"Having a roadblock between the two provinces is a good idea. That way we can make sure that only people that really need to travel enter our province."

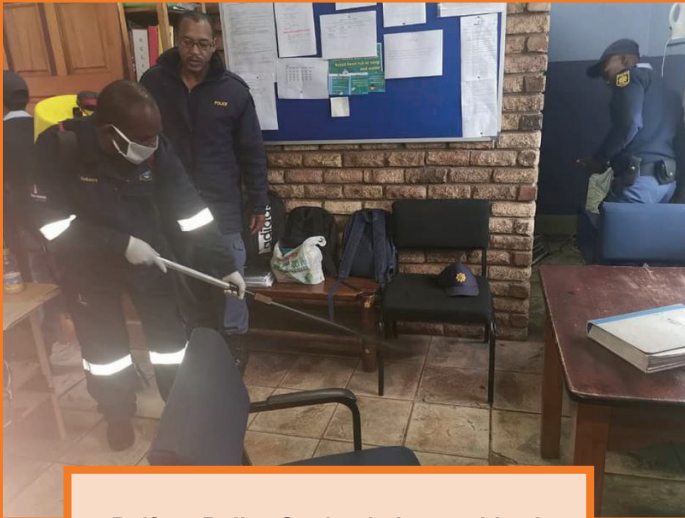
Joanie du Plessis said:

"The reason for this roadblock is for the health and well being of the people of the Namakwa District. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the roadblock, as I can do my part in building our country."

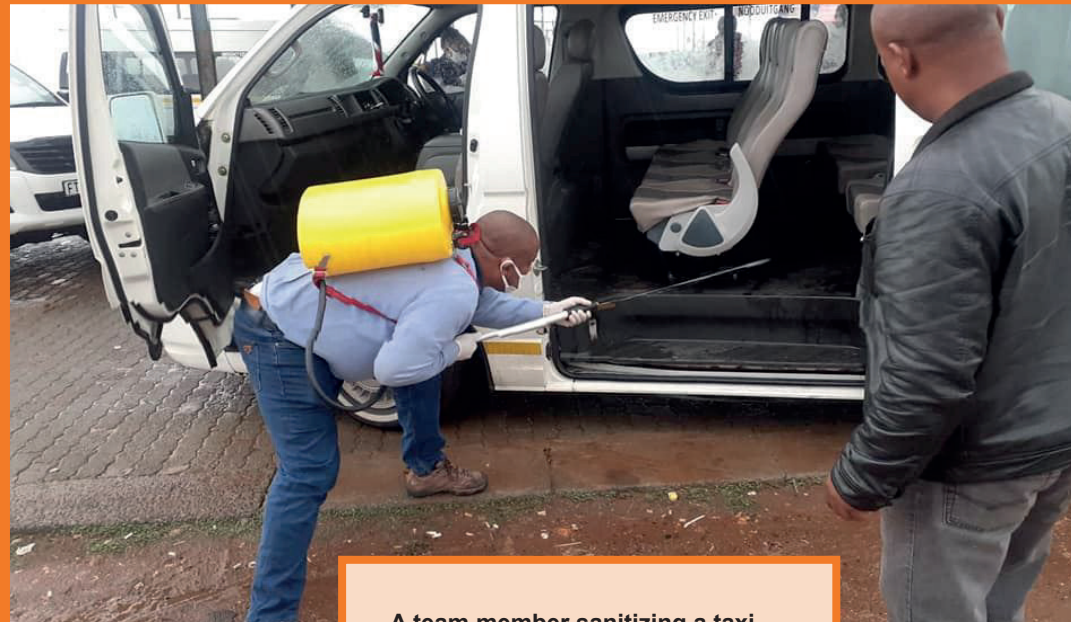
PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Municipality sanitizes public spaces and facilities

By Vuyisile Cindi: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Balfour Police Station being sanitized.



A team member sanitizing a taxi.

On 4 April 2020, Dipaleseng Local Municipality in Mpumalanga embarked on a programme of sanitizing public spaces and facilities. The programme, which involved deep cleaning activities, was led by the municipality's Executive Mayor Mafunda Makhubu, the Gert Sibande District Municipality Disaster Management and other stakeholders.

The team sanitized the Balfour Police Station and taxis at the Balfour and Siyathemba taxi ranks. They also distributed hand sanitizers and leaflets, and shared information on various measures of combating the spread of COVID-19, including washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering the nose and mouth with tissue or a flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing and avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

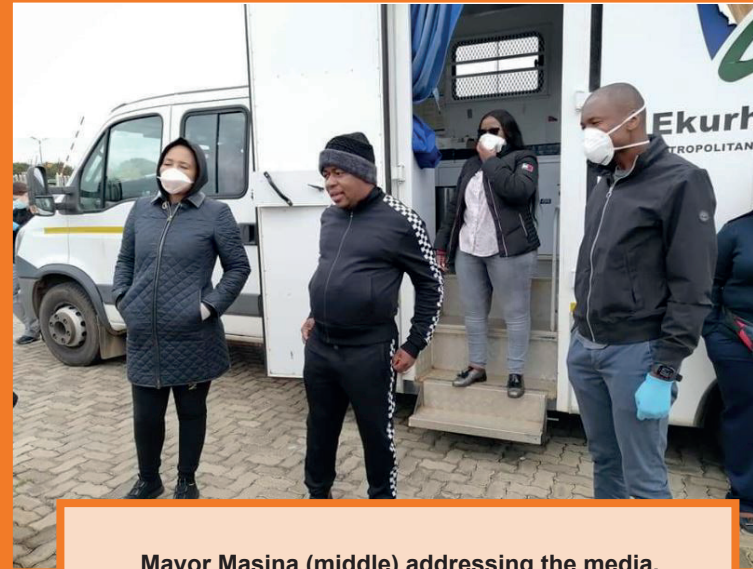
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Mobile clinics to service Duduza community

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng



Mobile clinics that were delivered to service the community of Duduza.



Mayor Masina (middle) addressing the media.

On 2 April 2020, the City of Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor Mzwandile Masina and member of the mayoral committee for Health and Social Development Councillor Nomadlozi Nkosi delivered two mobile clinics to service the community of Duduza – following the closure of the Duduza Clinic after a nurse tested positive for COVID-19.

The Executive Mayor said the clinic and the surrounding areas will be sanitised during the period of closure to kill any traces of the COVID-19 virus that may have survived on surfaces. The nurse who tested positive for COVID-19 has since been placed under quarantine and is currently under medical observation. Other staff members who displayed symptoms of COVID-19 have been tested and are currently under self-isolation while those who have not displayed symptoms have been placed on special leave to self-isolate until further notice.

Staff from surrounding clinics will be deployed to the mobile clinics and will be required to wear personal protective equipment and practice stringent hygiene protocols when working with the public. More information on COVID-19 can be accessed on <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>, the toll free number: **0800 029 999** and the WhatsApp helpline for South Africans: **0600 123 456**. Type the word “Hi” on WhatsApp and send to the helpline to get information on COVID-19.