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TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS

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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Exhibition for local entrepreneurs

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

On 4 August 2021, Thabo Mofutsanyana Local Economic Development (LED) forum in collaboration with the Small Enterprise Development Agency, Department of Small Business Development and various entities in the district hosted a three day small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) exhibition for local entrepreneurs at Bruidhof Park in Bethlehem.

The purpose of the exhibition was to provide a platform to local entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services to the local market.

The collaboration was an effort to assist the SMMEs to recover from the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, and for them to be able to operate again in the local markets.

Entrepreneurs and businesses were also encouraged to network with one another in order to share ideas and build relationships for the development and growth of their businesses.

Other businesses that are still struggling with funding were requested to visit LED offices in their respective municipalities.



Some of the small businesses that exhibited their products.

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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.



Thulisile Ndaba said:

“The pop-up market is a good exposure for our business since the country went on lockdown. We had an opportunity to interact with the local people and they got to see our products as well.”



Lehlohonolo Lebesa said:

“It is a good opportunity for small upcoming business mostly local, as we are a start-up company funded by Small Enterprise Development Agency. As a company we are quite happy because most people got to see what we offer in the market and we also got an opportunity to see what other businesses offer, which was interesting.”

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Traditional leaders encourage vaccination

By Joy Themba: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported Mpumalanga Health MEC Sasekani Manzini during her visit the Hhoyi Traditional Council Offices to monitor the vaccination site on 22 July 2021.

The site was established as a result of a meeting held with Mpumalanga traditional leaders who availed their offices to be used as vaccination sites in order to assist the department to reach out to more people.

The Provincial chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders, Inkosi Sandile Ngomane and Her Royal Highness Inkosikati LaMdluli received their COVID-19 vaccine in front of community members.

Inkosi Ngomane was excited to receive his jab and thanked the MEC for taking care of the people of Mpumalanga. "I encourage everyone to take the jab. It is not painful and it saves lives," said Inkosi Ngomane.

Communities applauded the brilliant idea for taking these vaccine sites closer to their residential areas as it saves them money.

MEC Manzini expressed her gratitude towards Inkosi Ngomane for being available and showing leadership qualities by taking the jab.

The MEC also engaged community members and educated them about the importance of the vaccine in preventing the spread of COVID-19. She also encouraged everyone who is 35 years and older to register to be vaccinated to save more lives.

Communities were also reminded to continue adhering to the COVID-19 precautionary measures by wearing masks, washing hands, sanitising and maintaining a social distance even after taking the jab.



Inkosi Sandile Ngomane receiving his vaccination at Hhoyi Traditional Council.



MEC Sasekani Manzini engaging with community members.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Vaccination of Correctional Centre officials and inmates

By Masego Mollo: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Northern Cape Department of Health joined the Department of Correctional Services as it kickstarted its vaccination roll-out for its officials and inmates at the Tswelopele Correctional Centre in Kimberley on 22 July 2021.

Health MEC Maruping Lekwene joined the programme alongside the Regional Commissioner for Correctional Services, Subashini Moodley, Deputy Regional Commissioner Takalani Mashamba and the Acting Head of the Department of Health, Riaan Strydom.

The department's roll-out of the vaccination in the centre is due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and Eit aims to vaccinate 90% of inmates at the Tswelopele Correctional Centre.



Regional Commissioner Subashini Moodley briefing the officials.



Department of Correctional Services officials and inmates during the process of receiving vaccination.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Minister advocates for social cohesion

By Khanyiso Seyisi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Higher Education, Science and Innovation Minister Blade Nzimande has called for all stakeholders to rebuild and promote social cohesion in their society. The Minister said this during his visit to Mthashana Technical and Vocation Education and Training satellite campus college in Nongoma under the Zululand District on 21 July 2021.

Minister Nzimande also visited the dilapidated, looted and destroyed properties at Nongoma Central Business District. He was accompanied by Human Settlement and Public Works MEC Jomo Sibiya.

Some of the stakeholders that were presents were AmaKhosi, local businesses, non-governmental Organisations, private sector companies, media, mayors, councillors and senior government officials.

Minister Nzimande further called on all sectors of society to work together to rebuild and bring hope, confidence and work towards restoring the local economy, which has been affected by the recent public protests, looting and the destruction of properties.

He further called on those who are willing to give support to come forward and assist during these difficult times. He also urged government entities that may lend a hand in these trying times through their disaster funds to assist.

All stakeholders pledged their support to social cohesion and the rebuilding of society in order to create a harmonious environment and ensure that violent public protests are eliminated.



Minister Blade Nzimande engaging with various stakeholders.



Minister Blade Nzimande and MEC Jomo Sibiya at Nongoma Central Business District monitoring affected businesses.