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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

North West COVID-19 mass screening and testing

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A health worker screening community members in Danville.

On 20 April 2020, North West Premier Job Mokgoro and the province's Health MEC Madoda Sambatha in partnership with the Aurum Institute led a COVID-19 mass screening, testing and contact tracing programme in Danville. Areas covered include Magogoe, Tlhabologo and Lomanyaneng. More than 580 000 people have been screened under the programme which has been running for three weeks.



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The Premier also did a walk about at the Mahikeng Provincial Hospital to assess how it was dealing with COVID-19. He urged communities to go to various screening sites for voluntary screening for the remainder of the lockdown period.

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 it to the helpline to get information on COVID-19.

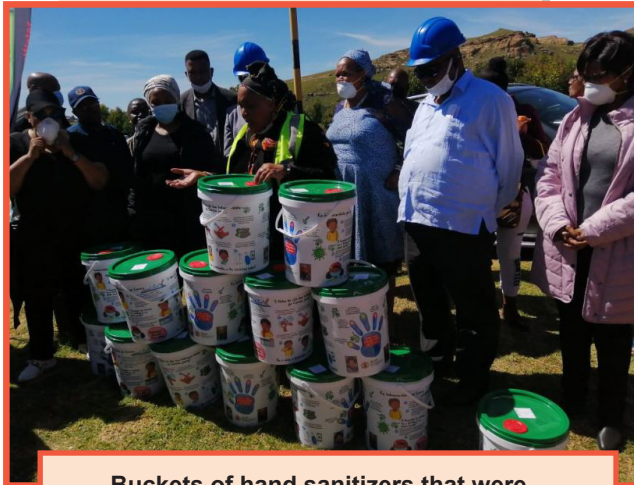


MEC Sambatha encouraging community members to go for voluntarily COVID-19 testing.

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Running water restored in Maluti-a-Phofung

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Buckets of hand sanitizers that were donated to communities.



Running water from a tap in Maluti-a-Phofung Municipality.

On 7 April 2020, Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela and the province's Cooperative Governance MEC Thembeni Nxangisa officially opened water supply from the Fika-Patso Dam in Qwaqwa. The area has been battling with water shortages for years due to drought and had to access it through water tanks.

The municipality announced that the dam, which is the main water supplier in Maluti-a-Phofung, is now over 40% full. This means that there will be sufficient water supply in the area for the next six months. Residents immediately started receiving water in phases – from low to high lying areas.

Premier Ntombela also donated hand sanitizers to communities in high lying areas where water was going to be available after few days. She further urged community members to use water responsibly while observing the hygiene measures and lockdown regulations outlined by the government.

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Monitoring the adherence of lockdown regulations

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng



The Deputy Minister addressing residents in Mandela Informal Settlement.



Mayor Masina and Deputy Minister Siweya during an interview at Kasi FM.

On 16 April 2020, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Ms Thembi Siweya, accompanied by the City of Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor Mzwandile Masina, visited Tamau Clinic in Katlehong to monitor the implementation of disaster management rules during the lockdown period.

The team also visited the Mandela Informal Settlement where they identified families that needed assistance with food parcels during the lockdown period. They concluded their tour by visiting Kasi FM where they held interviews to raise awareness around COVID-19 and urged community members to adhere to lockdown regulations.