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## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Ensuring safe scholar transport

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) in the Inanda, Ntuzuma and areas of eThekweni Municipality, led an Operation Hlokomela outreach at Ntuzuma outside the J.G. Zuma High School on 19 January 2022, as schools reopened.

The eThekweni Acting Manager for Operation Sukuma Sakhe in the Northern Region, metro police and the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) participated in the outreach, which was aimed at monitoring the roadworthiness of taxis, check if the taxis were not overloaded and that the drivers, learners and other passengers were wearing masks.

The exercise was fruitful, as only a few taxi drivers were pulled over for overloading their vehicles. Passengers were asked to disembark, and were directed to other taxis to continue their journey.

Two taxis were found to be unroadworthy, one of which had to be towed away.

Taxi drivers and learners were warned about not wearing masks. SANTACO also handed out masks to drivers, learners and other passengers.

All subsidiary taxi associations in the area were represented at the activation and non-complying taxi drivers were referred to the relevant taxi association representative for further assistance or discipline.

The GCIS also distributed government messages on the COVID-19 vaccines to encourage vaccination.



Inspection of taxis during Operation Hlokomela outreach in eThekweni.

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<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>  
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Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

**PRIORITY 1: BUILDING A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE**

**Community outreach campaign at Mqanduli**

*By Phiwokuhle Zokufa: GCIS, Eastern Cape*

The Government Communication and Information System in the O.R. Tambo District Municipality in partnership with King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipality, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and community development workers held an awareness campaign at Mqanduli shopping complex on 26 January 2022.

The campaign was aimed at publicising the upcoming State of the Nation Address (SoNA), to be delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 10 February 2022, and the 2022 census count, which started on 3 February 2022.

Members of the public were informed about the importance of the SoNA, and they were asked about the issues they would like the President to focus on in his speech.

Anele Zweni, a young person who has just passed matric said, "I want the President to speak about the lack of job opportunities as many young people are sitting at home, unemployed."

She further said the President needs to also touch on the development of schools, as some of them are not in a good state and lack proper sanitation.

The SoNA provides the President with an opportunity to speak to the nation and reflect on economic and social issues that affect South Africans. The public is urged to participate in the upcoming SoNA.

With Stats SA being part of the campaign, Mqanduli residents also got the opportunity to ask questions about job opportunities that come with the Census 2022 and acquired more information about the census and why it should be done.

Young people who wanted to register in order to get employment for the census programme were also assisted.



Stakeholders distributing information about different government programmes.



**Ntombifuthi Ntimande said:**

“I am happy that the Deputy Minister in The Presidency visited our school. I hope she will be able to attend to some of the challenges we have at school; such as our hall that is not paved and it is difficult during rainy days because of mud, and also fix our computer centre since it is no longer functioning and does not have the Internet.”



**Khanyile Sfunda said:**

“Today we learnt a lot about bullying. The Deputy Minister encouraged us to report bullying to our educators and not share videos of bullying on social media.”

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Back to school campaign in Ehlanzeni

*By Joy Themba: GCIS, Mpumalanga*

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembi Siweya, handed over sanitary towels to the learners of Sophungane Combine School in Nkomazi Local Municipality, and Phola and Khetsalwati Secondary Schools in the City of Mbombela as part of the back-to-school campaign in Mpumalanga, on 19 January 2022.

The Deputy Minister was accompanied by the Acting MEC for Education, Sasekani Manzini. They engaged the schools’ management and school governing bodies to identify critical needs for speedy intervention.

She also used the campaign for the promotion of children’s rights to educate and also reflected on the role of parents in providing support and strengthening the education system.

MEC Manzini urged the learners, especially the matric class of 2022 to work hard and dedicate themselves towards their schoolbooks.

“South Africa is in need of engineers, pilots and other specialised field workers. Therefore, the sanitary towels we are giving to you today are meant to keep you in class and ensure that you never miss a day in class due to lack of confidence during your menstrual cycles,” she said.

Delivering the keynote address, Deputy Minister Siweya said that the only way which young women can develop themselves is through studying.

“But you cannot develop yourselves if there will be days where you cannot attend classes due to lack of these necessities. Hence government, in partnership with the private sector, came here to ensure that you are in class and receive quality education without missing a day.”

Nkomazi Local Municipality Mayor told learners that the municipality is always willing to help deserving learners who have shown true commitment to their studies.



**Learners from Sophungane Combined School during the back-to-school campaign.**



**Deputy Minister Thembi Siweya handing over school supplies to a learner.**

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Minister monitors schools in Sedibeng

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng

The Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, accompanied by the Gauteng provincial and district leadership in education, visited selected schools in the Sedibeng District Municipality to monitor the status of readiness as learners returned to school on 24 January 2022.

The schools were Sicelo Primary School, Sebokeng Technical High, and Mahareng Secondary School, and the visit was concluded by a stakeholder meeting at Vereeniging.

School leaders were engaged and the Minister emphasised the importance of parents' involvement in schools.

"It is important to have active parents participation in school to support learners and teachers. This plays a major role and assists the department to understand the social dynamics that the learners face and also makes it easy to implement remedial actions as part of learner support programme," she said.

Some of the challenges facing some of the schools are crime and vandalism of property.

The "adopt a cop" programme was identified as one of the interventions that will assist in curbing this challenge.

The programme aims to enhance police participation in schools by assigning police officers to specific schools to support and offer safety and security services, including random school searches.

"Having dedicated police officials will assist a lot in addressing safety challenges that we face in our schools because officials will always be available to assist," said Peter Segasa from Mahareng Primary School.

Principal Elizabeth Ntsoko of Sedibeng Technical High School said, "I appreciate the monitoring visit that was conducted in our school, especially because we are a school for learners with special needs and we need every available support for the well-being of our teachers and learners."



Minister Angie Motshekga and Sedibeng District Mayor Lerato Maloka during an engagement at Sebokeng Technical High School.



Minister Angie Motshekga checking products created by learners at Sebokeng Technical High School.