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**PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

**President Ramaphosa inspects COVID-19 facilities**

*By Pakeng Matsetse: GCIS, Gauteng*



**President Cyril Ramaphosa and Premier David Makhura witnessing the Intubox demonstration at the Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital.**

On 24 April 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa visited COVID-19 facilities identified in Gauteng as part of the province's response and readiness to the pandemic. The President was accompanied by Gauteng Premier David Makhura and the Members of the Executive Council.



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President Ramaphosa's visits commenced at the NASREC Expo Centre, where he did a walkabout at the quarantine facilities before moving to the Johannesburg Central Food Bank in Booyens, which is a centre for assisting communities with food parcels during the coronavirus outbreak.

The visit was concluded at the Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital, which is one of the health facilities designated to manage COVID-19 cases. The medical team at the hospital offered the President an opportunity to view the demonstration of the Intubox, which is used to protect staff members who would have to intubate and treat severely ill COVID-19 patients.

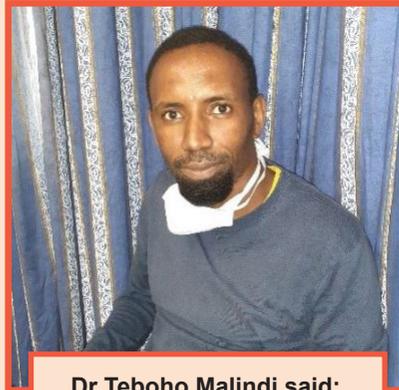


**President Cyril Ramaphosa inspecting food parcels at the Johannesburg Central Food Bank.**

## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Premier visits hospital

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State



**Dr Teboho Malindi said:**

“I am happy that the Premier visited us to boost our morale.”



**Dr Sylvia Cebekhulu said:**

“I am glad that our government took the lockdown decision quickly before we could have large numbers of infection. Now, the responsibility lies with the citizens to stay at home.”



**Dr Seseni Noge briefing Premier Sefora Ntombela and the media.**

Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela visited the Bongani Regional Hospital in Thabong on 3 April 2020. The Premier monitored the hospital's state of readiness in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and also in dealing with the patients' influx that might occur due to the virus.

The hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Seseni Noge assured the Premier on the health facility's readiness and also presented some of the measures put in place to ensure that they are able to accommodate patients.

## **PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

### **Municipality launches food bank**

*By Bongeka Nkwanyana: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal*



**Mayor Mduduzi Mhlongo addressing the media about the origin of the City of uMhlathuze Food Bank.**



**Some of the non-perishable food items donated to the City of uMhlathuze to help vulnerable community members.**

The Mayor of the City of uMhlathuze, Councillor Mduduzi Mhlongo, launched a massive non-perishable food drive that will see thousands of vulnerable community members benefiting with food parcels. The City of uMhlathuze Food Bank was officially opened in Richards Bay on 24 April 2020 where food that will be packaged into two categories: one feeding a family of three to five members, and the other for a family of five and more members. The programme was unveiled at a media launch where only a limited number of people were present due to lockdown regulations.

The initiative aims to mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities, in particular, the vulnerable groups. The establishment of the city's food bank will centralise food donations and consolidate all the beneficiary lists from identification, screening and managing the distribution in a transparent, apolitical and corrupt-free manner. A register of donated food, records of outgoing stock and signatures of all beneficiaries will be kept.

Mayor Mhlongo further urged all social partners, industries, business sector, non-governmental organisations and individuals who may wish to contribute to the cause to do so, thus changing the lives of the people for the better.

## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Donation of masks and soap in Philippi

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS, Western Cape



Mothers who received masks and soaps at Philippi East Clinic.



Informal traders receiving masks and awareness messages on lockdown regulations.

Philippi East community members received coronavirus gears on 15 April 2020, with the help of the Government Communication and Information System who lobbied support and asked for donation from stakeholders such as City Health and Mazwi Media Commission. Women, children and informal traders were among the recipients.

A total of 300 reusable masks, soap and toilet papers were donated at Philippi East Clinic. Children and informal traders also received masks. Eyethu Matiwane said, “I am so happy for my child. I did not know that there are masks for babies. We are pleased that the masks are reusable.”

Stakeholders also educated the community about the importance of adhering to the regulations of the lockdown in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. City Health also used the opportunity to educate mothers about hygiene at home to protect children from getting diseases.