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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Fezile Dabi vaccinates healthcare workers

By Morena Motloutng: GCIS, Free State

On 7 May 2021, the CEO of Tokollo and Mafube Hospitals, Sello Mofumane, led 248 healthcare workers from Mafube and Ngwathe local municipalities as they received their COVID-19 vaccination doses at Tokollo Hospital in Heilbron, as part of the Sisonke programme.

According to Mofumane, the hospitals were allocated 350 each of jabs of Johnson & Johnson vaccine from the Fezile Dabi District Municipality.

“We have opted to gather all the staff members who are due for vaccination at a common venue following an announcement by the district that Tokollo was to continue with vaccination after it was suspended in Mafube Hospital. This was to avoid probable wastage of vaccination that was already allocated for Mafube,” said Mofumane.

This Phase 1 of the vaccination in the district also reached out to traditional healers, undertakers and health workers based in old age homes across all towns. Mofumane was happy that officials received the vaccination voluntarily and no side effects were reported by either those who had vaccinated before or on the day.



Lerato Rapitsi conducting vaccination registrations at Tokollo Hospital.



A pharmacist preparing the COVID-19 vaccine at Tokollo Hospital.



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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 60-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.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Westrand COVID-19 vaccine registration

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng Provincial Office and Puseletso Mabidikame: Dr. Yusuf Dadoo Hospital

In a bid to encourage people who are 60 years old and above to register for the Phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination, the Westrand District Health Department in Gauteng embarked on an awareness drive throughout the district to assist the targeted group to register on the Electronic Vaccination Data System and administer the flu vaccine.

The latest registration took place at Magaliesburg Civic Centre and at the Westonaria Banquet Hall on 5 and 6 May 2021 respectively.

While registering participants, health promoters also enforced adherence to non-pharmaceutical interventions such as washing hands, sanitising, wearing of masks in public areas and maintaining a social distance, thus trying to reduce the spread of the pandemic.

The Westrand Health Promotion official Onthuteng Koji said, "It is imperative that as a vulnerable group, the 60-year-olds and above continue to be educated on how to keep safe from contracting the COVID-19. The reason we also give them the flu vaccine, is to get them ready for the COVID-19 vaccine; what to do and what symptoms to look for."

After receiving the flu vaccine, participants were directed to an already prepared waiting room, which will be used after the COVID-19 vaccine has been administered where they will wait for 15 minutes to check for any adverse reactions caused by the vaccine.

Mmapule Mashapa, a resident of Westonaria Borwa who registered and received the flu vaccine said, "I am happy that so many plans have been made for us that after we receive the vaccine. We are not just told to go home. At least we have a chance where people from the health sector will monitor us to see if there are no side effects."



Health promoters from Westonaria and Mogale City registering the elders for the COVID-19 vaccine.

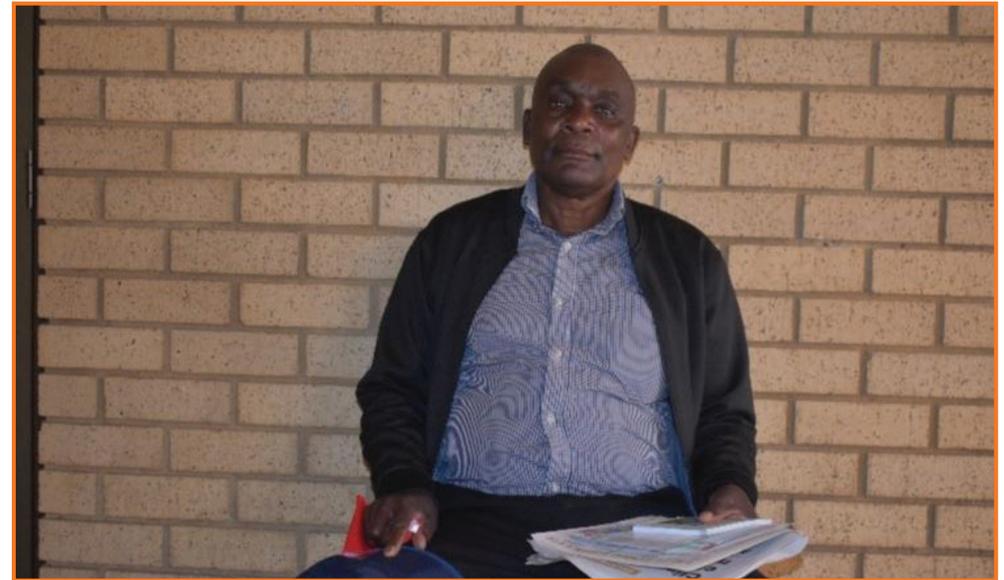


Nomagugu Hloma from the Westrand District Health Department shares information on the vaccine registration for the elderly.



David Thakadu said:

"I am happy to have registered for the COVID-19 vaccine. I thank the Department of Health for having made it possible and provided a platform for us to be assisted in registering."



Stephen Tembo said:

"I cannot wait to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We have been living in fear of this virus. Health officials have educated us on what we can expect when we receive the injection and to immediately go to the local clinic if those symptoms persist."

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Belgrade Thusong Service Centre marketing activation

By Khanyiso Seyisi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

uPhongolo Local Municipality Mayor Councillor Sibusiso Mhlongo has encouraged the public to use the services available at the Belgrade Thusong Service Centre in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Mayor was speaking at the Phongolo City Mall on 23 April 2021, during the Belgrade Thusong Service Centre marketing activation.

Belgrade village is located far from the town, thus creating difficulties for community members and the surrounding areas to receive government services due to lack of transport access and other logistical arrangements.

In view of the above, the purpose of this marketing activation was to create awareness about services offered at the centre, and encourage the communities to visit the centre in order to receive services at their doorstep, and also access information.

The Belgrade Thusong Service Centre offers a range of services from the foster care, social relief of distress, substance abuse, social behavioural change, parenting skills therapeutic sessions and child abuse. These services are offered by the Department of Social Development.

The National Youth Development Agency, which is also available and offers services such as business mentoring, business management, training programmes, grant provision, business feasibility, website development and hosting business plan development.

In addition, LifeLine Foundation offers services to families and children, while the Moses Kotane Institute offers the training of small, micro and medium enterprises, and digital training.

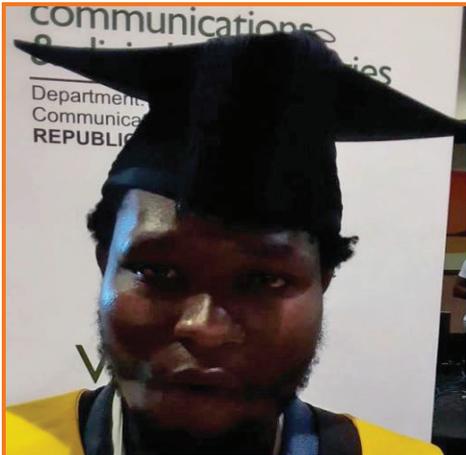


Community members accessing information about the services offered at the Belgrade Thusong Service Centre.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Graduates equipped with skills

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga



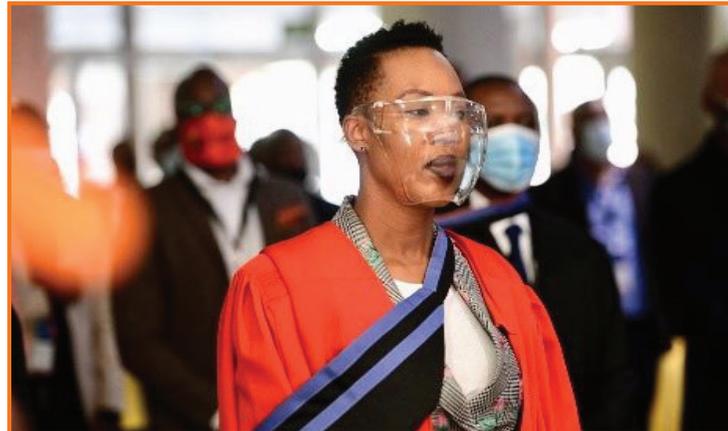
Patrick Mnisi said:

"I am a graduate from NEMISA and currently work at Ligwa FM. I studied radio production."



Zinhle Nkosi said:

"I was one of the NEMISA students, studying Film and Television Production. I have no doubt this will open a lot of doors for me. I want to be a producer. I want to create stories and tell my own narratives. NEMISA has given me a platform to showcase my talent, my skills and creativity. I want to open doors for other children who want to be in this industry. I have learnt a lot, such as content creation, directing and script writing."



The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, leading the graduation ceremony.



Students ready for their graduation.

Communications and Digital Technologies Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams led the graduation ceremony at Ermelo in the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga on 8 May 2021.

The graduation was for 29 students who received training from the National Electronic Media Institute of South Africa (NEMISA), trained in radio production, film and television production, and interactive media.

NEMISA Board Chairperson, Molebogeng Leshabane, presented message of support and words of appreciation to community radio stations for opening doors and allowing the students to do part of their practical training activities through them. The radio stations were the Voice of Community (VOC FM), Ligwa FM and Barberton Community Radio.

Speaking on behalf of the jubilant graduates, Tumelo Makhoee, said "We are thankful for all the support we received such as accommodation in Braamfontein and transport every day, and on top of that we received financial support in a form of a monthly stipend. All we had to worry about was our academic work."

The graduates were excited and indicated their readiness to face the world of work and implement their acquired skills in the media and the ever-changing technological world.