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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 vaccination launch

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela and Health MEC Montsheng Tshiu hosted the provincial launch of Phase 2 of COVID-19 vaccination programme on 17 May 2021, targeting persons who are 60 years and above at Thekolohelong Welfare Centre in Phuthaditjhaba, QwaQwa.

The Premier provided the provincial COVID-19 update, and informed community members that the provincial government is there to save lives through vaccination.

She also informed the community that the Thabo Mofutsanyana District has about 65 000 elderly people while Maluti-A-Phofung Local Municipality has about 28 000 elderly people whom all will be vaccinated during Phase 2 of the vaccine roll-out programme.

The Premier also encouraged community members to continue adhering to COVID-19 regulations, ensuring that they wash their hands, keep a social distance and wear their masks.

The Executive Mayor of Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality Masetjhaba Lakaje-Mosia and Mofumahadi Mathokoana from Bakoena Royal Council were also vaccinated as part of the programme. Community members are encouraged to assist those who are over 60 years and above to register for the COVID-19 vaccination.



The elderly who were in attendance to get vaccinated for COVID-19.



Mayor Masetjhaba Lakaje-Mosia getting vaccinated.



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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 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Electrification of rural communities

By Phiwokuhle Zokufa: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Gwede Mantashe, conducted an electrification project inspection in Mthatha West, Maiden Farm and Bongweni in King Sabatha Dalindyebo Local Municipality on 17 April 2021.

The Minister was joined by Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Xolile Nqata, O.R. Tambo Executive Mayor Councillor Tokozile Sokanyile and King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality Executive Mayor Nyaniso Nelani.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy has electrified 1 100 houses around Mthatha through the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP), which aims to provide electricity throughout the country with a specific focus on rural areas.

The visit to Mthatha started with a stakeholder engagement session with the King Sabata Dalindyebo business sector, traditional leaders and interest groups. Community members raised their concerns about different electricity tariffs provided by the municipality and Eskom.

The last leg of the Minister's visit was a physical walkabout, where he visited six homes that belong to senior citizens at Maiden Farm and Bhongweni. Minister Mantashe donated wheelchairs, blankets and groceries to underprivileged families.

"Today's visit is a typical demonstration of the District Development Model (DDM), the CEO of Eskom is here, and municipalities are here," said Minister Mantashe.

He further stated that the DDM requires all sectors of government to pull resources together, and make a difference. "Through the INEP working with municipalities, we will ensure that all villages receive access to electricity," added the Minister.



Pikolomzi Adonis voicing out his concerns about the high electricity tariffs provided by the municipality.



Minister Gwede Mantashe and other leaders engaging with a resident.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Celebrating Africa Month

By Itumeleng Bogatsu: GCIS, Gauteng

May is Africa Month, and it commemorates the formation of the then Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which was founded in 1963. The month is celebrated in various countries in Africa and around the world.

Africa Day, which is officially celebrated on 25 May, was formerly known as African Freedom Day and African Liberation Day. The continent became a pioneer in being the first one to focus on continental unity and to encourage nation-building through unity and freedom.

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture led and hosted a series of events to celebrate Africa Day. The Government Communication and Information System, together with other stakeholders, held an activation on 14 May 2021 in Diepsloot, to raise awareness about Africa Month. Communities were encouraged to know, understand and embrace their culture and identity.

Africa Month also seeks to increase the appreciation and demand for arts and culture goods and services, and to stimulate competitive markets for trade among African countries.



Jacob Molete engaging with community members about Africa Month, while distributing information products.



Marcus Murphy said:

"Africans, Europeans, black or white, to me, it means nothing. What matters to me is how you feel about your surroundings. I was not born here, but I was raised here from an early age and I feel truly African. I sleep, eat and dream African. I am a Buccaneer (Orlando Pirates) supporter. I like Bafana Bafana, even if they were to play Manchester United, why would I root for Manchester United when my life is here. *"Ngingu muntu wase Mzansi and ngi grand"* (I am a South African and I am just fine).



Elerato Nkadimeng said:

"Well for me, I always feel we know nothing as the born-frees of this country. We sometimes just have to listen and follow since we do not know much, and some of us did not study History as a subject in school. Having said that, I must say that if you have listened to the speech of former President Thabo Mbeki: *"I am an African"*, like it or not you will be proud to be an African. I think that the speech in its own tells the story and, yes, I am proud to be African and believe we have all the reasons to celebrate the day."



Klass Puleng said:

"I am here to apply for my identity document. I am very happy that government services are here to assist us because we have been struggling to access some of them."



Monana said:

"I am happy about this opportunity to engage government and most importantly, to see all these government-services stalls here."

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

Government takes services to the people

By Kaone Lekgetho: GCIS, North West



Deputy Minister Thembi Siweya addressing Tosca residents.

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembi Siweya, hosted a service-delivery initiative in Tosca, Dr. Ruth Segomotso Mompoti District on 30 April 2021, for community members to access essential government services and support.

The session included mobile stalls that provided government services offered by the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Employment and Labour, Department of Social Development, South African Police Service, and National Youth Development Agency.

The initiative was a response to the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation's frontline monitoring report, which highlighted a need for service improvements in Tosca.

Neighbouring villages including Pomfret and Bray attended the event and also raised their challenges. Some of the issues raised included water shortages, registration of children for birth certificates, unemployment, and shortage of clinic, secondary school and recreational facilities.



Community members who attended the activation.

Government leaders who were present included Deputy Minister of Police, Cassel Mathale, Social Development MEC Boitumelo Moiloa, Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour, Pinky Moloi, Members of the Provincial Executive Committee, and District Mayor Kgalalelo Sereko.

The leaders engaged with community members and also promised that the community of Tosca and other villages would receive assistance regarding their challenges. Government services were provided at the event, and community members also received information products, which included the *Vuk'uzenzele* newspaper.