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## VAT - the poor to be buffered

**GOVERNMENT IS** ensuring that it protects the country's most vulnerable during these tough economic times.

**T**he effect of an increase in VAT to 15 percent from 14 percent is going to be buffered by South Africa's high level of social services. That's according to Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba who says the increase, which takes effect on 1 April, will also see South Africans enjoy greater relief from below inflation increases in personal income tax rebates and brackets, and steps government is taking towards free higher education.

From 1 April 2018 old-age disability grants will increase from R1 600 to R1 690 and to R1 700 in October. Child support grants will increase from R380 to R400 in April, and to R410 in October.

This is a 6.6 percent annual increase. Since October 2017's Medium-Term Budget an additional R2.6 billion has been added to social grants to enable these increases.

"As highlighted by the President in the State of the Nation Address, government will ensure that social grants will continue to be paid without disruption," said Minister Gigaba.

In its budget review, National Treasury said expenditure on social protection provides social security and a safety net for low-income South Africans.

It also improves social welfare service delivery to vulnerable individuals through policy and legis-



■ Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba is delivering his maiden 2018 Budget speech in the National Assembly.

lative reform, growing the number of social workers, improving access to Early Childhood Development

and facilitating food and nutrition initiatives.

"Spending on social protection is set to rise from R193.4 billion in 2018/19 to R223.9 billion by 2020/21, growing by an average of 7.9 percent. The number of social grant beneficiaries is expected to reach 18.1 million by the end of 2020/21."

An estimated 12.8 million people will receive the child support grant and 3.7 million people will receive the old-age grant.

### 2018 Tax proposals

- An increase in value-added tax (VAT) from 14 to 15 percent, effective 1 April 2018.
- A below inflation increase in personal income tax rebates and brackets, with greater relief for those in

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# Boingwadišo bja bakgethi bo tla kgatlampana ka Hlakola 2018

**KHOMIŠENE YE** Ikemego ya Dikgetho (IEC) e netefatša gore MaAfrika Borwa a mantši ka moo go kgonagalago a ingwadišetša go tlo kgetha dikgethong tša 2019.



## More Matshediso

**I**IEC ya Afrika Borwa e tsebagaditše mafelelo a beke ao e tla bago wona a mathomo a go ingwadišetša dikgetho gomme e hloheleditše bakgethi bao ba nago le maswanedi a go kgetha nageng ka bophara go etela diteišene tša bona tša dikgetho go yo mpšhafatša tshedimošo ya bona lenaneong la bakgethi goba go yo ingwadišetša go kgetha.

Mohlankedimogolo wa Dikgetho ka go khomišene, Sy Mamabolo, o rile diteišene tša dikgetho ka moka tše 22 612 di tla bulwa mafelelong a beke a la 10 le 11 Hlakola 2018 go tloga ka iri ya seswai mesong go fihla ka iri ya bohloano mathapama go nolofaletša bakgethi seemo gore ba kgone go mpšhafatša

tshedimošo ya bona goba go ingwadiša. Ge e ba o hudugetše lefelong le lefsa morago ga go ingwadišetša go kgetha, gona o swanetše o ingwadiše ka bofsa seleteng sa gago se sefsa sa dikgetho.

Badudi ba Afrika Borwa ba mengwaga ye 16 le go feta, gomme ba nale dipukwana goba dikarata tša boitsebišo tša semmušo, ba ka ingwadišetša go kgetha. Ge o sa ingwadiše o ka se dumelelwe go kgetha ka 2019.

Bakgethi bao ba ingwadišetšego, bao tshedimošo ya diaterese tša bona e sego gona lenaneong la bakgethi, ba ka fana ka tshedimošo yeo ge ba ingwadiša setišing sa bona sa dikgetho.

“Re nyaka gore bakgethi ba iponagatše le go šomiša sebakase,” gwa realo Mamabolo, “Khomišene ya Dikgetho le gabjale ga e na diaterese tša bakgethi bao ba ka bago 2.8 milione. Re na gape le diaterese tše 3.5 milione tšeo di tšewago bjalo ka tšeo “di sa felelago” goba di “sa šuping thwii bo-

dulo bjo itšeng (tša kakaretšo).” Legoro la diaterese tša mohuta wo le hloka tshekatsheko go ya pele go bona ge eba go ka ba go na le dintlha tše dingwe tšeo di lego gona,” a tlaletša ka go realo.

Khomišene e ikhweleditše diaterese e šomiša mekgwa ya go fapafapana yeo e akaretšago go lekola direkhoto, difaele le malotadingwalo go lekola le go

swara diaterese tšeo di filwego ke bakgethi mo mengwageng ya go feta 20; go kgoboketša diaterese nakong ya dikgetho tša mebasepala tša 2016; le go dira mošomo wa go sepela le metse pele ga mafelelo a beke a boingwadišo bja dikgetho tša tlaletšo. Fao go lego maleba, bakgethi bao ba humanwego ba le dileteng tša dikgetho tšeo e sego tša bona maina a bona a

šutišitšwe go ya le ka Karolo 12 (1) (d) ya Molao wa Dikgetho.

“Re amogetše le go šomiša, ka moo go kgonagalago, tshedimošo ya diaterese go tšwa methopong ye mengwe ya mmušo bjalo ka Dipalopalo tša Afrika Borwa, Kemedi ya Tšhireletšego ya Leago ya Afrika Borwa, Telkom, Poskantoro ya Afrika Borwa le Kgoro ya Merero ya Selegae,” a realo. **V**

## Ingwadiše pele ga Hlakola 2018

Ka Diphallane 2017 Khomišene ya Dikgetho e tsebagaditše wepsaete ([www.elections.org.za](http://www.elections.org.za)) bakeng sa bakgethi bao ba ingwadišetšego ebile ba nago le inthanete go lekola le/goba go fana ka diaterese tša bona.

Bakgethi ba ka letšetša Senthara ya Megala (0800 11 8000) go tloga ka Mošupologo go fihla Labohlano ka dinako tša mošomo go hwetša thušo mabapi le lefelo leo setiši sa bona sa dikgetho se lego go lona mmogo le dipotšišo dife goba dife tšeo ba nago le tšona.

Bakgethi bao ba ingwadišetšego ba ka romela dinomoro tša bona tša boitsebišo ka SMS go 32810 gore ba humane SMS ya go ba le aterese ya setiši sa bona sa dikgetho (SMS e bitša R1).

## Seo o swanetšeng go ya le sona

Ge o etela setiši sa gago sa dikgetho o sware pukwana ya gago ya boitsebišo ya go ba le paakhoutu, karata ya boitsebišo goba setifiketi sa boitsebišo sa lebakanyana.

O tla thušwa go tlatša foromo ya boingwadišo ka dintlha tša aterese ya gago ya bodulo. Se se tla kgontšha khomišene go go lokela seleteng sa dikgetho sa maleba.

Bohlatse bja bodulo GA BO hlokege.

Mamabolo o ipileditše go batho ka o tee ka o tee, mekgatlo ya dipolotiki, mekgatlo ya setšhaba, mekgatlo yeo e sego ya mmušo, balwela tša leago, babegaditaba, baetapele ba setšo le mekgatlo ya ditumelo go netefatša gore mafelelo a beke a boingwadišo a atlega.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Isuzu Motors invest in SA

The South African economy has received a major boost with the Isuzu Motors purchase of the Struandale plant in Port Elizabeth.

Department of Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies said the investment will save jobs.

“We know that this investment will mean that 1 000 jobs in the facility will be saved and there are 3 000 jobs in the direct supply chain and many thousands more in the supply companies. Jobs will continue to be guaranteed in the future.”

### CSIR brings technology to improve water safety, delivery

Low-cost technologies to improve the quality of water and service delivery in municipalities were displayed at the 12th National Municipal Managers Forum which took place in Mpumalanga in February.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) displayed these technologies at the forum. **V**

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the lower income tax brackets.

- A 52 cent per litre increase in the levies on fuel, made up of 22 cents per litre for the general fuel levy and 30 cents in the Road Accident Fund levy.
- Increases in alcohol and tobacco excise duties of between 6 and 10 percent.

## A move towards fee-free education

Minister Gigaba said government will spend about R57 billion on fee-free higher education over the next three years.

“The largest reallocation of resources towards government’s priorities was on higher educa-

tion and training, amounting to additional funding of R57 billion over the medium term. As a result, this is the fastest-growing spending category, with an annual average growth of 13.7 percent,” he said.

Government will phase in fee-free higher education and training to students from poor and working-class families.

This means that all new first-year students, with a family income below R350 000 per annum, at universities and technical vocational education and training colleges in 2018 will be funded for the full cost of their studies.

Returning National Student Financial Aid Scheme stu-

dents at universities will also have their loans, for 2018 and going forward, converted to bursaries. **V**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**The National Treasury has launched Vulekamali, an online budget data portal that will make budget information more accessible and user-friendly. Visit: [www.vulekamali.gov.za](http://www.vulekamali.gov.za) for more information.**



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# A re phološeng ditšhukudu tša rena

**MAITEKELO A AFRIKA BORWA** a bušitše ditšhukudu gore di seke tša hwelela sa ruri mengwageng ya bo 1960, efela mohuta wo wa diphoofolo o sa le kotsing ka mohlape wa tše 20 000 feela.



## More Matshediso

**T**ona ya Merero ya tša Tikologo, Edna Molewa, o lokolotše pego ya mathomo ya 2018 ya lemanoga la mmušo la taolo ya ditharollo tša leanopeakanyo tše kopantšwego go lwantšhana le go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu.

Pego yeo, yeo e akaretšago kotara ya mafelelo ya 2017, e bontšha tšwelopele go palo ya batho bao baswerwego, dinyakišišo le dikotlo tše di atlegilego tša batsomaditšhukudu le bafetišamanaka ka go khuta, gape le phokotšego ye nnyane palong ya ditšhukudu tše di bolailwego nageng ka bophara

ka 2017 (1028) ge go bapetšwa le ka 2016 (1054).

Ka 2017 go amogilwe manaka a seswai Boemafofaneng bja Boditšhabatšhaba bja OR Tambo le go golegwa ga babelaelwa ba go gononelwa ka go tsoma ditšhukudu ba 502 le babelaelwa ba go gononelwa ka go gweba ka manaka ba 16 gomme seo sa theoša palo ye go fihla go 518, elego phokotšego go tloga go 680 ka 2016.

“Ka maswabi, bahlankedi ba 21 go tšwa kgorong ya rena ba ile ba golegwa ka ditiragalo tša go amana le go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu ka 2017,” Tona Molewa a realo.

## Go fokotša go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu

Mmušo le badirišanimmogo ba ona ba hlomile magato a go fapafapana go fokotša go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu, go akaretšwa le mananeo a go leta malotadiphoofolong a bosetšhaba gape le go šomiša theknolotši yeo e tlogo fetola seemo.

Gare ga Pherekong le Mantshole 2017, ditšhukudu tše 504 di ile tša tsonywa go la Kruger National Park (KNP), e lego palo yeo e lego tlase ka 24% ge e bapetšwa le tše 662 ka 2016.

“Ka thušo ya maano a go lwantšhana le go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu ka KNP re bona

phokotšego ya ditiragalo tša go tsoma ditšhukudu bolotadiphoofolong bjo, ka palo ya 2662 yeo e rekhotalwego ka 2017 ge go bapetšwa le 2883 ka 2016. Se se emela phokotšego ka 7.6%,” Tona a netefaletša seo.

Le ge go le bjalo, palo ya ditšhukudu tše di ilego tša tsonywa ka KwaZulu-Natal, Kapa Leboa, Mpumalanga, Freistata le Leboa Bodikela e oketšegile.

## Go amega ga ikonomi

Go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu go sego molaong le go gweba ka diphoofolo tša naga go ama gampe tlhabollo ya ikonomi ya naga le tsholego ya mešomo, go balwa le tlhabollo ya ikonomi ya diphedi tša go fapafapana yeo e akaretšago le sektara ya tša boeti.

“Go lobja ga ye nngwe ya mehuta ya diphoofolo tša naga tša Afrika Borwa ya maemo a go hlomphega bjalo ka tšhukudu, yeo e lego ye nngwe ya “the Big Five” go ka ama gampe palo ya baeti bao ba etelago Afrika Borwa

go tlo bona diphoofolo tša go bitšwa “the Big Five” e lego tšhukudu, tau, nare, lepogo le tlou,” Kgoro ya tša Tikologo ya realo ka pegong.

Go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu go tsebagaditšwe bjalo ka kotsi go tšhireletšego ka mo nageng, elego yeo e ka amago palo ya baeti bao ba etelago naga, gomme mmušo o tsebagaditše seo bjalo ka bosenyi bja bosetšhaba bjo bo tlogo pele.

Ditiragalo tše di sego molaong tša go amana le go tsonywa ga ditšhukudu le go gweba ka manaka a tšona go hola fela sehlophana se sennyanane sa basenyi.

“Mararankodi a a bosenyi a šomiša go raragana ga mkgwa wo wa bosenyi go ikhola. Ge dihlophana tša bosenyi di le gare di ikhola, bokgoni bja mmušo bja go netefatša tlhabollo ya ikonomi ya leago bo a senyega ka gobane dihlophana tša bosenyi tše di ipopilego mmogo le ditiragalo tša tšona di thoma go tsena le setšhabeng go kgabaganya naga,” kgoro ya netefaletša seo. **V**

## Palo ya ditšhukudu tše di bolailwego



# A new Randfontein for residents

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** in the pipeline for Randfontein residents.

**T**he Rand West City Local Municipality is changing the face of Randfontein through the Mantrose Mega City Project, which will see thousands of houses being built for locals and will bring various job opportunities to community members.

The recently launched R11 billion project includes the building of a mall, clinic, railway line and other amenities in Middelvlei, which will ensure job creation and boost investor confidence in the area.

Rand West City Local Municipality

spokesperson Tshidiso Tlharipe said the project will change the face of Randfontein.

“We are truly excited about this project and we know that it is going to bring about positive change for our people.

“Not only are we going to build 15 000 houses, we will also provide thousands of job opportunities for our locals and that’s ultimately what we want. We want to absorb them in projects in their own town and we believe that this will uplift them as individuals,” he said.



The houses will consist of RDP and low-cost units. “We have many business owners who will sub-contract in the development of this project, and locals who will do gener-

al work, such as brick laying, plastering and painting,” said Tlharipe.

This will go a long way towards accommodating the less fortunate and those who earn

between R3 000 and R15 000 per month.

The owner and chairperson of Finsbury Middelvlei Consortium, Matshidiso Ngakane, said the project will give them an opportunity to be part of something big in their own communities.

“This is the first project of its kind in Randfontein and we are thrilled as residents. The project will provide much-needed job opportunities for locals for at least seven years and will see business owners able to sustain themselves as well,” said Ngakane. **V**