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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.

The 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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Kubhalisela kuvota kutakwentiwa ngeNdlovulenkulu 2018

IKHOMISHINI LETIMELE YELUKHETFO (i-IEC) icinisekisa kutsi bantfu labanyenti kakhulu baseNingizimu Afrika bayabhalisa kute bavote elukhetfweni lwemnyaka we-2019.



More Matshedis

I-IEC imemetele imphelasontfo yekucala yekubhalisela kuvota kwemnyaka we-2019 futsi icela labo labafanelekile eveni lonkhe kutsi bavakashele titeshi tabo tekuvota bayobuyeketa imininingwane yabo eluhlwini lwekuvota noma babhalisele kuvota.

Umpantsi Lomkhulu Wekuvotisa walekhomishini Sy Mamabolo utsite tonkhe titeshi tekuvotisa leti-22 612 titawuvulwa kumpheasantfo yamhla ti-10 kuya mhla ti-11 Indlovu 2018, kusuka ngenzimbi ye-8 ekuseni kuyoshaya insimbi ye-5 entsambama kute kube lula futsi kuhambisane netidzingo tebavoti tekubuyeketa imininingwane yabo noma tekubhalisa. Uma ngabe utfutsele endzaweni lensha kusukela

wagcina kubhalisela kuvota, kufuneka uphindze ubhalise esigodzini sakho sekuvota lesisha.

Takhamuti taseNingizimu Afrika letinemnyaka leli-16 nangetulu futsi letinamatisi losemsetfweni noma simathikhadi tingabhalisela kuvota. Uma ungakabhalisi, angeke uvunyelwe kuvota ngemnyaka we-2019.

Bavoti lababhalisile, imininingwane yabo yelikheli ingekho kuluhlu lwekuvota, banganiketa lwatiso loludzingekako esiteshini sabo sekuvota ngalesikhatsi sekubhalisa.

“Sifuna bavoti bete basebentise lelitfuba,” kwasho Mamabolo.

“Ikhomishini Yelukhetfo nanyalo ayinawo emakheli ebavoti laba-2.8 yetigidzi. Sinalamanye emakheli la-3.5 yetigidzi latsatfwa ‘njengalangakapheleli’. Loluhlobo lwemakheli ludzinga kucutjungulwa nekucinisekiswa kutsi ingabe kukhona yini leminyane imininingwane lekona,” kwangeta Mamabolo.

Ikhomishini itfole emakheli ngekusebentisa tindlela letehlukene, letifaka kubuyeketwa kwemarekhodi, emafayela kanye nema-akhayivu kubuka nekubhala emakheli laniketwe bavoti kuleminyaka le-20 leyengcile; kugcogwe emakheli kulolukhetfo lwabomasipala lwemnyaka we-2016; nekungena umuti

ngemuti ngembi kwetimphe-lasontfo tekubhalisela kuvotela lukhetfo lwekuvala tikhewu. Uma kudzingeka, bavoti labatfolwa babhalise etigodzini tekuvota letingakafaneli, basuswa, njengoba kubekiwe kuSigaba 12 (1)(d) Semtsetfo Welukhetfo.

“Sitfole futsi sasebentisa, lapho kunekwenteka kho-

na, idatha yemakheli lebuya kuleminyane imitfombo yembuso lefana neTelubalobalo taseNingizimu Afrika, I-Ejensi Yekuvikeleka Kwetenhlahlo YaseNingizimu Afrika, I-Telkom, TemaPosi aseNingizimu Afrika kanye nakuLitiko Lasekhaya”, kwasho Mamabolo. **V**

Bhalisa kungakafiki Indlovulenkulu 2018

NgeMphala 2017 Ikhomishini Yelukhetfo yasungula iwebhusayithi (www.elections.org.za) kute bavoti lababhalisile labakhona kufinyelela ku-inthanethi babuyekete noma baniketwe emakheli abo.

Bavoti bangabuye bashayele Sikhungo Sekuchumana (0800 11 8000), kusukela ngeMsombuluko kuya kuLesihlanu ngetikhatsi temsebenti, bacele lusito lolumayelana nalapho kunetiteshi tekuvota khona nekubuta leminyane imibuto.

Bavoti lababhalisile bangabuye batfumele inombolo yamatisi nge-SMS ku: 32810 kute batfole i-SMS lenelikheli lesiteshi sabo sekuvota (i-SMS ibita R1).

Yini lekufanele ute nako

Uma uya esiteshini sakho sekuvota phatsa matisi wakho lonebhakhodi, simathikhadi lesingumatisi noma sitifiketi samatisi sesikhashana. Utawusitwa kugcwalisa lifomu lekubhalisa lelitawudzinga imininingwane yelikheli lendzawo lohlala kuyo. Loku kutawenta ikhomishini ikhone kukufaka esigodzini sekuvota lesifanele. Sicinisekiso selikheli lohlala kulo ASIDZINGEKI. Mamabolo ucela bonkhe bantfu, emacembu etepolitiki, tinhlango temmango, tinhlango letingekho phansi kwahulumende, tishoshovi, betindzaba, baholi bendzabuko kanye netinhlango tenkholo kutsi bacinisekise kutsi imphelasontfo yekubhalisela kuvota iba yimphumelelo.

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 for more information.



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IMITAMO YENINGIZIMU AFRIKA yekucedza kuphela kwabobhejane ngeminyaka ye-1960, kodwa loluhlobo lwetilwane nanyalo lusasebungotini, kusele kuphela laba-20 000.



More Matshediso

Indvuna Yetemvelo, Edna Molewa, utfule umbiko walokuchubekako wekucala wemnyaka we-2018 lomayelana nendlelomasu yahlumende yekubambisana ekulweni nekutingelwa kwabobhejane. Lombiko, lobuye ufake ikota yekugcina yemnyaka we-2017, ukhomba imphumelelo kulinani lekubopha, kuphenya kanye nekugwetjwa kwalabo labatingela ngalokungekho emtsetfweni nalabashushumbisa bobhejane kanye nekuncipha lokuncane kwabobhejane labatingelwe ngalokungekho emtsetfweni eveni lonkhe ngemnyaka we-2017 (1028), uma kucatsaniswa nemnyaka we-2016 (1054).

Ngemnyaka we-2017 kubanjwe emahlandla lasiphohlongo bashushumbi-

si betimphondvo tabhejane esikumuleweni setindiza Semave Ngemave i-OR Tambo, kwaboshwa basolwa labatingela ngalokungekho emtsetfweni bobhejane laba-502, basolwa labatsengisa bobhejane laba-16, lokwenta lenombolo ifike ku-518, lekhomba kuncipha kusuka ku-608 ngemnyaka we-2016. "Lokudzabukisako kutsi, kuboshwe tisebenti tetfu leti-21 tiboshelwa emacala lahambisana nekutingelwa lokungekho emtsetfweni kwabobhejane ngemnyaka we-2017", kwasho Indvuna Molewa.

Kucedza kutingela lokungekho emtsetfweni

Hulumende nebalingani bakhe basungule tindlela letehlukahlukene tekucedza kutingelwa lokungakavumeleki kwabobhejane, letifaka tihlelo tekugadza nekuntji-

ngela emapaki avelonkhe kanye nekusebentisa itheknoloji yekugucula simo.

Emkhatsini kwaBimbidwane neNgongoni 2017, kwatingelwa ngalokungekho emtsetfweni bobhejane laba-504 eKruger National Park (e-KNP), lokwehle nge-maphesenti langema-24 kunalangema-662 ngemnyaka we-2016.

"Ngenca yemiphumela yetindlelomasu tetfu tekulwa nekutingela lokungekho emtsetfweni eKNP sibona kwehla kwelinani letintfo letimayelana nekutingela lokungekho emtsetfweni kulepaki, lelikhomba kutsi beliku-2662 ngemnyaka we-2017 uma licatsaniswa ne-2883 ngemnyaka we-2016. Loku kusho kuncipha nge-maphesenti la-7.6," kwacinisekisa Indvuna Yelitiko.

Kodwa-ke, likhulile linani labobhejane labatingelwe

ngalokungekho emtsetfweni KwaZulu-Natal, eNyakatfo Kapa, eMpumalanga, eFree State kanye Nasenyakatfo Nshonalanga.

Umtselela kutemnotfo

Kutingelwa lokungekho emtsetfweni kwabobhejane nekushushunjiswa kwetilwane tasendle kunemtselela lomubi ekutfufukiseni umnotfo welive nematfuba emisebenti, lokufaka kutfufukisa umnotfo wetintfo letehlukahlukene lofaka ekhatsi umkhakha wetekuvakasha.

"Kulahleka kwalinye licembu letilwane letiluphawu lweNingizimu Afrika lelufana nabhejane, lolungilonye lwe-'Big Five' kungaba nemtselela lomubi kulinani letivakashi letivakasha eNingizimu Afrika. Tivakashi letiningi tivakasha eNingizimu Afrika kutewubona i-Big Five, lekungubhejane, libhubesi, inyatsi, ingwe kanye nendlovu," kwasho Litiko Letemvelo kusitatimende salo.

Kutingela lokungekho emtsetfweni kwabobhejane kutsatfwa njengentfo lenebungoti kutekuvikeleka kwelive, lokungaba nemtselela kulinani letivakashi letivakashela lelive, ngaloko hulumende umemetele kutsi kulicala lelicaliswa embili.

Imisebenti lengekho emtsetfweni lehlobene nekutingelwa kwabobhejane nekushushunjiswa kwetimphondvo tabo iphumelelisa linani le-lincane kumacembu ebugebengu.

"Loluchungechunge lwebugebengu lutfola litfuba ngenca yekubalukhuni kwaloluhlobo lwemacala. Lesikhatsi emacembu ebugebengu atfola tinzuzo, kuphatamiseka likhono lahlumende lekucinisekisa kutfufuka kwemnotfo netenhlalo ngenca yekuhleleka kwemacembu ebugebengu nemisebenti yawo legcile kakhulu kumimango yelive lonkhe," kwacinisekisa litiko. **V**

Linani Labobhejane Labatingelwa ngalokungekho emtsetfweni



A new Randfontein for residents

JOB OPPORTUNITIES in the pipeline for Randfontein residents.

The 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 Munic-

ipality 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**