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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.



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

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-

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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South Africans jubilant after SoNA

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Ukutloliswa kwabavowudi kuyokwenzeka ngoNtaka wee-2018

IKOMITJHINI YEZAMAKHETHO EZIJAMELEKO (I-IEC) iqinisekisa bona woke amaSewula Afrika atloliselwa ukuvowuda emakhethweni womNyaka wee-2019.



More Matshedis

I-IEC yeSewula Afrika imemezele ipelaveke yokuthoma yokutloliselwa kwabavowudi amakhetho womnyaka wee-2019. Ikhombele boke abavowudi elizweni loke bona bavakajhele iinteyitji zokuvowudela bayokuhlola amabizwabo erhelweni labavowudi namkha bayokunikela ngemininingwanabo yamvanje ukwenzelela ukuvowuda.

Isiphathiswa esiKhulu sezamaKhetho u-Sy Mamabolo uveza bona iintetji zokuvowudela ezizii-22 612 zizokuvulwa ngepelaveke yamhlana ali-10 ukuya nakali-11 kuNtaka wee-2018 kusukela nge-iri lobunane ekuseni ukufikela ntambamba nge-iri lesihlanu. Lokho kwenzelwa bona kube lula kubavowudi ukuqalisisa

imininingwanabo nokutlolisa. Nayibe ufudukile endaweni ebewuhlala kiyo nawutlolisa kokuthoma erhelweni labavowudi, njenganje kufanele utlolise ngobutjha esiyingini salapho uyokuvowuda khona.

AmaSewula Afrika aneminyaka eli-18 ukuya phezulu abasele baneNcwadi kaMazisi nofana uMazisi oliKarada bangazitloliselwa ukuvowuda. Angeze wavunyelwa ukuvowuda ngomnyaka wee-2019 nayibe awukatlolisi.

Abazokutloliselwa ukuvowuda ngelangelo kufanele baqale bonyana iimphande zabo zilungile erhelweni labavowudi kanti godu banikele ngelwazi elifaneleke ngesikhathi sokutloliswa.

“Sifuna abavowudi balisebenzise ithubeli beze ngobunengi babo,” kutjho u-Mamabolo.

“I-IEC bekube gadesi ayinazo iimphande zabavowudi abangaba ziingidi ezi-2.8. Uhlathulule nokobana kuneemphande eziziingidi ezi-3.5 ezivezwe njengalezo ezingakapheleli. Ubujamobu butlhoga ukuhlazi-

ywa okungeneleleko khona kuzakavela imininingwana ethlayelako le,”

Ikomitjhini isebenzise imithombo ehlukenekoko efa-ka hlangana ukubuyekeza kwamarekhodi, amafayela wakade ukuqalisisa nokufaka iimphande zabavowudi abazitlolisa eminyakeni ematjhumini amabili edlulileko. Ezinye iimphande bazifunyenwe erhelweni labavowudi lamakhetho

wabomasipala womnyaka wee-2016 begodu nejimeni lokwenza umsebenzi wokutlolisa abavowudi ngokungena umuzi nomuzi ngaphambi kwesikhathi nangepelaveke yokutloliselwa kwabavowudi amakhetho wokukhabelela.

Lapha kukghonakalako, abavowudi abafunyenwe batloliswe eeyingini ezingasizo zabo batjhidiselwa kezifaneleko ngokwesiGaba12 (1)(d)

somThetho wezamaKhetho.

“Semukele besasebenzisa ilwazimininingwana leemphande lemithombo yezakhiwo zikarhulumende ezinjengeZiko leemBalobalo zeSewula Afrika (i-StatsSA), i-Ejensi yeeMbonelole zeSondlo noMhlalaphasi kaRhulumende yeSewula Afrika, i-Telkom, I-Ofisi yemiSebenzi yePoso yeSewula Afrika nomNyango wezangeKhaya,” kutjho u-Mamabolo. **U**

Tlojisa ngaphambi kukaNtaka 2018

- NgoSewula wee-2017 i-IEC ihlome ubunzinzolwazi i-www.elections.org.za ukwenzelela bona abavowudi abatlolisileko begodu nabangakwazi ukusebenzisa i-inthanethi ukuhlola amabizwabo erhelweni labavowudi bebafake iimphande zabo.
- Abavowudi bangadosele iziko lezamazaketho ku: 0800 11 8000, kusukela ngoMvulo bekube ngeLesihlanu ngeenkxhathi zomsebenzi nangabe kunesizo abalithlogako manqophana neendaba zokutloliselwa ukuvowuda nokulungisa imininingwana.
- Abavowudi bangathumela inomboro kamazisi nge-SMS enomborweni ethi: 32810 lapho bazokufumana i-SMS ebuyisa ipendulo ngesiphande nesitethi sokuvowudela abatloliswe kiso. (i-SMS ibiza i-R1).

Imitlolo Ofanele Uyiphathe

Nawuvakajhela esitethi sokuvojudela kufanele uphathe uMazisakho oliHlaza onebhakhodi, uMazisi oliKarada nofana isitifikedi sakamazisakho wesikhathjha. Uzokusizwa ukuzalisa iforomo elinemininingwana yesiphande sakho. Lokho kwenzelela bona bekhomitjhini yezamazaketho bakghone ukukufaka erhelweni lokuvowuda lesiyingi esifaneleko. Ubufakazi besiphande sakho abutlhogeki. U-Mamabolo ukhombela ngokukhulu ukuzithoba bona boke abantu, iinhlango zezepolitiki, iinhlango zomphakathi, iinhlango ezingasizo zakarhulumende, abatjhotjhozeli bemikhakha ethileko, bamaziko weendaba, abarholi bendabuko neenhlango zezekolo bona baqinisekise bona ihlelo lepelaveke yokutloliselwa ukuvowuda liba yipumelelo.

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. **U**

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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. **U**

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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ISEWULA AFRIKA yenze imizamo eminengi yokubuyisa abobhejani abapheze batjhabalala ngeminyaka ye-1960, kodwana ipilo yabobhejani isaragela phambili ngokuthuseleka njengombana gadesi babalelwa eenkulungwaneni ezimatjhumu amabili.



More Matshediso

UNgqongqotjhe wezeBhoduluko u-Edna Molewa, wethule umbiko wokuthoma werage- lophambili womnyaka wee-2018 namahlelo karhulumende wokuvikela ukubulawa kwabobhejani.

Umbiko lo ufaka nekotara yokugcina yomnyaka wee-2017 lapho uveza khona inengi lababotjhiweko, abasaphenywako nalabo ababekwe amacala wokuzuma ngokungasi semthethweni bekubulawe abobhejani nabakhukhuthisa abobhejani nokwehla kwezinga lokubulawa kwabobhejani enarheni mazombe ngomnyaka wee-2017 kubulewe abayi-1028 nawumadanisa nangomnyaka wee-2016 lapho kubulewe abayi-1054.

Ngomnyaka wee-2017 babunane abafunyanwa bebemukwa iimpondo zabobhejani edoyelweni

leemphamthini e-OR Tambo International Airport, abasolwa ekuzumeni abobhejani ngokungasi semthethweni bama-502 kanti abali-16 babanjelwa ukukhukhuthisa iimpondo. Lokhu kwaletsa isibalo sababanjiweko ema-518 ekulizinga elehlileko ukusukela ema-680 ngomnyaka wee-2016.

“Okudanisako kukuthi ama-21 wezelelesezi kwaba ziinsebenzi zomnyango lo ezibandakanyeke emilandwini yokubulawa nokukhukhuthiswa kweempondo zabobhejani ngomnyaka wee-2017,” kutjho uNgqongqotjhe u-Molewa.

Ukukhandela ukubulawa kwabobhejani

URhulumende nababambisani bakhe bajamise izakhiwo ezithileko azokusebenzisana nazo ekukhandeleni ukubulawa kwabobhejani. Lokho kufaka hlangana amahlelo wokwelusa

eenqiwini zeenyamazana noku-sebenzisa amahlelo wethekhno-ji enarheni yoke.

Phakathi kukaTjhirhweni no-Nobayeni wee-2017, abobhejani abama-504 bazunywa ngokungasi semthethweni bebabulawa esi-Qiwini seeNyamazana i-Kruger National Park (KNP), okwaletsa imbalo ema-24% phasi kunaleyo yabobhejani abama-662 ababulawa ngomnyaka wee-2016.

“Lokho kwaba miphumela emihle yeqhinga elitjha lokukhandela ukubulawa kwabobhejani e-KNP ngalokho kwabonakala ukwehla khulu kwesibalo sezenzo ezinje esiqiwini seenyamazana. Isibalo sezehlakalo zangomnyaka wee-2017 sibe zii-2 662 nakumadani- swa nee-2 883 zangomnyaka wee-2016. Lokhu kutjho bona ize- hlakalwezi zehle ngama-7.6%,” kuqinisekisa uNgqongqotjhe.

Nanyana kunjalo, isibalo sokubulawa kwabobhejani sikhuphukile eemfundeni ezilandelako, KwaZulu-Natala, eTlhwagwini Kapa, eMpumalanga, eFreyistata neTlhwagwini Tjingalanga.

Umthelela Phezu Komnotho

Ukuzunywa nokubulawa kwabobhejani nokukhukhuthiswa kweempondo zabo nezinye iibandana kube nomthelela omumbi ekuthuthukeni komno-

tho nekuvulweni kwamathuba wemisebenzi ngenarheni. Lokho kufaka hlangana ukuthuthukiswa komnotho omifundafunda namkha ohlukahlukeneko wezomvelo ofaka hlangana umkhakha wezokuvakatjha.

“Ukulahlekelwa namkha ukutjhatjalaliswa kweenyamazana eziqakathekileko neziligugu kangaka eSewula Afrika ezinjengobhejani, obalwa hlangana neenyamazana ezingeziKulu eziHlanu ezazizwa ngokuthi ma-‘Big Five’ kungaba nomthelela omumbi phezu kwekareko yeemvakatjhibukeli yokuza eSewula Afrika. Iimvakatjhibukeli ezinengi ezivakatjhela iSewula Afrika zifuna ukubona iinyamazanezi ezaziwa ngama-‘Big Five’, ekungilezi: ubhejani, ibhubezi, inyathi, ingwe nendlovu,” lesi sitatimende esikhutjhe mNnyango wezeBhoduluko.

Ukuzuma okungasisemthe-

thweni nokubulawa kwabobhejani kuveze njengezenzo ezibeka ivikeleko lenarha engozini begodu kungaba nomthelela omumbi ekarekweni yeemvakatjhibukeli ezifuna ukuza eSewula Afrika kanti godu urhulumende umemezele tjhatjhalazi ukobana ubulelesobu buthathwa njengobuliqaloqangi emsebenzini wezokuvikelwa kwenarha.

Izenzwezi ezingasi semthethweni zokubulwa kwabobhejani nokukhukhuthiswa kweempondo zabo zizuzisa idlanzana leenqhema zemigulukudu.

“Iinqhema zemigulukudu lezi ziphumelela bezizuze kilomhlobo wobelelesi njengombana bunoburhiyariya obungakajayeleki nobunamaqhinga wezenzo zecwephetjhe eliphezulu.

Ngesikhathi iinqhema zemigulukudu zizuzisa kilokhu kuthikamezeka ihlelo likarhulumende lezehlalakuhle nelomnotho ngombana ubulelesobu obuhleliweko nokusebenza kweenqhema zemigulukudu haye buthuwelela emiphakathini nenarheni yoke,” kuqinisekisa umnyango. **V**

Inani Labobhejani Ababuleweko



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**