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Support for students

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Government remains committed to ensuring that deserving students have financial support to continue with their studies.

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, says government is firmly committed to providing fee-free higher education support to students from working and poor backgrounds, while putting a mechanism in place to support students from the 'missing middle' income bracket.

He adds the department and universities have agreed that fee increases for 2021 will be affordable but will still ensure universities remain sustainable.

NSFAS shortfall addressed

A shortfall in funding for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for 2021 meant NSFAS was unable to communicate funding decisions to institutions and students entering public



universities for the first time. The Minister says funding has been reprioritised from the Department of Higher Education and Training's (DHET)

budget to ensure all deserving NSFAS-qualifying students receive funding support for 2021.

"NSFAS will be able to re-

lease funding decisions, and the registration process at public universities can continue as planned.

"No NSFAS-qualifying stu-

dents have been affected by these delays, as universities had agreed to extend the registration period to ensure that students without funding decisions would not be prevented from accessing a place that they qualify for."

He explains that NSFAS is working hard to finalise appeals so that students are not prevented from registering in time, and continuing students who meet the qualifying criteria have already been allowed to register.

NSFAS funding is provided primarily for students completing a first undergraduate qualification.

"In the past, NSFAS provided funding for some limited second qualifications in key areas. Students who are already funded on these programmes will be able to continue as long as they meet the academic criteria," says the Minister.

However, there is no funding available for new entrants on second or postgraduate qualifications.

"We will engage further

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"ZWINO NDI TSHIFHINGA TSHA URI ROTHE RI SHUMISANE HU U HULISA VHO NELSON MANDELA NA U FHAŞA AFRIKA TSHIPEMBE LISWA LA KHWINE LA VHATHU VHOTHE."

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Vharangaphanda vha zwa Sialala ndi vha ndeme kha ndingedzo dza mvusuludzo

Kha miwedzi i si gathi yo fhiraho ro onesana nga mbiluvhuṭungu na vhali vhavhili vha zwa si alala vha ḥthonifheaho kha shango ḥashu.

A si kale lushaka lwa Mazulu lwu tshi kha di tou bva u swiṭa khosikhulu yalwo Muhammed Vho Goodwill Zwelithini vha ha Bhekuzulu, vhe vha vhusta lushaka ulwo lwa miwaha i linganaho hafu ya sentshari (miwaha ya 50). Nga nwedzi wa Phando, lushaka lwa Bapedi lwo swiṭa khosikhulu yalwo Vho Thulare Thulare wa Vhuraru, vhe vha dzama hu songo fhela na nwaha vho rwelwa ḥari sa khosi.

Kha u fhira fhano shangoni ha avho, ro xeletwanga vhahali vha ndondolo ya vhufa hashu, vhalisa vha ḥthonifheaho kha ḫivhazwakale ya vhathu vhavho.

Nga tshifhinga tshenetsho, vho vha vhatambi vha tshipida tsha ndeme kha mvededziso ya vhupo ha mahayani, nahone vho vha vho ḫimisela kha u bveledza mbekanyamushumo dzine dza do khwiqisa kutshilele kwa vhalanda vhavho.

Zwi tshi tevhela u thoma ha demokirasi nga 1994, tsho vha tshipikwa tsha muvhuso muswa u vhuedzedza vhufulufhedzei na vhurangaphanda ha vhukuma ha zwa sialala, nga fhasi ha milayo ya sialala na maitele a lino shango nahone zwo ḫisendeka nga ndayotewa ya shango.

Tshimiswa tsha vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala tshi khou bvela phanda na u shuma mushumo wa ndeme kha matshilo a milioni dza vhathu u mona na shango ḥashu, zwihihi vhuponi ha

mahayani. Vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vha qea thi-khedzo na u qisa mvededziso kha lushaka.

Zwenezwino, ndo vha na tshikhala tsha u dzhenela therisano kha mushumo wa u vula Nndu ya Lushaka ya Vharangaphanda vha zwa Sialala, he therisano idzo dza vha dzo sedzesha kha dzirwe dza khaeddu nnzhi dzine lino shango ḥa khou ḥangana nadzo zwazwino.

Zwe zwa vha zwi tshi khou takadza zwihihiha nga ha therisano idzo ndi u vhona vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vha tshi sumbedza u pfectesa khaeddu dza zwa ikonomi dzo ambarelalo lino shango, na u ḥoda u vha tshipida tsha thandululo kha khaeddu nnzhi dza u sa bvelela na vhushai kha vhupo havho.

Tshifhinga tshothe ndi amba fhungo ḥa uri mvusuludzo ya ikonomi ya shango ḥashu zwino nga tshifhinga tsha dwadze ḥa tshitzhili tsha corona i ḥoda mutingati, zwo ralo a hu na muthu ane a fanela u siiwa murahu.

Upfulededza kha Pulane ya Mvusuludzo na Mbuedzedzo ya Ikonomi zwo ḫisendeka nga tshumisano yo khwāṭhaho hu si vhukati ha muvhuso, mabindu na vhasumi fhedzi, fhedzi na kha vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala khathihi na zwiwē zwiimiswa zwa vhazulapo.

Nyiledzo ya u ḫidzhenisa ha vhazheneli kha therisano dza zwenezwino zwo vhangwa nga u sa ḥoda havho u ḫitika tshothe nga zwifhiwa, na u sa ḥoda uri vhazulapo vhavho vha dzulele u sedza kha muvhuso tshifhinga tshothe vha tshi ḥoda thuso ya masheleni.

Vha khou ḥoda u ḫetshedza thikhedzo teaho, upfumbu-

dzwa na u konisa vhupo ha vho u itela uri vhazulapo vha vhupo ha mahayani vha kone u ḫimisa nga vhothe.

Vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vha khou ḥoda u fhungudza gake lino ḥa vha hone vhukati ha vhupo ha mahayani na ha dzidoroboni malugana na u swikela tshumelo dza muvhuso na zwiko zwa nđowetshumo ya phuraivethe.

Zwine vha tama ndi u vhona vhupo ha mahayani vhu tshi vha senthara ya mushumo wa ikonomi, mamaga na zwihihiha zwa u sikwa ha mishumo. Hezwi zwi sumbedza zwiipika zwa Tshiedza tsha Mvededziso ya Tshiriki (DDM), tshe tsha rwelwa ḥari na ngi nwaha wa 2019.

Vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vha kha vhuimo havhuḍi ha u vhona uri pulane dza tshiriki dzo dzia, nahone dzi fhindula kha ḫhodea dza vhukuma dza vhazulapo khathihi na u sumbedza ngoho yo tshili-waho vhuponi ha mahayani.

U fana na musi DDM i tshi tikedza mbekanyamushumo dzapo dzi lavhelesaho kha ḫhodea, nungo na zwihihiha kha vhupo vhukene, vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vho bveledza nđila yavho ya mvededziso yapo ya ikonomi.

Vho bveledza Pulane khulane ya u ita Vhubindudzi vhuponi ha mahayani ye ya rwelwa ḥari vunduni ḥa North West nwedzi wo fhelaho. Zwi a ḫutuwedza zwihihiha u vhona uri vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vho vhuelana hafu nga murahu ha pulane iyi nahone vha khou ḥoda u shumisana na vharangaphanda vhapo u vhona uri pulane iyo i bvelele.

Nga tshifhinga tsha theri-

sano kha Nndu ya Lushaka ya Vharangaphanda vha zwa Sialala ho dzinginywa uri tshiiitis tshihulwane tsha u phuletshedza tsha mbekanyamushumo ya InvestRural ndi u vhona uri mirađo ya zwa sialala vho pfumbudza, u manqafhadza na u konisa kha mushumo wonoyo.

Vhunzhi ha vhe vha vha tshipida vho ḫivhadza pulane dza ikonomi dzine dza vha kha zwiipida zwa u fhedzisela zwa mvededziso. Hezwi ndi u bva kha thandela dza zwa vhulimi u ya kha u ḥodwa ha zwiipuka na miri u itela u wana mishonga na u ya kha fulufulu li vusuludzeaho.

Zwe zwa vha zwi khagala ndi zwa uri tshimiswa tsha vhurangaphanda ha zwa sialala tshi pfectesa uri kushume kwa maimo a n̄ha ndi kwa ndeme kha vhukatidzi ha mabindu maṭku, a vhukati na mabindu mahulwane a vhupo ha mahayani, khathihi na kha tshumisano ya uri a kone u vha tshipida tsha lutsinga lwa ikonomi.

Vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vhe vha amba vho ḫahisa bono ḫavho ḥa vhavhusi vha mvededziso'vhane vha si ḫivhone sa vharangaphanda vha zwa vhufa fhedzi, fhedzi sa vhabveledzisi vha lupfumo na mvelephanda ya ikonomi. Vho topola thandela dza tshihaloo na zwihihiha zwa ikonomi zwine zwa do sikela vhathu mishumo na u khwiqisa kutshilele kwa vhathu kha vhupo ha mahayani.

Vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vho ita na u bvisela khagala lutamo lwavho lwa u shela mulenzhe kha maitele a tshanduko dza zwa mavu. U bva ngi nwaha wa 2018 vharangaphanda vha sialala vho ḫetshedza hekithara dza

mavu avho dza 1 500 000 uri a shumiswe kha mvededziso, nahone khou fulufhelwa uri zwa u ḫetshedza ha mavu hu tshi itelwa mvededziso zwi do engedzea tshifhingani tshi ḫaho.

Ubveledza liano ḫo dzudzanyawaho nahone ḥa tshifhinga tshilafu, ro tendelana kha u do fara Guvhangano ḥa Mphuresidennde ḥa u rera nga ha Mavu nwaha u ḫaho. Guvhangano ili li do haseledza nga ha mvelaphanda malugana na tshanduko dza mavu, kha mavu ane a vha fhasi ha vhuvhusi ha vhazulapo, nga maanda ane a wanala vhuponi ha mahayani.

Mbonalo ya Therisano idzi kha Nndu ya Lushaka yo vha tsumbedzo yo teaho ya kilima ine mvusuludzo ya ikonomi yavha mushumo wa ndeme vhukati ha zwiipika zwa ndeme. Nga tshifhinga tshenetsho yo dovha hafu ya vha tshiga tshi fulufhe-dzisaho uri vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala vha takalela mushumo wavho wa u vha tshipida kha vhuḍikumedzelha mvusuludzo ya lushaka nga kha u vha vhaiti na vhatumbuli.

Ifa ḫo teaho ḥa vharangaphanda vhavhuḍi ndi uri mbeu ya mvededziso ine vha sia vho zwala nga tshifhinga tsha vhurangaphanda havho i aluwa ya vha miri ine ya tsireledza na u kuvhatedza vhazulapo vhavho u ya ngi hu sa fheri.

Musi ri tshi khou shumisana rothe sa shango u vusuludza ikonomi yashu, ri do isa phanda na u ḫitika nga thikhedzo ya tshimiswa tsha vhurangaphanda ha zwa sialala, tshire tsha vha tshipida tshi sa tumiwi kha mulovha ḥashu, namusi, na matshelo ḥashu.❶

Get help for your child

IT'S NOT ONLY ADULTS who suffer from depression, children can experience it too.

Silusapho Nyanda

Parents with depressed children must not despair. While depression is a serious mental health condition, it is curable with the right treatment.

The mood disorder may cause distress and is indicated by a persistent feeling of sadness or a loss of interest in life that leads to behavioural and physical symptoms.

According to clinical psychologist Dr Marcia Zikhali from the Gauteng Department of Social Development, it is normal to feel sad sometimes.

Depression is when one feels sad most of the time, which can lead to suicidal thoughts.

"Depression can be triggered by a medical illness, stressful or traumatic events, substance use or the loss of an important person," she says.

It affects adults and children differently. While a child will often withdraw from the adults in their life, they continue to socialise with their close friends.

A depressed teenager may experience changes in sleeping patterns and will, at times, express their feelings through anger and irritability.

"Although some children may continue to do reasonably well in structured environments, most children with significant depression will show a noticeable change in social activities, a loss of interest in school, poor academic performance or a change in



appearance.

"Children may also start using drugs or alcohol, especially if they are over the age of 12," says Dr Zikhali.

There are many signs of depression in children, some of which are:

- Irritability, tantrums or excessive aggression or anger.
- Self-isolation.
- Decreased interest in

favourite activities.

- Low self-esteem.
- Changes in appetite.
- Difficulty concentrating.
- Low energy levels.
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt.

Parents can help their children by talking to them about what is happening in their life.

"Establish open communication before there are any

concerns. Then, if concerns arise, they will be comfortable talking to you about what's going on.

"Young children often have difficulty putting feelings into words and may feel ashamed or embarrassed about depression. Parents should convey their concerns and ask questions in a loving, supportive way," says Dr Zikhali. **V**

Parents can seek help from a mental health professional, who can determine the best treatment for the child. Contact your local clinic or hospital or the South African Depression and Anxiety Group at **0800 456 789** or send a WhatsApp to **076 882 2775**. For suicide emergencies, call **0800 567 567**.

Kha vha thuse u vhulunga matshilo

Allison Cooper

Dzangano la Sunflower Fund li khou humbelo Maafrica Tshipembe uri vha khwinise tshaka dzo fhambanaho dza databaseizi dzavho dza qetshedzo ya sele dza tsinga dza malofha u itela u vhulunga matshilo a vhana.

U ya nga ha Vho Palesa Mokomele, vhanne vha vha mulangi wa nyandadzo na vhudavhidzani kha dzangano la Sunflower Fund, vhalwadze vha dzimilioni vha wanala vha na malwadze a elanaho na a malofha nwwaha muhwe na muhwe.

Kale, u tolwa wa wanala u na uvhu vhulwadze two vha zwi tshi vhulaha, fhedzi qamusi tsimulo ya sele dza tsinga dza malofha i nga vha dzilafho li konaho u phulusa matshilo sa musi li tshi sudzusa sele dza tsinga dza malofha dza muthu dzo holefhalaho la dzhenisa dici

re na mutakalo.

Zwi tungufhadzaho ndi zwa uri, vhanzhi vhanne vha nga vhuelwa nga kha maitele aya a vha wani dzilafho line vha li toda ngauri u wana munetshedzi ane a vha na lushaka lwa sele lwu fanaho na lwau zwi a konqa.

"Vhalwadze vha lukanda lwa muvhala mutshena vha kha vhukondi ha u wana qetshedzo zwi tshi bva kha tshivhalo tshi re fhasi tsha vhaqetshedzi vho diwalisela u bva kha zwigwada zwa vhadzulapo vha vharema, vha Vhakhaladi na vhaindia," vho ralo Vho Mokomele.

Tshikhala tsha vhuvhili kha vhutshilo
Vhutshilo ha Vho Zyaan Makda (19) ho vha ho tangana musi vha tshi wanwa vha na heterozygote haemoglobinopathy (vhulwadze ha malofha vhu pfukhelaho u bva kha mubebi), vhulwadze vhu sa lafhei ha malofha vhu

shushedzaho vhutshilo nga nwwaha wa 2007.

Tshikhala tshavho tsha khwiq tsha u ponya lufu tsho vha tshi qetshedzo ya tsinga dza malofha, fhedzi dzi fanaho na dzavho dzo vha dzi sa khou wanala. Nga mulandu wa zwezwo, vho vha vho fanela u wana qetshedzo ya malofha vhege iiwe na iiwe.

"Tsinga dza kha zwanda zwanga dzo mbo di dzidzivhala, zworalo ho mbo di fanela u pangwa tshishumiswa tsha u thusa kha u shelwa ha malofha kha khana yanga. Ndo dovha hafhu nda farwa na nga tshinetu, ndulu na zwitombo zwine vha vhumbea kha ndulu zwa bviswa nda pfa vhuungu kha thyroid (mura do wa nga phanda ha mutsinga une wa bveledza tshithu tshi no langa nyaluwo ya muvhili) ine yovha i sa khou tou shuma lwo fanelaho. Ndo vha ndi tshi dzulela u lova tshikolo zwi tshi itiswa nga mulandu

wa tshiimo tsha zwa mutakalo na u kundelwa u dzhenela kha zwa mitambo. U fhedza tshifhinga tshilapfu u sibadela two vha zwi tshi leme-la," vho ralo.

Tshiimo tsha Vho Madka tshodovha hafhu tsha vhang u xelevwa nga muhumbulo na zwiririvha zwe zwa ita uri vha fhedze miwaha mirahu vha siho tshikoloni. Naho ho vha na khaedu dzenedzo, vho dzula vhe na fulufhelo. Vho Madka vho fhedzisela vho wana muqetshedzi, fhedzi lwendo lwavo lwa u ya kha mutakalo wavhudz lwo vha lwu tshe kule na u swika magumoni. Vho vha vho fanela u itwa muaro wa maluvhi u itela u bvisa vhadzi kha maluvhi avho.

"Zwa zwino ndi na miwaha miraru ndo ita tsimulo nahone ndi khou tshila vhutshilo vhone ndo vha ndi sa humbuli uri vha nga konadzea, ndi livhuwa mushumo u mangadzaho wa vhuthu na mafunda wa muqetshedzi wanga wa Mudzheremane".

Kha vha vhe fulufhelo la muhwe muthu

Musidzanyana Naledi Senamela (14) o wanala a na leukaemia (khentsa ya malofha) nga Shundunthule 2020. O tanganelna vha nwwa vhalwadze vha sa vhalwadze vha khou toda qetshedzo ya zwi no fana.

"Ubva tshe nda wanala ndi na vhulwadze, thi tsha kona u shuma zwavhuq tshikoloni. Ndi nga si tsha kona u tambo mitambo kana u ita zwithu zwe nda vha ndi tshi dzulela u qiphina ngazwo," o ralo Senamela, ane a vha na muloro wa u vha dokotela.

Vhanetshedzi vha khou funaho vhanne vha vha vha na miwaha ya vhukati ha ya 18 na ya 55 vha nga thusa Senamela na vha nwwa vhanzhi vhanne vha khou toda qetshedzo nga u nwalisa kha webusaithi ya Sunflower Fund.

Zwine zwa todeha ndi dzudzu la mudali na mithethe i si gathi ya tshifhinga tshavho. Kha vha humbele tshishumiswa tsha dzudzu tshi todeaho u bva kha dzangano la Sunflower Fund nga u dalela www.sunflowerfund.org kana vha founle 0800 12 10 82. **V**