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Elderly prioritised in vaccination drive



■ Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu was among those vaccinated at the beginning of Phase 2 of the vaccination programme.

Image: Western Cape Government

Phase 2 of the country's Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) vaccination programme is underway, with citizens

over the age of 60 receiving their vaccines from 17 May.

Eighty-seven vaccination sites across the country opened their doors to the elderly at the start

of Phase 2.

Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize said the number of vaccination sites will increase as Phase 2 progresses.

He explained that government's strategy to immunise citizens who are aged 60 and above, as part of the second phase, is due to the elderly being one of the most vulnerable groups who could become ill or die as a result of COVID-19.

Religious leaders were among those who received their vaccines at the start of Phase 2.

Reverend Frank Chikane, the Senior Vice President of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), was vaccinated at the Esangweni Community Health Centre in Tembisa.

"We came here because we wanted to show the way... As leaders we wanted to show that vaccines don't kill, they help you," he said.

Chikane added that South Africans are no strangers to vaccines and that most people were vaccinated against various diseases as children.

"We all grew up with vaccines... When you went to school, you went with a card that showed which vaccines you took... and all of us are

what we are because of vaccines. There's no reason for people to fear vaccines. They are meant to help you."

Protection for the vulnerable

Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana, the General Secretary of the SACC, encouraged South Africans to "embrace the gift of God in science".

He added that vaccines are important if the country is to achieve population immunity, which will also protect the most vulnerable in society.

Government aims to inoculate five million senior citizens by the end of June, provided there is enough supply of vaccines.

South Africa's vaccination programme currently uses the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine and Pfizer vaccine, but citizens cannot choose which vaccine they will receive at this stage.

The J&J vaccine only requires one dose, while the Pfizer vaccine requires two doses.

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I-Israeli ne-Palestine banxuswa ukuthi bafane neNingizimu Afrika ngokufuna ukuthula

Esabhekana nako ngoguquko lwentando yabantu kuyisifundo ngamndla okuzwelana, ukuxoxisana kanye nokuzehlisa.

Isimo esiqhubekayo kwa-Israeli kanye nase-Palestine siqinisekisa lokhu abantu baseNingizimu Afrika abakwaziyo nabo, ukuthi izingxabano ezinzima zingaxazululwa kuphela ngokuxoxisana ngokuthula.

Siphinde futhi sibonise ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi kukhulunye ngesiusa sengxabano, kulesi sigameko okungkuhlala ngokungekho emthethweni kabantu bakwa-Israeli emhlabeni wabantu base-Palestine kanye nokunqatshewa kwe-lungelo lokuzibusu labantu base-Palestine, ngeke kuze kubekuokuthula.

Udlame lwakamuva nje luqutshulwe isinqumo senkantolo yakwa-Israeli ebesixosha imindeni emakhaya ayo endaweni yase-Sheikh Jarrah ese-Mpumalanga ye-Jerusalem ukuze kunikezwe indawo yokuhlala kabantu bakwa-Israeli.

Ukubuka amadoda, abesifazane kanye nezingane bexoshwa emakhaya imindeni yabo ebisiphile khona izizukulwane ngezizuku-lwane kubuyisa isithombe senkumbulo yenhlangu-nisela yemicabango kanye nobuhlungu bomunye nomunye beningi labantu baseNingizimu Afrika – abasuswa ngendluzula ezinda-

weni zabo futhi bathathelwa umhlaba wabo.

Kwakubuhlungu futhi kuyimpoxo eyayibhekene nomndeni wami, kanye neningi lemindeniyabantu baseNingizimu Afrika. Umndeni wami wathuthelwa ezindaweni ezelukene zezwe ngenkanizikhathi kwaze kwabakabili.

Ukupoqwa ngenkanizikhathi uphume ekhaya ukhonjwe ngesibhamu kungubuhlungu obukhulu lobo futhi okungelula ukuthi ubukhohlwe futhi kudlulela ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane.

Njengezwe, sisahleli nemiphumela eyinsalela yezenzo ezibuhlungu ezenziwa egameni lokuhlelwakwendawoyesikhathi sobandlululo.

Kubo bonke labo abakholelwakelinganeni, ubulungiswa kanye namalungelo abantu, ngekesikwazi kodwa ukushukunyiswa futhi sithukuthe liswe ngempela, ngubuhlungu nokuphoxeka okwennziwa kabantu base-Palestine; ngoba nakhu kuanewa okwethu.

Izenzo zabantu bakwa-Israeli zingukuphula umthetho womhlaba jikelele. Batshengise ukungayishayi ndiva impumelelo yezinqubo zoMkhandlu Wezokupheda zoMhlabbuhlangene ezazicela ukuthikumiswe nsi ukusetshe-nziswa komhlaba wase-Palestine futhi kufezwe ngokuphelele amalungelo abantu base-Palestine.

Selokhu amasosha ezokuphepha akwa-Israeli aqala ukuhlasela amakholwa endaweni yawo ebizwa nge-Al Aqsa Mosque eseJerusalem ngesonto eleddule, lolu dlame selumboze i-Gaza Strip okuyizingxenye ezinkulu ze-West Bank namadolobha amanangi akwa-Israeli. Lokhu sekndlule nemiphefumulo eminingiyabantu, okubandakanya nezingane.

Kuyakhathaza kakhulu futhi ukuthi amasosha akwa-Israeli acekele phansi isakhiwo esiyisitezi nesinezinhlangano eziningizenzindaba, lokhu bekwenzeliwa ukuthumela umyalezo othusayo kwabezindaba ababika ngalolu dlame.

Ukuqhunyiswa kwambhomu yi-Israeli e-Gaza okungenazwelo futhi okuqhukayozuzobane miphumela embi kabantu abangaphezu kwezigidi ezimbili abebekahlanyezwe ukuvnjwa ngokunge-mthetho yizwe lakwa-Israeli iminyaka eyi-14.

Sicela wonke amaqembu abandakanyekayo ukuthi azibambe, ahloniphe impi-lo yomuntu, futhi aqede ubutha obukhona njengamanje.

NjengeNingizimu Afrika, sizinikele ukuthi sibe yingxenyemizamo yama-zwe omhlaba okuhloswe ngayo ukuvuselela inqu-bo yezopolitiki ezoholela ekwakhiweni kombuso wase-Palestine osebenzayo futhi okhona ezinhlangothini zombili ukudala

ukuthula ne-Israeli futhi nangaphakathi emingceleni eyaziwa emhlabenijikelele.

Isixazululo semibuso yomibili sisamile njengendlela eyiyo yabantu bakwa-Israeli kanye ne-Palestine futhi kumele kuqhutshewekwenukuthi sesekwe.

Ngesikhathi amasosha ezokuphepha akwa-Israeli ehlasela amakholwa e-Al Aqsa Mosque, nathi eNingizimu Afrika besilungiselela ukugubha ikhulu leminyaka lesibhicongo sokubulawa kwabantu i-Bulhoek Massacre endaweni yenkolo eNtabelanga eMpumalanga Kapa.

Mhla zingama-24 ku-Nhlaba 1921, amasosha ezokuphepha amakholoni ayehlome ngezibhamu nemishini yezikhali avulela ngenhlangu kumakholwa, kwashona abantu abangaphezu kwe-160 kwalimalakabi abacishe bafinyelele kwabayi-130.

Lesi sibhicongo sokubulawa kwabantu siveze obala isihluku hhayi kuphela esombutho wamaphoyisa weNyonyana yaseNingizimu Afrika, kodwa futhi nenqubo yokucwasa ngokwebala eyabekwa icalokusivumela.

Njengengxabano endaweni i-Sheik Jarrah, isihluku e-Bulhoek sasingeyona nje ingxabano yendawo; kwakungokuphathelene nokuphucwa umhlaba ngenkani, ngokuqonelwa komhlaba, ngokubandlulwangokubuhlanganangokucindezelwa kwabantu

abangavumelani nezenzo zangaleso sikhathi.

Njengoba sibheka inkinga yase-Middle East futhi ikakhulukazi ngokuhlupheka kwabantu base-Palestine, kungakuhle sikhumbule amazwi ka-Selby Msimang, ilungu elasungula i-African National Congress.

Ngemuva kwasibhicongo sase-Bulhoek wabhala wa-thi: "Umlando ukhombisile ukuthi umphefumulo womuntu uvukela ukungabi nabulungiswa".

Imibhikisho kanye noku-vukelana kwabantu base-Ningizimu Afrika abecindezelwe belwa nobuqonela nobandlululo kafakazela ubuqiniso balombono.

Njengabathandi benkululeko nobulungiswa, siminabantu base-Palestine emzamweni wabo wokuzibusu, kephafuthi ekumenaneni kwabo nokuphucwa amalungelo abo kanye nokuphucwa isithunzi sabo.

Njengezakhamuzi zezwe elikwazile ukufulathela inzondo yobuhlanga nokuchitheka kwegazi nokwakha umphakathi obandakanya bonke abantu ogxile emalunge-lwene abantu bonke, kuyithemba lethu sonke ukuthi abantu bakwa-Israeli kanye ne-Palestine bazolandela indlela efanayo; yokuthi bakwazi ukuthi bagcine bebona ngokufana, futhi bazokwazi ukuthola ukuthula.❶

Vikela abantwana kububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi

ONGCWETI BE-CSIR basebenzisa ubuchwepheshe ukuzama ukuqeda ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi.

Kgaogelo Letsebe

Isihluku kanye nemiphumela emibi yobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi kubantwana sekuvezwe obala ezinyangeneni ezsanda kudlula.

Esigamekweni sakamuva sobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi, umfundi weBanga le-10 uLufuno Mavhunga, wasesikolweni iMbilwi Secondary School eLimpopo, washona ngokuzibulala emva kokushaywa ngomunye umfundi. UMAvhunga weqisa amaphilisi ayewanikwe ngudokotela emva kokuthi ividiyo eyaqoshwa ngesikhathi eshaywa yasabalala ezinkundleni zokuxhumana.

Ongcweti bezokuphepha ku-inthanethi abavela ku-Mkhandlu Wezocwaningo Lwezesayensi Nezimboni (i-CSIR) bathi ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi buyalimaza kakhulu ebanwaneni futhi bungabangela ukukhathazeka, ukudangala, intukuthelo,

ukukhungatheka, ixhala nokwesaba.

"Bungaphinde bubangele ukuzenyenza, ubugebenyu obenziwa abantwana, udlame esikolweni, izinkingga zomndeni kanye nemcabango yokuzibulala," kuchaza umcwaningi omkhulu wase-CSIR uSipho Ngobeni.

Ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi benzeka uma omunye esebezisa ubuchwepheshe bezoku-xhumana ukuhlukumeza, ukusabisa, ukuhlambalaza, ukuthusa, ukucathamela, ukuphoxa noma ukuhlekisa ngamabomu ngomunye umuntu.

UNGobeni uthi ucwaningo lubonisa ukuthi abantwana abangama-41% baqala ukuba nexhala phakathi kwabantu emva kubekana nobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi, abangama-37% baqala ukukhathazeka, abangama-26% banemicabango yokuzibulala bese kuthi abangama-25% bona bayazilimaza.

"Le miphumela ibonisa

ukuthi ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi buyinkinga enkulu kakhulu. Ukubandakanya wonke umuntu - intsha, abazali, othisha, abomthetho kanye nezinkampani zezinkundla zokuxhumana - iyona ndlela yokubhekana nale nkinga," engeza.

Ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi obuningi, obungama-42%, benzeka ku-Instagram, obungama-31% benzeka ku-Facebook, obungama-31% benzeka ku-Snapchat, obuyi-12% benzeka ku-WhatsApp, obuyi-10% benzeka ku-YouTube bese obuyi-9% benzeka ku-Twitter.

Ungcwetiwase-CSIRu-Rofhiwa Netshiya uthi kunesidingo sokufundiswa komphakkathi ngazo zonke izinhlobo zobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi.

"Kufanele sifundise abantwana ukuthi ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi bungaholela kwimiphumela emibi," kusho yena.

Ukubhekana nobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi,

ithimba le-CSIR lisebenza ngohlelo olukwaziyo ukubona ububhoklolo ezinkundleni zokuxhumana.

"Lolu hlelo luzovale luzionele ububhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi ezinkundleni zokuxhumana bese luvimbela labo abaqhubeaka nokuthumela izinkulumo ezinenzendo. Luzothumelela loyo oyisebenzisayo imiyalezo emithathu yeziwayiso, uma beqhubeka, luzobavimbela ukuthi basebenzise inkundla leyo yokuxhumana," kusho uNetshiya.

Weluleke abazali ukuthi bafake i-software yokuqapha omakhalekhukhwini babantwana babo ukuze bezohlale bebheke ukuthi benzani.

"Kunemikhiqizo engabizi kakhulu ekwazi ukuqapha ngokungabonakali konke okwenziwa abantwana bakho bese uthunyelewa i-imeyili ngasese yemiphumela ngalezo zikhathi ezithandwa uwena. Lokhu kubalulekile kakhulu ukulandeleta izizinda zehanzethi okungenwe ku-zona, okuthathwe ku-intha-

nethi kwafakwa kumakhalakhukhwini, izingxoxo za-sezinkundleni zokuxhumana kanye nemiyalezo."

I-CSIR inikeza la masu alandelayo kubazali abasola ukuthi abantwana babo bayizisulu zobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi:

- Qinisekisa ukuthi umntwana uzizwa ephephile, bonisa ukumeseka ngokuphele.

- Bambisana nomntwana wakho ukuthola indlela enizo kwenza ngayo enivumelana ngayo nobabili.

- Xoxisana nesikolo esithintekayo ngodaba lobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi.

- Thinta abazali bomntwana onodlame ukuze kuzophenyisiswa udaba futhi kususwe nakho konke okukhubekisayo.

- Bika udaba emaphoyiseni uma kukhona ukusatshiswa okukhona noma ukuphangwa, ukucathanyelwa, ukuphoqua ngenkokhelo kanye nokuhashazwa kwabantwana.

- Fundisa umntwana wakho ngokuziphatha okufanele ku-inthanethi.

- Gcizelela isimilo nokuziphatha okuyikho. **¶**

Ukuthola usizo ngobubhoklolo obenziwa nge-inthanethi, shayela i-Childline ku-080 005 5555 noma i-Lifeline ku-011 728 1347.

Basic education focuses on more

More Matschediso

The Department of Basic Education says discussions are underway to review and repackage the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative (PYEI), with a proposed second phase to start later this year.

An announcement will be made by the department once the details have been finalised.

The PYEI, implemented as the Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI) across all provinces, came to an end recently.

The initial duration of the programme, which started in December 2020, was four months. This was extended by a month, until the end of



April 2021.

Through the initiative, the basic education sector created employment opportunities for more than 320 000 education and general education assistants who were placed in schools across the country.

During the first phase of the BEEI, more than 27 600 school governing body-funded posts at public schools and posts at government subsidised independent schools were saved thanks to the funding it provided.

"These posts came under

threat due to schools experiencing financial distress, as a result of parents not being able to pay school fees due to the economic devastation caused by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)," the department says.

The BEEI used direct public

investment to create employment opportunities and provide support to workers negatively impacted by COVID-19.

"The initiative was funded to the tune of R7 billion... Of this, R4.47 billion was targeted towards providing employment opportunities for the youth."

Over 868 000 applications were received from youth when the initiative started. Of the more than 320 000 successful candidates, 67% were education assistants and 33% were general school assistants.

Education assistants helped with classroom preparation before lessons, supported teachers during lessons and managed learners after lessons.

General school assistants helped with learner screening and sanitising in the morning and during school hours. They also assisted with integrating information and communication technology in classrooms. **¶**