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Gogos' vaccine joy



■ Nomamelika Philiso (119) is all smiles after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.



■ Chithekile Hlabisa (101) has already beaten COVID-19 once and has ensured she is protected from the virus by having the vaccine.

More Matshediso and Ndyobo Kopo

Phase 2 of South Africa's mass vaccination programme is reaching the elderly across the country, at vaccination sites and in their homes.

Recently, 119-year-old Nomamelika Philiso of Mandleni village in KwaBhaca in the Eastern Cape received her first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Community health workers visited Philiso's home during a door-to-door campaign to register those who are over 60 years of age on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS).

They registered Philiso on the EVDS and not long after she was vaccinated at her home by senior health professional Thobeka Ludidi from Madzikane KaZulu Hospital.

Ludidi first screened Philiso before administering the vaccine.

Happy and grateful

Philiso expressed gratitude to government for ensuring that she benefited from the vaccination programme.

"I am short of words. I am just happy and grateful," she says.

While Philiso's husband passed away in 1964 and eight of her nine children have also passed away, she is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Another recently vaccinated gogo is 101-year-old Chithekile Hlabisa from Mzingazi in Richards Bay.

She received the first dose of the vaccine at Ngweleza Hospital.

Hlabisa is extremely grateful to have received the vaccine as she spent four weeks in hospital due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) earlier this year.

Having battled with a heart condition for most of her life, she says it was only by God's grace that she survived. Unfortunately, one of

her daughters succumbed to the disease.

Waiting patiently

Chithekile encourages other senior citizens to take the jab.

"I have been waiting patiently for the vaccine. Having survived COVID-19 and being hospitalised for this virus can be a scary episode."

"I was happy to hear that now we are vaccinating. All people my age and younger than me should take the vaccination as soon as possible."

While she admits she was initially afraid, Hlabisa says receiving more information about the vaccine put her mind at ease.

Pulling out all the stops

Efforts are being made by various sectors to ensure that as many people over the age of 60 as possible register on the EVDS.

Pension payout points, where thousands of the elderly queue for their

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Insha Iligugu Letfu Lelikhulu Kunawo Onkhe

Mhla ti-16 iNhla-ba 1976, insha yase Soweto naletinye tincenyelive yasukuma yaphikisana ne-bubi beMfundvo yeBantu Labamnyama (i-Bantu Education).

Ngalelo langa nasemalangeni lalandzelako, labanningi balahlekelwa miphe-fumulo yabo. Babulawa ngumbuso lonelunya lobewungenandzaba netimphilo talabamnyama futsi unga-cabangi lutfo ngekuvulela ngenhlavu ebantfwaneni besikolo labangakahlo, bagcokereneyufomu.

Letigigaba tacinisa umbono wemave emhlaba ngekumelana nembuso welubandlululo yaphindze yaniketa umfutlowengeti emshikashikeni wenkhululeko.

Ebantfu labasha bebasolo baphambili emibhikishweni lelwa nekuba ngundlovu ayiphikiswa eLatin America ngasekupheleni kweminya-ka yabo-1950, kuya emibhikishweni e-Afrika yonkhe ngasekupheleni kweminya-ka yabo-1960.

Umlandvo ubhalwe nge-kutsembe ka kwekubanjwa kwelichaza situkulwane sango-1976 enhlanganweni yebafundzi yemave emhlaba kanye nesincumo saso sokungamelelani nelucindzetelo nekungabi nebulungiswa.

Lengcophamlandvo yesigigaba leyenteka eminya-keni lenge-45 lendlulile iyachubeka nekubungatwa e-Afrika yonkhe nasemhlabeni wonkhe.

Ngakoke kuyatsikame-ta kutsi lwati lwange-16

iNhlabu luyancipha kulabasha baseNingizimu Afrika. Loku kunjalo ikakhulukati kulabo lababitwa nge-Generation Z, kumbe bantfu labasha labatelwe phakatsi kwa-1997 na-2015.

Luhlolo lwe-South African Social Attitudes lolukhishwe yi-Human Science Research Council lwa-2019/2020 lwatfola kutsi cishe emaphesenti lange-40 e-Generation Z awakeva ngemlandvo wetigigaba tange-16 iNhlabu. Emaphesenti lafanako avile ngato kodvwa anelwati lo-luncane kumbe awati luffongaloko.

Noma kunjalo, luhlolo luhindze lwatfola kutsi bantfu labasha balesitukulwane bavulekile kutsi bafundze ngetigigaba temlandvo letibalulekile futsi bakholelwae kuchubekeni kwekulabuleka kwato.

Sidzinga kwenta lokungi njengelive kute sicinise-kise kutsi lomlayeto wa-1976 undluliswa ngekweciniso.

Loku ngumsebenti lohlanganyelwe nguhulumende,

tikolo, tikhungo temfundvo lephakeme, batali, iminden, baculi, labanetiphiwo letitsite kanye nawo wonkhe umphakatsi.

Situkulwane lesitelwe ngemuva kwekuphela kwe-lubandlululo sizuze live lelineMtsetfosisekelo wentsandvo yelinyenti kanye nalapho inkhululeko lesisekelo ivikeleke khona.

Ematfuba bantfu labasha labamnyama labanawo namuhla ahlukahlukene kakhulu futsi atfutfukiswe kakhulu.

Kugcina indzaba yange-16



iNhlabu iphila kusikhumbuto esitukulwaneni sanamuhla sekutidzela lokuhulu lokwentiwe kuvikela inkhuleko yabo.

khulukati emikhakheni ledzinga basebenti labanangi, kanye nekwakha emandla embuso ekufeza indzima yawo yentutfuko.

Sibuye sichube loluhlelo ngekungelela lokuhlosiwe. Loku kufaka ekhatsi luHlelo lwaMengameli Lwekuvalula Ematfuba Emisebenti, lesivule ematfuba emisebenti nekusekelwa kwemphilo yebantfu labasha labanangi.

Setfule luhla lwetinyatse-lo letengetiwe tekwakha ematfuba, kuchubekisa kututfukisa kwemakhono, kusekela bosomabhizinisi labasafufusa kanye nekusita bantfu labasha kutsi babambe lichaza emnotfweni.

Loku kufaka ekhatsi kusungulwa kwe-National Pathway Management Network, i-SA Youth, kuze kutsi kubelula ebantfwini labasha kubuka nekutfola ematfuba kanye nekutfola kusekelwa lokusebentako kokungena emakethi yebasebenti.

Loku nguletinye tetintfo letiphambili teluhlelo lwaMengameli Lwekuvalula Ematfuba Emisebenti Kubantfu Labasha, loletfulwe kusasele emaviki lambalwa kutsi kungenwe emkhankhasweni wekuvalwa kwa-

velonkhe kulomnyaka lo-phelile futsi lekungunyalo sewucala kusebenta ngalokugcwle.

LuHlelo lwaMengameli Lwekuvalula Ematfuba Emisebenti Kubantfu Labasha lakhiwa ngekucondzisa kutsi kubukana nenkhinga yekungasebenti kwalabasha kufuna kucabanga lokusha nekusebentiana lokucinile emphakatsini wonkhe.

Inhloso yayo lenkhulu kutfola tindlela letisebentako, lokungaba kutfutfukiswa kwemakhono kumbe kutinchubomgommo temakethi yebasebenti lesebentako, kanye nekutikala masinyane kute kufinyelelw ebantfwi-ni labasha ngebungini.

Lokubaluleke kakhulu, ibuka kutsi bantfu labasha kumele bete embili kunoma kumuphi umzamo longatutfukisa kucashwa kwelusha. Bantfu labasha baligugu letfu lelikhulu, futsi basikha-li setfu lesikhulu kulempu.

Sishayela wonkhe umuntfu lomusha indesheni ngekubambelela ekudlaleni indzima yakhe ekwakheni nasekututfukiseni lelive.

Bantfu labasha labavolontiyako emiphakatsini yetfu, bakha live letfu ngeluHlelo lwaMengameli Lwekuvalula Ematfuba Emisebenti, ba-chuba emabhizinisi abo futsi bafundzela kutitutfukisa bona ngekwabo.

Bantfu labasha labatakhela yabo indlela baphindze baletse neminden yabo kanye nabo.

Sishayela bantfu labasha indesheni labachubeka nekusebenta kuze batfutfukise timphilo tabo. Bantfu labasha badlala indzima yabo; badzinga hulumende, kanye nawo futsi umphakatsi wonkhe, sente kwetfu.

Live letfu lindlula etikha-tsini letimatima kakhulu, kodvwa sisibenta imihla yonkhe kutsi sinwebe iminecele yelitsema.

Sibona emahlumela la-luhlata ekukhula emnotfweni wetfu, futsi sinekutetsema kutsi loku kutogucuka kubefatfuba lancono awonkhewonkhe. Umsebenti wetfu manje kucinisekisa kutsi bantfu labasha bakulungele futsi bayakwati kufinyelela kuhamatfuba, baphindze bakhe newabo. 1

Vikela Kusha Kulobusika

Allison Cooper

Nengoba nje busika buta nesidzino go sekutigcina ufutfumele, kuhindze kuhuphule netingoti tekulimala ngekushiswa ngemakhandlela, mililo, titofu, tifutfumeti nemanti labilako.

"Kulimala ngekusha kwandza kakhulu ebusika kantsi batali nebanakekeli kudzingeka kutsi bacapele kakhulu kucinisekisa kuphepha kwabo nekwabantfiana babo," kusho Dokotela Gary Dos Passos.

UyiNhloko yeNgceny YeLabayile esibhedlele i-Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (i-RCWMCH) futsi ulilungu lelikomidi lelisetulu le-Burn Society of South Africa.

Nanoma mililo leyenteka ngengoti ingeke igwemeke, kulimala ngekusha lokuningi kungavinjelwa ngekugadza, kubhasobha kwalabadzala ngendlela lefanele kanye



Kusha ngelilangabi kungaba kulimala lokukhulu.

nekulandzela tindlela tekuphepha.

"Tilondza tekusha ngelilangabi tikulimala lokukhubako emphilweni yonkhe lokunemiphumela lebonakalako emtimbeni naseingcondvweni yebantfu labasindzile kanye neminden yabo," kusho Dkt Dos Passos.

Ungakuvikela njani kusha

Kulimala ngekusha kungavinjelwa ekhaya. Nawa lamanye emathiphu:

- Beka umetjiso, kwekulumeaka, tivutsisi (iphe-

throli naphalafini), emakhandlela, tibani tegesi netaphalafini kanye netifutfumeti laphobantfwana bangafikeli khona.

- Ungajikijeli tivutsisi emalangabini. Loko kuyingoti lenkhulu kabi.
- Ungavumeli bantfwana kutsi badlale edvute naphalafini kumbe tibani tegesi kumbe tifutfumeti.
- Ungaphatsi umntfwana uma upheka kumbe ushiye bantfwana bangakabhasojwa ekhishini noma edvute nalo.
- Ciniseka kutsi ligedlela alikho lapho bangafika

khona. Tsenga ligedlela leelite intsambo nangabe uyakhona.

- Ungaphatsi sibilisimanti kumbe emabhodo lanemanti labilako lapho kunebantfwana khona.
- Gacula tibambo temabhodo tingabi phambili estofini.
- Faka emakhandlela ebhodeleni lengilazi lelinenhlabatsi phasi ngekhatsi kwa-lo kuze kutsi emakhandlela atocisha uma awa.
- Ungavalililo ngenhlabatsi. Kushisa kuhlala sikhatsi lesidze enhlabatsini.

Faka emanti labandzako ebhavini kucala, bese ungeta emanti lashisako. Sonke sikhatsi yiva emanti lasebhavini nge-ngoza kucala.

Uma utfola kulimala ngekushiswa malangabi, yima, tiwise phasi ugicike kuze ucime lamalangabi.

"Kushisa kwemlilo, emanti lashisako kumbe kushiswa ngugezi kutochubeka nekushisa ticubu temtimba sikhatsi lesidze sekususiwe loku lokukushisako.

"Cedza lokusha ngekugcina lenceny yemtimba leshile ngaphasi kwemanti labandzako empompi imizuzu lenge-20. Ungasebentisi i-ayisi, emanti layi-ayisi, bhotela noma umkhicito longemafutsa lapho ushe khona," kusho Dkt Dos Passos.

Kufola lamanye emathiphu ekuvikela, vakashela ku-
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and UK-based tea company

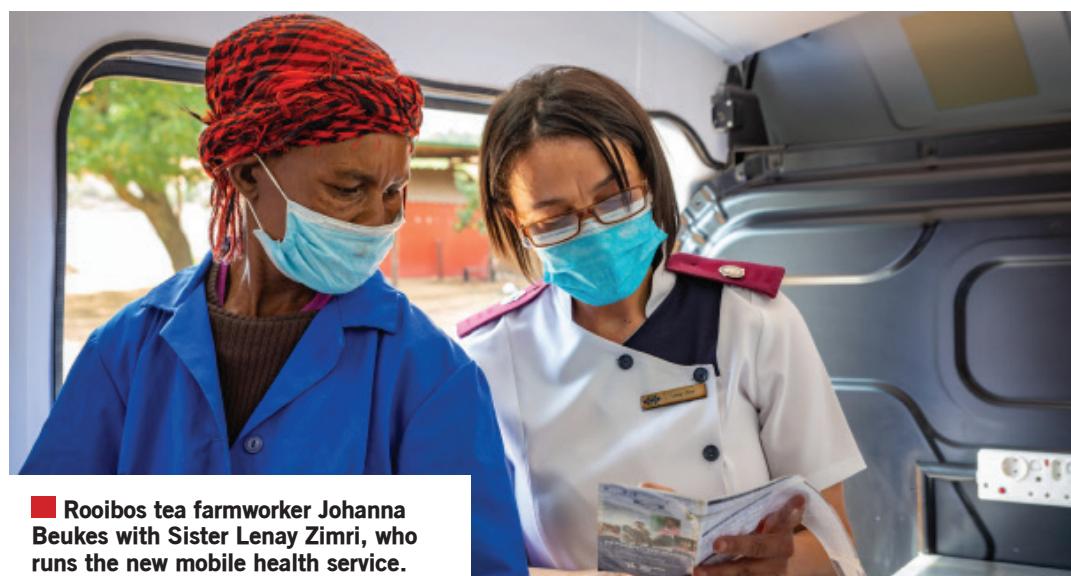
Twinings have teamed up help farmworkers stay healthy.

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Tea farmworkers and their families, in remote parts of the Western Cape, now have access to healthcare closer to their homes, as a result of a mobile health service in the area.

The mobile clinic was launched by non-profit organisation, the Pebbles Project, and Twinings, a United Kingdom-based tea company, to support around 800 farmworkers and their families on a number of rooibos tea farms in Clanwilliam and Citrusdal.

The mobile clinic conducts wellness screenings and provides routine health check-ups, primary healthcare support and over-the-counter



Rooibos tea farmworker Johanna Beukes with Sister Lenay Zimri, who runs the new mobile health service.

health products.

It will also conduct health and wellness workshops on topics such as family planning, maternal health, hygiene, TB, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and lifestyle diseases.

Sophia Warner, the Chief

Executive Officer of the Pebbles Project, says a lack of access to quality healthcare poses a major challenge for those working and living in farming communities in remote areas where Twinings sources rooibos tea.

"Many farmworkers do not

receive regular health check-ups or the medical attention or information they need in time, and consequently suffer risks of more serious health conditions that could have been prevented if treated earlier."

A lack of information also

contributes to health challenges which impacts the farmworkers' ability to work and care for their families.

"The goal of the project is to enable rooibos tea farmworkers to take control of their health and receive the medical support they need," says Warner.

Albert Smit, from a farm in Jakkalsvlei, says the farmworkers are grateful. "We are so happy... As a result of the service, we have less staff having to visit the local clinic and less absenteeism at work," he adds.

The Pebbles Project's partnership with Twinings is part of the company's responsible sourcing programme called Sourced with Care.

Céline Gilart, the Head of Social Impact for Twinings, says Sourced with Care ensures that the company sources responsibly, but also acts as a force for good to improve the quality of life in communities from which it sources.