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# Vaccine drive gathers pace



Image: Department of Health

**The COVID-19 vaccination programme has expanded to include police officers and other security personnel, among other groups.**

**A**s South Africa battles a third wave of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the country's mass vaccination programme is expanding to include more categories of people.

South Africans between the ages of 50 and 59 are expected

to start receiving vaccines from 15 July.

"The [vaccination] programme has picked up significant momentum, with key milestones being achieved as we move forward," said President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The first phase of the vaccination programme focused on

healthcare workers, while the second phase targeted the age group of 60 and above.

The national vaccination programme is now continuing along defined streams.

The first stream is the general population according to age groups. On 1 July, registration for vaccination on the Elec-

tronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) opened to 50 to 59 year olds.

The second stream commenced with those working in the basic education sector, which includes teachers. They started receiving vaccines in June.

The third stream is focusing on police and other security personnel. Those who fall under this sector started receiving the vaccine at the beginning of July.

The fourth stream is through workplace programmes in key economic sectors, such as mining, manufacturing and the taxi industry.

## Arrival of vaccines

The vaccination programme is expected to pick up pace with the arrival of more vaccines in the country.

Acting Health Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane said about 2.1 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine are expected to

arrive in July.

Pfizer delivered nearly 4.5 million doses in quarter two and has committed to just over 15.5 million doses in quarter three.

"Johnson and Johnson has so far delivered 500 000 early access doses used for Sisonke, 300 000 market doses two weeks ago and 1.2 million doses, [which] landed recently. These doses all need to be used by 11 August."

The country is also awaiting confirmation of a further of 500 000 doses, which expire on a later date than the other doses.

## Red alert

While Gauteng remains the epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic Minister Kubayi-Ngubane has warned that many provinces in the country are almost at red alert as infections continue to increase.

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# ii-SOE kufuneka ziqhube ukukhula koqoqosho kunye nenguqu

**S**ele kuyiminyaka ngoku, amashishi-ni aphantsi korhulumente oMzantsi Afrika (ii-SOE) enxulunyaniswa kakhulu namehlo abantu kunye nokubanjwa ngobhongwana kukarhulumente, ukusetyenziswa gwenxa kwezimali nokungaqhubi kakuhle.

Ukongeza ekufuneni uku-khululwa rhoqo ngurhulumente, ezinye zeenkampani ezinkulu nokubalulekileyo eziphantsi kukarhulumente bezisokola ukufikelela kwizigunyaziso zazo.

Ezi SOE kufuneka zibe phambili kutshintsho lwezo-qoqosho nezentlalo. Zinoxanduva lokubonelela ngeziseko zoncedo kunye neenkonzo uqoqosho oluxhomekeke ku-zo, nokuba kukwenziwa kombane, uthutho lwabakhwe-li, ubonelelo ngamanzi, ukuthuthwa kwempahla okanye unxibelelwano ngomnxeba.

Indlela yethu yokufumana ubunini bukarhulumente ixhotisywe yimfuno yokusebenza kwamashishini apha-mbili othungelwano, afana nawamandla kunye namazibuko, kunye nesidingo soku-qinisekisa ukuba iimfuno eisisiseko zabo bonke abemi boMzantsi Afrika, ngakumbi abahluphekileyo, ziyafezeki-swa.

Sikholelwaa ngokungagu-nqiqyo ukuba ubunini boluntu buyimfuneko kumacandelo abaluleke kakhulu ku-qoqosho kwaye ilizwe lifuna ii-SOE ezomeleleyo ezikwaziyo ukuqhube ukukhula kwezoqoqosho kunye neenguqu. Oku kunjalo ikakhulu ekuhanjisweni kweenkonzo zoluntu ezifana nombane na-manzi, aphi ii-SOE zikwazi-



ukulandela igunya lophuhli-so ngokomdla woluntu ngo-kuchasenyo nentengiso esu-lungekileyo.

Kungenxa yoko le nto sibeke phambili kulo rhulumente ukuba ajike ezi nkampani ukuze zisiphule neengcambu urhwaphilizo, ziphucule ulawulo lwazo kwaye zibenako ukudlala indima ekuqhubeni ukukhula koqoqosho kunye nokudala imisebenzi.

Ukuza kuthi ga ngoku, si-thathe iinguqu ezininzi uko-meleza ezi SOE ukuze zikwazi ukuvelisa iziphumo ilizwe elizifunayo nokulindeleki-leyo.

Olunye uhlaziyo olubarulekileyo kakhulu lukwicandelo lezamandla. Siqalisile ngenkubo yokwakha ngokutsha u-Eskom abe zii-SOE ezintathu, ejijongene nokuvuliswa, ukuhanjiswa nokusazwa ngokulandeletana kwazo. Kungenxa yokuba ulwakhiwo lwangaphambili luka-Eskom Iwalungaku-lungelanga ukutshintsha imbonakalo yamandla. Lungasebenzi kakuhle, lubiza kakhulu kwaye lungabonakali ngokucacileyo.

Ukusekwa kweandelo lo-kuhanjiswa kombane kuya

kuthetha ukuba u-Eskom uza kuba nakho ukuthenga amandla kuluhlu olubanzi lwaboneleli, abucala nakarhulumente. Oku kuza kuphucula ukungafihli, kunyuse ukhuphiswano kukhuthaze ukuthengwa kombane onexabiso eliphantsi.

NgeNkubo yaBavelisi aba-Zimeleyo baMandla aVuse-lelekayo, kubekho utyalomali Iwabucala olubarulekileyo ekuvelisweni kwamandla. Ngesindululo soku-nusa ukukhutshwa kwa-maphepha-mvume kwii-nkampani ezixhomekekileyo ngemveliso - aphi iinkampani zizivelisela umbane ngokwazo kunye nabanye abasebenzisi borhwebo - ukusuka kwi-1MW ukuya kwi-100MW, sinokulindela utyalomali Iwabucala ngakumbi.

Oku kubarulekileyo ngexesha aphi ilizwe lithwaxwa kukunqongophala okukhulu kombane ozinzileyo nalapho u-Eskom norhulumente bengenaho ukutyala imali kumthamo omtsha wokuvelisa.

Okubarulekileyo, olu hlen-gahlengiso luya kunika u-Eskom isithuba soku-jongana

nemiceli mngeni yakhe yezemali kunye nokusebenza.

Olunye uhlengahlengiso olubarulekileyo kukusekwa kweGunya leZibuko leSizwe njengenkampani ezimeleyo ye-Transnet.

Eli licandelo elibalulekileyo lesicwangciso esibanzi sika-Transnet sokuvuselela iziseko zophuhliso. Abakwa-Transnet baceba ukutyala imali ezbihiliyon zeerandi kule minyaka miilanu izayo kuphuculo lweziseko zayo kuzo zonke iinkqubo zamazibuko. Oku kuyakwenza ukuba amazibuko ethu asebenze ngakumbi kwaye ukuthunyelwa kweempahla kwamanye amazwe kukuphisane ngakumbi, kwaye kuncede uqoqosho lophela.

Kumthengi oqhelekileyo, oku kuya kuthetha ukwehla kwamaxabiso kwixesa elide kwizinto zethu ezininzi. Kubathumeli mpahla ngaphandle, oku kuya kuthetha ukuphisiswano olukhulu kwiimarike zehlabathi.

Njengokuba imveliso yethu ethunyelwa kumazwe angaphandle ikhula, uqo-qosho lwethu luza kwanda luze ludale imisebenzi emi-nzi. Amazibuko asebenza

ngokukuko aya kwenza uqoqosho lophela lusebenze ngcono - kwaye njengoko amanani asebenzisa izibuko esanda, imisebenzi iyakuvela kumazibuko ngokwawo.

Ukuseka iGunya leZibuko leSizwe njengenkxaso ye-Transnet nebhodi yayo, phakathi kwezinye izinto, kuya kuthetha ukuba inge-niso eveliswe ngamazibuko inokusetyenziselwa ukubu-yisela izixhobo ezindala ku-nye nokuphucula nokwan-disa amazibuko ethu, um-sebenzi othe walbaziseka ngaphezulu kweminyaka elishumi.

Phakathi kwezinye izinto, ezi nguqu ziya kukhuthaza utyalo mali Iwabucala olukhulu kwiziseko zophuhliso zelizwe. Abanye abantu bavakalise inkhalaboykuba oku kuya kunciphisa ukuba-luleka okanye kunciphise ixabiso lee-SOE. Enyanisweni, oku kuzakuzikhulisa ii-SOE.

Olu hlen-gahlengiso luza kuqinisekisa ukuba ngeli lixa iziseko zophuhliso zihleli zisezandleni zikarhulumente, ii-SOE zethu ziya kusebenza ngakumbi kwaye nemizi mveliso ezixhasayo iya kukhuphisana ngakumbi. Ngokulinganayo, olu hlen-gahlengiso lubalulekileku-qinisekisa ukuba ii-SOE ziphu-meza uxanduva lwazo ngoku-banzi lophuhliso ukuxhasa bonke abemi noqoqosho.

Umgaqo-nkubo wethu uhlala usithi ii-SOE kufuneka zidlale indima ebalulekileyo kuphuhliso ekuxhaseni ukukhula koqoqosho lwethu. Umsebenzi wethu kukuzibeka kwindawo efanelekileyo, ukuze bakwazi ukunceda abo banezabelo - okungabantu baseMzantsi Afrika.❶

# Khusela Ubusela Besazisi

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lobusela besazisi, kubalulekile ukuba uxele ngokukhawuleza malunga nesazisi okanye ipaspati elahlekileyo okanye ebiwego.

### Kgaogelo Letsebe

**U**Shenki Mabitsela (28) ubazi bonke ubusela besazisi kune nolwaphulo mthetho olunxulumene nabo, nanjengoko ebekhe walixhoba.

UMabitsela, waseModimo-lle eLimpopo, ufake isicelo semali-mboleko ebhankeni ngeyeNkanga ka-2020, kodwa waxeelwa ukuba unamatyala amaninzi kwaye akakufanelanga ukufumana imali-mboleko.

"Ndiye ndayokufaka isicelo semali-mboleko yexeshana kuba bendifuna imali yokuziphilisa emva kokudendwa ngeyeSili mel ka-2020.

Ndothuka xa ndixeelwa ukuba andifanelekanga.

"Ekuqaleni ndacinga ukuba kungenxa yomvuzo wam ongazinzanga, kodwa bekugenjalo. Ndandizazi ukuba ndinetyala elinye kuphela lokuthenga iimpahla kwaye andinalo elinye ityala, ndiye ndacela ukuba ndikhutshe-Iwe inkcazeloebanzi ngamatyala am," utshilo.

UMabitsela ubone ukuba kuvulwe izivumelwano ezbini zeeselula, imali-mboleko yebhanki engama-R65 000 kune namatyala amaninzi eeenvkile avulwe ngegama lakhe. Ityala laliphantse lafikelela kwi-R100 000.

"Phambi nje kokuba ku-



valwe kwinqanaba lesi-5 kuzwelonke, ndilahlekelwe yincwadi yam yesazisi. Ndandicinga ukuba ikwenye indawo kwalapha endlini kwaye andabi naxhala kakhulu kuba bendinesazisi sam sekhadi," utshilo.

Emva kokubona ukuba kukho umntu ovula amatyala egameni lakhe, uMabitsela wavula ityala lesazisi esibewyo kwiNkonzo yamaPolisa oMzantsi Afrika (i-SAPS).

Kwafuneka abhale ingxelo efungelweyo echaza ukuba ulahlekelwe yincwadi yakhe yesazisi ze ayise kubantu abatyalwayo kune nenombolo yamapolisa avule

ngayo ityala ukunqanda ukubekwa kuludwe lwabantu abangahlawuli matyala.

Amava kaMabitsela awo-hlukanga kwawabanye. Ngo-kwengxelo yoBuqhetseba yaseMzantsi Afrika (i-SAFPS) ka-2020, kunyaka opheli-leyo ubuqhetseba bonyuke nge-161% eMpuma Koloni nange-120% e-Gauteng.

U-Manie van Schalkwyk, uMphathi oLawulayo we-SAFPS, uthi: "Eyona nto ixhalabisayo bubuqhetseba bokuzenza omnye umntu - oko kubizwa njengobuqhetseba besazisi - bunyuke ngama-337%."

U-Van Schalkwyk uthi

abantu mabaxele malunga nokulahleka kweeNcwadi zezazisi okanye iipaspati ngokukhawuleza.

"Ukunika ingxelo yoku-lahleka okanye ubusela kwi-SAFPS nakwi-SAPS kuqinisekisa ukuba siakwazi ukufaka iinkcukacha kwiziko le-intanethi kwaye sazise amalungu ethu. Banokuthi emva koko bathathe ingqalelo eyongezelelweyo xa beginisekisa ngesazisi."

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# Bees make life sweeter at Moja Gabedi

### Allison Cooper

**A** University of Pretoria (UP) community engagement project is training students and community members to become beekeepers in Hatfield, Gauteng.

Six people are being trained to care for beehives that were discovered at Moja Gabedi, a UP community engagement project which was an unofficial rubbish dump for about 100 years.

Moja Gabedi was an unsightly, empty lot in Festival Street, not far from the university's Hatfield Campus.

The university's Commu-

nity Engagement Unit transformed the dumpsite into a shelter for the homeless, with lush gardens, vegetables, trees and flowing canals.

"When we started clearing the site, we discovered bees deep underground in a corner of the plot. When the site was developed further, professional beekeepers were called in to relocate the bees into a hive," says Gernia van Niekerk, Moja Gabedi's Community Engagement Manager.

While there was initially only one hive, three more have been added since June 2020.

This presented an opportunity to train UP students and

community members to care for the hives, and Mike Lang from Urban Bees offered to conduct a beekeeping course.

Thanks to sponsors of protective gear and tools for beekeeping, the course was offered for free to two UP students, three community members and two urban farmers.

They all attended an introductory class and were taught about bees, how a bee colony works, how to work with beekeeping equipment and safety practices.

UP student Daddy Kgonothi says at first, he wasn't really interested in bees.

"When I learnt more, I understood that one should



make the garden user-friendly for bees. If you know how to approach bees correctly, you'll come to see that they are fascinating insects, he says.

Community member Reckson Tshehla, who also attended the course, is keen to expand his knowledge about bees.

"It was the first time I saw a queen bee. I never thought I would get the opportunity to learn about bees."

"Moja Gabedi changed me. I experienced many things for the first time. Everything is so well organised," he says.

Follow up training and practical classes will be conducted on colony management, managing diseases, honey production and processing, handling beeswax and pollen trapping. Those who complete the training will work with the site's bees and get practical experience with Urban Bees.