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Mother receives National Order for brave son



■ Sarah Tambani and her grandchild, eight-year-old Tshiamo, looking at a picture of her late son Thapelo who received the National Order of Mendi for Bravery.

THAPELO TAMBANI braved a waterlogged and muddy trench to rescue a friend.

Silusapho Nyanda

A 10-year-old deaf boy who died saving another child

posthumously received a National Order, the Order of Mendi for Bravery in Silver.

The National Orders are

the highest awards that South Africa bestows and are presented annually by the President of South Africa.

Thapelo Tambani's mother Sarah Tambani received his award from President Cyril Ramaphosa, in recognition of the little boy's selfless act of saving another life, which led to his unfortunate demise.

Thapelo drowned last year in a muddy construction pit after successfully pulling a friend to safety.

The tragedy took place in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria. According to media reports at the time, Thapelo's friend had fallen into the large pit, which was filled with muddy rain water, at an excavation site. Thapelo managed to save his friend but was overcome by the mud.

Thapelo's mother said his heroic act, although painful, was part of his character – he was a helpful boy, she said.

She said her son was very clever and had received three certificates of excellence at school.

Speaking ahead of the ceremony, the mother said that her son's hearing impairment did not hold him back.

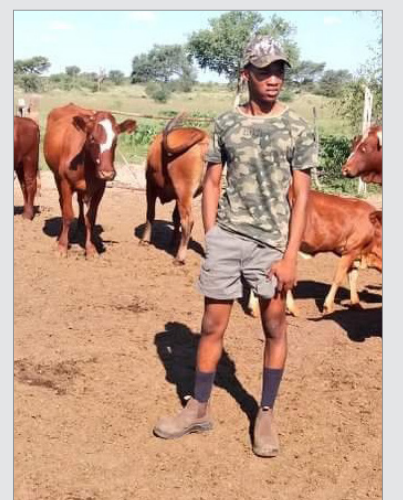
"Even though he could not

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Hulumende wesekele Luhlelo Lwemfundvo Yasekhulisa

Hulumende utinikele eLuhlelweni Lwemfundvo Yasekhulisa (i-ECD) lolutsatseka mhlaba wonkhe njengelhlelo lolubaluleke kakhulu eluntfwinini live lelungalenta.

“Nangabe sifuna kucedza buphuya, kudzingeka kutsi sifundzise bantwana balabo labaphuyile,” kusho Mengameli Cyril Ramaphosa eNkhulumeni yakhe Yebunjalo Belive (i-SoNA) yanga-2018.

Kuswelakala kwematfuba nelusito eminyakeni yekucala yekukhula kwemntfwanakungabalulekile kakhulu bantwana labancane futsi kunciphisa ematfuba abo ekuphumelela.

Nanome kunjalo, nga-2009 ingcweti ye-ECD yaseNyuvesi yaseNyakatfo Nshonalanga, Dkt. Juliana Seleti, watsi ngesikhatsi kubanjwe uMhlanganosikolo weLibhange Lemhlaba lomayelana Nemtamo Wekunakekela Nekutfutukiswa Kwebantwana e-Afrika luhlelo lwelubandlululo lwangembikwa-1994 alumange lubashiye ngephandle bantwana kuba nemtselela lomubi kubo.

Bekute tinchubomgomo te-ECD, ngisho netebantwana balabo labanotsile, bekukhona nje tinsita te-ECD tebantfu labambalwa, bantwana bebambalwa kakhulu lababazuzo ngato.

Tinchubomgomo te-ECD letifanele lapha eNingizimu Afrika tacala ekucaleni kweminyaka yabo-1990 ngesikhatsi Mengameli waphambilini Nelson Mandela akhululwa ejele.

Watsi nga-2003 Litiko Letekutfutukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle, Letemfundvo Lesisekelo neLetemphilo asungule tawo tinchubomgomo te-ECD; kwavulwa mayunithi nemaphiko lafanele kwatsi



kusekelwa ngetimali kwe-ECD kwacala kwaba yintfo levelako manje kusabelotimali semnyaka wanga-2000. I-ECD seyiyintfo hulu-

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mende layibeke embili kutsi utawucalisa ngayo kuyenta futsi neKhabhinethi iyivumile Inchubomgomo Yavelonkhe Lehlanganiswe ye-ECD ngeNgongoni 2015, letawugucula kuletfwa kwetinsita te-ECD lapha eNingizimu Afrika ngekutsi kulungiswe emagebe lamcoka kanye nekucinisekisa kuletfwa kwetinsita te-ECD letiphelele, letitfolakala nome ngabe kukuphi futsi letilinganako.

I-ECD iba ngephasi kweMnyango Wemfundvo Lesisekelo

Loko lokwentiwa tikhungo te-ECD sekusukile ngaphasi kweMnyango Wetekutfutukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle kwaya kuMnyango Wemfundvo Lesisekelo, nebantwana labangetulu kwe-700 000 kwanyalo labatfola tinsita te-ECD eveni lonkhe.

“Lesisinyatselo lesimcoka senchubekembili emfundvweni yebantwana labancane kulelive letfu, nangabe sifezekiswe ngalokuphelele sitawuba sinyatselo lesimcoka sekufezekisa umbonochanti weLuhlelo Lwekutfutukiswa Lwavelonkhe (i-NDP) lwanga-2030. Nanome kunjalo, ngaphandle kwemasu ekucala kusebenta lacacako kanye netindlela tekukwenta letiphathsekako, lesimemetelo ngeke sibe nenzuzo kulelive nome ngeke bazuze lutfo bantwana labancane balelive,” kwasho Mengameli Ramaphosa.

Sinyatselo lesilandzelako kulenchubo, nguleminyaka lemibili ye-ECD lephocelekile kutsi kubo bonkhe bantwana, ekubalungiseleleni Libanga Lekucala, njengaloku kumemetele Mengameli Ramaphosa eNkhulumeni yakhe Yebunjalo Belive yanga-2019.

“Lokunye lokumcoka lokubekwe embili kutsi kucalwe ngako kwentiwe kutfutukisa kakhulu kufundzela kuvisisa eminyakeni yekucala yekungena sikolo. Loku kumcoka ekuhlomiseni bantwana kutsi baphumelele

lini futsi letisemimangweni lephuye kakhulu, lokufaka ekhatsi tikolo letifundzisa emabanga netigaba letinengi, tase-mapulazini netasetindzweni tasemaphandleni,” kwengeta yena njalo.

Indvuna Yemfundvo Lesisekelo Angie Motshekga utsite litiko lakhe likulungele kufaka tincwadzi tekufundza leti-elektronikhi kusukela kulomnyaka lotako.

NgeNdlovulenkulu 2019 Litiko Lemfundvo Lesisekelo – ngekuhlanganyela neVodacom Foundation, i-Nelson Mandela Foundation, Luphiko Labomake laMhlabuhlangene (i-UN) ne-Global Citizen – bandlulisele Sikhungo se-ECD eDivhani Crèche kanye nase-RaveleSecondarySchoolofExcellence eVhembe, eLimpopo.

Lenkhulisa, ingulenyeye yetikhungo te-ECD leti-15 lekhetfwe kutsi ivusetelwe kabusha, itfole sakhawonchanti sekuyenta kabusha lesiphelele.

I-Frank Ravele Secondary School ngulesinye setikolo kuleti-12 seTikolo Telizinga Lelisetulu letikhethfwe Litiko Lemfundvo Lesisekelo ngekuhlanganyela ne-Vodacom, leseyivele ichumanise tikolo leti-3000 netikhungo tabothishela letinge-92 eveni lonkhe. **V**

Utsi nje bewati?

- Litiko Letetimali liyachubeka nekusekela ngetimali i-ECD ngekusebentisa sibonelelo lesibekelwe eceleni kwenta loko.
- Sibonelelo se-ECD lesiya ngesimo sitawusekela bantwana labaphuyile

labalinganiselwa kula-60 000 kanye nekwenza ncono tikhungo te-ECD letisemkhatsini kwe-600 kuya ku-800 kuleminyaka lemitsatfu letako.

- Luphakelo lwesabelotimali sesibonelelo lwenyuke kusukela etigidzini leti-R518 nga-2019/20 kuya ku-R553 yetigidzi nga-2020/21.

Kutfutukisa bantwana

Tinsuku leti-1000 tekucala temntfwanatigcile ekudleni lokwanele, kunakekela, kuphepha kanye nekuvusa imiva. Kubantwana labaneminyaka yebudzala lesukela kulemibili kuya kulesihlanu, kugcilwa ekuvuseni imiva lokusezingeni kanye nekunakekelwa, kulapho-ke i-ECD ifike idlale khona indzima lemcoke.

