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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.

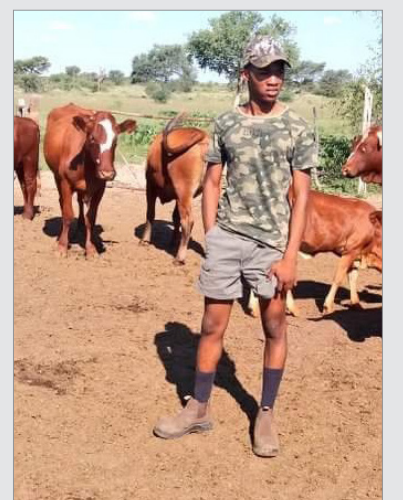
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Urhulumende usekela i-ECD

Urhulumende uzi-bophelele ekukhuthulweni kwehlelo lokuThuthukiswa kwabeNtwana KwebuNcanini (i-ECD), elithathwa ephasini mazombe njengethulusi lokusisa ekufukulweni kwabantu elingasetjenziswa lilizwe.

“Nasizimisele ngokuphelisa umtlhago kufuze sifundise abantwana bemindeni etlhagako,” kwatjho uMengameli u-Cyril Ramaphosa eKulumeni yakhe yobuJamo beNarha (i-SoNA) yomnyaka wee-2018.

Ukutlhayelelwa mathuba nokungafaki isandla emabangeni aphasi wabantwana kungaqintelisa abantwana khulu kutjhabalalise namathuba wabo wepumelole.

Nanyana kunjalo, ngomnyaka wee-2009 usolwazi we-ECD weYunivesithi yeTlhagwini Tjingalanga uDorh. Juliana Seleti, lokha nakakhuluma kusiFundobandulo seBhanka yePhasiloke ebesimayelana nokuThuthukiswa abaNcni e-Afrika wathi ihlelo lebandlululo langaphambilini komnyaka we-1994 khangela litjhiye abantwana ngaphandle.

Gade kunganamithethomgomo ye-ECD, ngitjho nebantwaneni babantu abangakhange badinywe amathuba, gade kuneensiza ze-ECD ezisabaleleko lapho kwazuzwa abantwana abambalwa.

Wathi ukutlolwa kwemithethomgomo ehlekileko kwathoma eminyakeni ye-1990 ngemva kokutjhatjhu-lulwa ejele kukaMengameli wangaphambilini u-Nelson Mandela.

Ngomnyaka wee-2003 u-mNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi, weze-



Fundo esiSekelo newezama-Philo yazitlamela imithethomgomo ye-ECD; kwatlanywa amayunithi namaphiko ahleleke kuhle nokusekelwa ngemali kwe-ECD kuba yingcenywe yeSabelomali ukuthoma ngomnyaka wee-2000.

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I-ECD seyimaqaloqangi karhulumende kanti iKhabinethi nayo ivumele umThethogomo oHlangeneko we-ECD weliZwelo ngoNobayeni wee-2015, ukutjhugulula ukulethwa kwezenzelwa ze-ECD eSewula Afrika ngokutjheja iinkhala eziqakathekileko nokuqinisekisa

ngokufumaneka kwezenzelwa ze-ECD ezipheleleko, ezifaneleko nezifunyanwa yoke indawo.

I-ECD ifuduselwa eMnyangweni wezeFundo esiSekelo

Umsebenzi wamaziko we-ECD ususiwe eMnyangweni wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi wafuduselwa kwezeFundo esiSekelo, lapho kunabantwana abangaphezu kwee-700 000 abafumana izenzelwa ze-ECD ngelizweni mazombe.

“Leli ligadango eliqakathekileko kuragelophambili lezefundo yabantwana elizweni lekhethu, ekungathi nalethulwe ngefanelo, kuzakuba ligadango eliqakathekileko ukufikelela inembombono yomnyaka wee-2030 yomTlamo wokuThuthukiswa kweliZwelo (i-NDP). Nokho ngaphandle kwehlelo lokusebenza elinqophileko namagadango aphaathekako, isimemezero lesi angeze saletha amarhubelo elizweni nofana kilutjha”, kwatjho uMengameli Ramaphosa.

Igadango elilandelako minyaka emibili we-ECD ekatlelweko kibo boke abantwana ukulungiselela iGreyidi yoku-

1, ukuya ngokwesimemezero sikaMengameli uRamaphosa ku-SoNA yakhe yomnyaka wee-2019.

“Elinye iqaloqangi eliqakathekileko kuthuthukisa ngokubonakalako ikghono lokufunda ngokuzwisisa eminyakeni yokuthoma yesikolo. Lokhu kuqakathekile ekuhlomiseni abantwana ukuphumelela kezeze, emsebenzini nepilweni okuyinto eqakatheke khulu ekulwisaneni nomtlhago, ukutlhayela kwemisebenzi nokungalingani”, kwatjho uMengameli.

Wangezelela ngokuthi, “Sizokwandisa ngokubonakalako iinsetjenziswa zokufunda zamabanga aphasi esigabeni esiyisisekelo godu eminyakeni esithandathu ezako sizokunikela woke

umntwana wesikolo eSewula Afrika iincwadi zomsebenzi zedijithali nezokufunda kuma-tablet. Sizokuthoma ngeenkolo lezo ezadinywa amathuba ngaphambilini nezisemiphakathini etlhagako, kufaka hlangana iinkolo zamagreyidi ahlangeneko nezemikhakha ehlangeneko, zemaplasini nezemakhaya.

UNgqongqotjhe wezeFundo esiSekelo u-Angie Motshekga uthe umnyango sele ulungele ukwethula ngeengaba iincwadi zedijithali ukuthoma ngomnyaka ozako.

NgoNtaka wee-2019 uMnyango wezeFundo esiSekelo – ngokutjhebisana ne-Vodacom Foundation, i-Nelson Mandela Foundation, uMnyango wezaboMma weHlangano yeeNtjhaba eziBumbeneko (i-UN) ne-Global Citizen –banikela ngeSentha ye-ECD eDivhani Creche ne-Frank Ravele Secondary School of Excellence e-Vhembe, ese-Limpopo.

Ikulisa le, ingenye yezili-15 zamasentha we-ECD ekhethelwe ukuvuselelwa ngomthangalasisekelo omutjha.

I-Frank Ravele Secondary School ingenye yezili-12 yeeNkolo zamaKghono weZinga eliPhakemeko ezitshwaywe mNyango wezeFundo esiSekelo ngetjhebiswano le-Vodacom, esele zihlanganise iinkolo ezizii-3000 namasentha wamatitjhere ama-92 elizweni mazombe. ▣

Uthi bewazi?

- Iziko leeMali zeNarha liyiraga nokusekela ngeemali kuma-ECD ngesibonelelo esinemibandela enqophileko.
- Isibonelelo esinemibandela se-ECD lesi sizokusekela abantwana abathagako abalinganiselwa

kuzii-60 000 nokuvuselela amasentha we-ECD ahlangua kama-600 nama-800 eminyakeni emithathu ezako.

- Isabelomali sesibonelelo lesi sisuka eengidini ezizima-R518 ngomnyaka wee-2019/20 ukufikela kezizima-R553 ngomnyaka wee-2020/21.

Ukuthuthukiswa Kwabantwana abaNcni

Amalanga wokuthoma ayi-1 000 womntwana anqophe ekudleni okunepilo, itjhejo, ukuphepha nokukhuthazwa. Abantwana beminyaka emibili ukuya kemihlanu, umnqopho kuba kukhuthazwa okunekhwalithi netjhejo, kulapho i-ECD ibamba indima eqakathekileko.

