



# Keeping it brief

## National news

**T**he Department of Science and Technology is breaking new ground. Over the next two years, about R11,5 million will be spent on an initiative aimed at stimulating new research to limit malaria in the country.

Launching the South African Malaria Initiative (SAMI) at the University of Pretoria in February, Minister of Science and Technology, Mosibudi Mangena, said the initiative was part of government's mandate to develop a strong research base to improve the quality of people's lives. This expertise would also help tackle challenges facing the whole of Africa, said Mangena. - *BuaNews*

## Eastern Cape

The Eastern Cape government is planning important projects as part of the *Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for SA (Asgisa)*. The projects, meant to create jobs, include agriculture, growing trees for wood, and boosting tourism to the province. - *BuaNews*.

## North West

The North West provincial government has invested R93 million in the poverty-stricken village of Modimong near Taung and surrounding areas in a quest to eradicate poverty, create jobs and develop skills over the next three years. - *BuaNews*

## Free State

The Free State provincial government is implementing a number of social programmes aimed at assisting the poor. These include no-fee schools in the poorest areas, housing units and the provision of free basic services, such as water, to qualifying households. - *BuaNews*

## Northern Cape

The Northern Cape has undertaken to expand public health care services in the province this year. A new clinic has been opened in Prieska, while R1 billion has been set aside for the construction of a hospital complex in Kimberley. The province will also employ 300 emergency-care practitioners, and buy 50 new ambulances and 15 patient transport vehicles. - *BuaNews*

## Gauteng

The Gauteng provincial government has identified schools where poor pupils will not pay fees. The move is in line with the Education Laws Amendment Bill, signed into law by President Thabo Mbeki in February this year, exempting certain schools from charging fees based on the poverty levels of the communities. - *BuaNews*

## Western Cape

The N2 Gateway housing project in Cape Town set to house the poor in proper houses, is now nearing completion. The R2,3 billion project will house members of more than 21 000 households currently living in informal settlements and backyard shacks. - *BuaNews*

## Limpopo

The Limpopo government, in co-operation with mining company Anglo-Platinum, will build 2 000 low-cost houses worth R120 billion. Beneficiaries of the houses will be Anglo-Platinum's unskilled workers who earn R1500 or less a month. - *BuaNews*

## Mpumalanga

Mpumalanga province launched the Masibuyel' Emasimini Programme in Daggaskraal.

This R15 million job-creation programme is expected to see the farmers involved in subsistence farming and eventually developing to medium-scale commercial farming. This pilot project will later be taken to other parts of poverty-stricken areas in the province. - *BuaNews*

## KwaZulu-Natal

The KwaZulu-Natal Transport, Safety and Community Liaison Department is to embark on a big road safety campaign targeting schools and tertiary institutions. The move is aimed at encouraging the culture of responsible driving amongst future motorists. - *BuaNews*

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