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JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER INTERVENTION BEARS FRUITS FOR JTG DISTRICT



The district municipality hosted the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the vaccine roll-out and multi-stakeholder support to the district and the province as a whole. The WHO delegation was welcomed by the Executive Mayor and gave a

brief background on the district as well as the current situation and challenges relating to covid-19. The main purpose of the visit was to give support to the district Health Department and to address challenges and to come up with interventions. When giving his response Dr. Theys expressed his appreciation to the John Taolo Gaetsewe District for their continued efforts in the fight against covid-19. He also commended the support from the mining houses in the district especially on resources such as beds and ventilators. Dr. Theys also mentioned that the district is closely monitored as the cases are increasing rapidly in this third wave.

Dr. Brian Chirongo from the World Health Organisation gave a highlight of the challenges which are cluster outbreaks, contact tracing, recording of statistics and reporting on recoveries. However, they emphasised that all the challenges and interventions are dealt with at their weekly meetings. According to the district statistics Ga-Segonyana has the highest number of cases followed by Gamagara then Joe Morolong and high recovery rate. Ga-Segonyana has the highest death rate with low recovery rate. Ga-Segonyana has 10 facilities and 2 Level 1 district hospital, Gamagara has 6 facilities and 1 Health Centre. In his closing remarks Dr. Theys expressed his gratitude to the multi-stakeholder support given to the district and was satisfied with the work that has already been done.

RE GOPOLA BAO BA TSHELANG KA MOGARE WA HIV

Letsatsi la boditshabatsaba la go segopotso sa go tshuba dikerese ga le a beelwa kwa thoko fela go gopola bao ba tlhokafetseng ka ntlha ya mogare wa HIV, ke letsholo la go rotloetsa baagi le go godisa kitso ka mogare wa HIV/AIDS. Batho ba feta dimilione di le someamararo le bosupa ba tshela ka mogare o mme letsatsi le le tsibosa baagi go nna seopesengwe, le thuba maparego a kgethololo le go fa tsholofelo go bao ba tlang ko morago. Segopotso seo se ne s thswaretswe kwa motseng wa Ellendale.

Councillor Goitsema Assegaai



Moono wa ngwaga eno ya 2021 ke “Re a gopola, re tsaya kgato, re tshela go gaisa”. Segopotso jaaka gale se ile sa dirwa kgo tshuba dikerese tse tharo.

Lebone le le khibidu ke segopotso sa dimilione tsa batho bao ba tlhokafetseng ka ntlha ya mogare wa HIV. Kerese e tala ke lobone lwa go gopola bao ba tshelang ka mogare le bao ba okang balwetsi ba HIV.

Lebone lwa kerese e tshweu le lebone la go tlhomama mo go lwantsheng HIV, ke lebone la go tswela go tshla le go tlisa tsholofelo gore ka letsatsi lengwe kalafi ya leruri e tla nna teng mo gare ga malwetsi jaaka TB le covid-19.

Melaetsa ya tshegetso e ile ya balwa go tswa go mafapha le mekhatlho e e seng ya puso. Gareng ga batla segopotso, e ne e le Dr. D. Lechuti eleng morotloetsi (motivational speaker) yo o ileng a rotloetsa bao ba tshelang ka mogare ka go ba gakolola dintlha di le tharo tseo di leng bolthokwa mo matshelong a rona eleng: tlhologanyo, o il ea rotloetsa go ruta tlhologanyo go nagana tse di siameng gonne go nagana dilo tse di sa siamang go tlisa bokoa mo mmeleng, sa bobedi e nnile go ikiba go dirisa mafoko go inyeneyefatsa mme kwa bofelong o ile a rotloetsa botlhe go ikamogela, gonne go tlisa matlafatso, mme re ithute go amogela makoa a rona le go bua le bao ba fetileng mo dikgwetlong go re gakolola.

Dr. D. Lechuti a fana ka puo ya thotloetso



Patricia Makati le bao ba emetseng mekgatlo ya baagi le bao ba tshelang ka mogare wa HIV

The deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Reginah Mhaule, visited the Logobate primary School as part of her oversight role to assess schools around the country. The Minister was also in the district as the District Development Model Champion. The Executive Mayor, Sofia Mosikatsi, Councillor Modise from Joe Morolong and some senior officials from Department of Education attended the visit. Also in attendance was the School Governing Body and the Principal. The long awaited visit was delayed by the floods earlier this year and the Deputy Minister was happy that she finally came. The school delegation briefed the Deputy Minister on the condition and the challenges faced by the school. The school which has 126 learners, has only seven classrooms and a dilapidated netball court, which is the only sport facility in the school. It has as feeding scheme, in a clean and properly maintained classroom used as a kitchen.

One other infrastructure challenge at the school is the ablution facility for teachers, which the department has promised that it will be prioritised. On the academic side, the Principal, Ms. Heyns raised a serious concerns regarding the scholar transport made worse by the floods that damaged roads, and in turn affects learning at the school. The unavailability of other subjects due to low intake is one area that needs serious intervention. The issue of progressed learners, which is one of the school's main challenge also affects the performance of the school, the school is under resourced and needs assistance, said the Principal. The Deputy Minister emphasised that primary schools needs to be supported as they are critical to the development of a child. The Minister committed to the school that she would engage with the department's partners to mobilise resources to assist the school. She also mentioned that it would not be her last visit and that they would continue to work together with the provincial government to assist schools in the district. The visit was concluded with a walk-about around the school and the classrooms.

The Deputy Minister , Dr. Reginah Mhaule, with the Executive Mayor Sofia Mosikatsi and the School Principal Ms. Heyns



The Deputy Minister during the walkabout with the Executive Mayor , Mr. V. Teise from DOE



DEPUTY MINISTER DISTRIBUTES PPEs FOR ECDs

Covid-19 cases are still on the rise and very often the underprivileged are the ones that suffer the most. The Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms. Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu accompanied by Deputy Minister of Education Dr. Reginah Mhaule, MEC Topsy Vilakazi, Executive Mayor, Sofia Mosikatsi officiated the distribution of PPEs to Early Childhood Development Centres in the district. The event took place in Bankhara at the Masakhane Educare centre.

The partnership between government and the National Lotteries Commission has made it possible for government to assist those in need. A total of 11 ECD centres were identified for beneficiation which included PPEs, blankets, child friendly soaps and non-alcoholic sanitizers. Other partners included the National Lotteries Commission (NLC), the National Development Agency, eSimphiwe, Thintane Foundation. The Minister commended the partnership between her department and the partners in making sure that the foundation phase is taken care of. She also thanked the Thintane Foundation for the work that they do in making sure that ECDs comply with the regulations for the establishment of ECDS, which is a huge task considering that some of the ECDs are in rural areas and have language barriers which make it difficult to understand the content. Dr. Mhaule also emphasised the importance of a good foundation especially Grade Rs as they will be preparing to start school, especially the curriculum and language use. The Masakhane Educare ECD, where the event was hosted, was funded by the NLC for an amount of three million, eight hundred thousand rands for both construction and running costs. The centre has 120 children with seven classrooms and seven teachers.

The Deputy Minister, Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu addressing the event in Bankhara



Executive Mayor doing the welcome address



VACCINE ROLLOUT

COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL-OUT

- Did you know? If you have registered on Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS), you are in our records and soon as an appointment slot at a vaccination site in your area is available you will receive an SMS.
- Please exercise patience; we will not leave anyone behind on our nation's vaccination drive.
- Did you know? Government is opening more vaccination sites every week, which means more appointment slots become available.
- Those without online access or a smartphone can register through SMS by dialing *134*832* your ID number #. If you do not have an ID number, dial *134*832#.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SEX WORKERS FORUM

Female, male and transgender sex workers face high levels of violence, stigma, discrimination and other human-rights violations. Violence against sex workers is associated with inconsistent condom use or lack of condom use, and with increased risk of STI and HIV infection. Violence also prevents sex workers from accessing HIV information and services. The Sex Workers forum organised a workshop for its members in the JTG district. The forum dealt with numerous issues affecting sex workers and the challenges they are facing. The forum also conducted HIV Counselling and Testing, STI screening as well as TB screening.

A total of 5500 were distributed during a Night Outreach targeted at sex workers and truck drivers.

The forum was done in partnership with Civil Society, Peer Educators, and JTG District Department of Health who presented on HTS Services and covid-19 and its impact on HIV/AIDS, Kuman Freedom Network, SAPS and the Department of Social Development focused on substance abuse. After long deliberations the following recommendations were made, that Advocacy and sensitization activities may include:

- Public campaigns to highlight sex workers;
- Sensitization workshops highlighting the issue of violence against sex workers on specific international and national days and in campaigns relevant to HIV, sex work, gender-based violence and human rights;
- disseminating print and other multimedia materials about violence against sex workers;
- working with journalists and other members of the media to promote positive stories and language use about sex work;
- building partnerships and networks with organizations that work on human rights and HIV, for joint advocacy efforts;
- supporting collective action by sex workers to demand redress for violence faced by their community members
- building programme managers' understanding of laws affecting sex workers' rights.





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The number of COVID-19 cases are increasing daily and requires every individual to practice greater personal responsibility.

- ☐ Although over 1 million people have already been given vaccines there is no room for complacency.
- ☐ Wear a mask at all times, social distance, avoid large crowds and gatherings, and wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- ☐ We cannot let our guard down now as the risk of the third wave is very real and has already started in certain parts of the country.
- ☐ If you are awaiting your test results or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or know that you have tested positive for COVID-19, please stay at home.

Our values

Development: *Strive for the development of the district and its people while also striving for own personal development*

Commitment: *Stay committed to the vision of the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and to serving the people of the district in whatever you do*

Care: *To show empathy and care towards others, while striving to promote a positive working atmosphere.*

Integrity: *Stay true to whatever you commit , performing your duties to the best of your ability at all times, while conducting yourself professionally at all times.*

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