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# PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

# **Vooma Vaccination Weekend drive in Taung**

By Fatima Modise: GCIS, North West

The Deputy Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment who is also the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Champion, Makhotso Sotyu, visited Taung village in the Greater Taung Local Municipality, North West on 13 November 2021, for the Vooma Vaccination Weekend Drive.

The purpose of the visit was to lead the Vooma Vaccination Weekend drive in an effort to encourage communities to vaccinate against COVID-19 and to assist the district to achieve government's plan of reaching population immunity by the end of December 2021.



Community members who attended the engagement.

The Deputy Minister together with the North West Premier Bushy Maape, Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation MEC Galebekwe Tlhapi, Kgosi Mabe from The House of Traditional Leaders, Kgosi Tshepo Mankuroane of Batlhaping Ba-Ga-Phuduhucwana and Kgosi Nyoko Motlhabane of Batlhaping Ba-Ga-Maidi, interacted with the residents at Taung Mall and commuters at Taung Taxi Rank.



Kgosi Mankuroane, Deputy Minister Makhotso Sotyu and Premier Bushy Maape addressing the community at Taung Mall.









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**COVID-19 vaccine registration details** for 12-year-olds and above:

Online at:

https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/

Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.

Via SMS by dialling \*134\*832#. Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.



"I am 17 years old and I am fully vaccinated. I feel great about it because I know it was a wise decision to make."



"I was hesitant to vaccinate but after the engagement with the Deputy Minister and Premier, I am now on the queue to vaccinate."





# PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

# Khayelitsha Vooma Vaccination Weekend drive

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS, Western Cape

On 12 November 2021, the Deputy Minister in The Presidency responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation, Thembi Siweya, visited Khayelitsha as part of the Vooma Vaccination Weekend second campaign aimed to encourage community members to get vaccinated.

Khayelitsha is among the areas that have the lowest number of adults registered and vaccinated against the COVID-19.

Deputy Minister Siweya joined an activation at Khayelitsha Mall where she interacted with community members to encourage them to get their jab at the mobile vaccination site, which was at the mall.

A number of people responded to the call immediately and went to the mobile vaccination site to get their jab.

Following this activation, the Deputy Minister met with Khayelitsha stakeholders on an engagement to find out the challenges that could be contributing to the low turnout at vaccination sites.

"We are under pressure to ensure that before the fourth wave comes, we reach as many people as possible and get them vaccinated," said the Deputy Minister.



Deputy Minister Thembi Siweya engaging the community about vaccination at Khayelitsha Mall.



Deputy Minister leading the stakeholder engagement on COVID-19 vaccination with Department of Health sub-district and local leaders.





# PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

#### President reaches out to residents

By Phiwokuhle Zokufa and Ndyebo Kopo: GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 12 November 2021, President Cyril Ramaphosa visited the Ugu District Municipality, as part of his visit for the District Development Model (DDM).

The President engaged with the business community, private sector and investors about the Eastern Seaboard Development, which is in development. It envisions the change of pre-democracy spatial development to unlock the much needed economic development opportunities and will facilitate economic linkanges between the two provinces.

The development will cover the 120km coast line from Margate in KwaZulu-Natal and Port St Johns, linking the small towns, villages and cities found in this coast line.

While addressing the stakeholders, the President called for cooperation among all those involved for the development to be a reality.

The President stressed the importance of private-sector investment into the development and that government will have to make the environment conducive for the private sector to operate.

President Ramaphosa also emphasised the need to cut off red tape, which is currently chasing investors away. "We must do away with enquiring people to fill in a lot of paper work especially on the issues of land allocation for development," he said.

In this particular case, the DDM, calls for the cooperation of government, traditional leaders, donors, business, civil society in order for the Seaboard Development to be successful.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, had a pre-engagement session with the private sector and traditional leaders on the Eastern Seaboard Development.

She said that the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal are very rich in natural resources, therefore, the engagement needs to discuss and conceptualise the kind of a city the citizens want, how they should be run, they must represent people's ideas and should be created by everybody.

"The need for the development of these cities is to deal with povery, unemployment and inequality, which COVID-19 has deepened these challenges even worse," said Minister Dlamini Zuma.

She further stated that the cities must be safe for women and children and must be vibrant and sustainable.











#### Leonard Kotze said:

"I listen to Eldos FM because it is an inspiring radio station. I rely on the station for more information concerning what is happening in our area and neighbouring communities. I also call the station every now and then, to give them compliments and birthday shout out to my family members and friends."



#### **Abigail Bernard said:**

"I am a resident of Eldorado Park. This launch is a big milestone for our community. Eldos FM has brought our community together as it has been a mediator between the different communities. It keeps us informed. Eldos FM is the voice of those who cannot speak and eyes of those who cannot see."

# PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Eldos FM receives state-of-the-art studio

By Pakeng Matsetse: GCIS, Gauteng

The Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) in conjunction with City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality unveiled the new state-of-the-art broadcast studio for Eldos FM on 23 October 2021 in Eldorado Park.

The station went on-air for the first time on 4 December 2009 after the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa granted the station a five-year broadcasting licence.

From 2010, volunteers and staff were equipped with skills and training from institutions such as the National Electronic Media Institute of South Africa, ABC Lwazi, Institute for Advancement of Journalism, City Varsity and Wits Radio School to enhance programming quality.

The acquisition of new broadcast equipment and the unveiling thereof have been made possible by the MDDA.

Addressing the launch, City of Johannesburg former Executive Mayor Mpho Moerane congratulated the station for reaching such a great milestone, historic celebration and launch of the state-of-the art studio.

"Community media plays an important role in continuously communicating our business of service delivery to the listeners. Today is a special day that we are all part of a new beginning for Eldos FM, a beginning which the City of Johannesburg if proud to be part of," he said.

The MDDA Executive Manager of Projects, Mzuvukile Kashe, said "We are honoured and also want to celebrate, congratulate the station and motivate the station to continue doing the good work that the station has been doing."

Kashe also thanked the station for keeping the community of Eldorado Park and surrounding areas informed and further pledged the support of the MDDA to Eldos FM and other community media houses in the country to ensure that they live to their mandate.



