

# SOCIAL LISTENING COLLATED REPORT

## COVID-19

PREVENT COVID-19

30 September 2021

This is the collation of reports from several organisations doing social listening to Covid-19 and vaccine concerns, questions and misinformation in South Africa, as part of the RCCE Social Listening team. Thanks to all who submitted.

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## 1. National Department of Health (Charity Bhengu)

### 1. Health authorities urge pregnant women to vaccinate

[SAnews.gov.za](https://www.sanews.gov.za)

“Pregnant women and those who are planning to conceive are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine.” Ministerial Advisory Committee on Covid-19 vaccines.

“Although the risk is small, pregnant and postnatal women are at increased risk of severe COVID-19 disease compared to their non-pregnant counterparts,

“Although the risk is small, pregnant and postnatal women are at increased risk of



Thandiswa Van Majola

Is it safe if pregnant? Anyone who is



Lethabo Rahab

I want to vaccinate but right now I am pregnant

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Lethabo Rahab

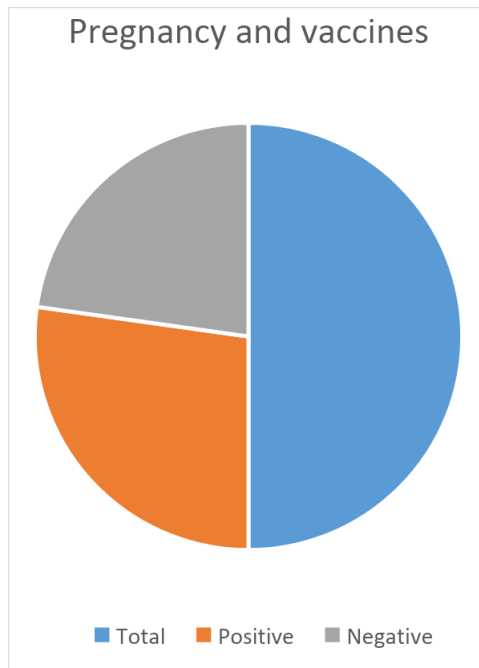
My doctor advised me to go after birth

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severe COVID-19 disease compared to their non-pregnant counterparts,”

## Public Sentiments

Mixed reactions on the circular. While others welcome the information others are more confused than ever by the conspiracy theories about sterilization, miscarriages and deformity. More clarity is required to answer the questions.



**Negative:** If I were pregnant I wouldn't dare vaccinate honestly...already those not pregnant at times face health complications after the jab. [14 [reactions](#)]

**Negative:** I will never run the risk if pregnant to get the jab. Never [26 [reactions](#)]

**Negative:** I wouldn't touch the vaccine if I was pregnant... there isn't enough data that will make me take the chance. something could happen to my unborn child. [ 1 [reaction](#)]

**Negative:** .But others say it's not safe for one to vaccinate while they are pregnant.. which is which?? [6 [reactions](#)]

**Positive:** Get advice from your doctor because honestly not everyone's system works the same [18 [reactions](#)]

**Positive:** Got my jab at 38 weeks pregnant and we are all safe now 2 months later with a strong and health baby 😊 [9 [reactions](#)]

**Positive:** Yesterday 1 of the health staff said ...pregnant women can get vaccine only after 14 weeks of pregnancy [1 [reaction](#)]

Total	Positive	Negative
373	203	170

## 2, South Africa officially exits its Covid-19 third wave

South Africa has officially exited its third wave of Covid-19 infections as the country records 967 new cases and 51 deaths. According to the Department of Health, 16 827 790 vaccine doses have been administered. [Media24](#) News and [Media24](#)



**Deon Abrahams**

**Andre Prinsloo** no I am sick and tired of people thinking people dying everyday from this virus is a flippen joke, DO YOU CARE THAT 4.7MILLION PEOPLE DIED FROM THIS VIRUS AND THAT MILLIONS WILL STILL DIE IF WE DONT STOP THIS DREADFUL VIRUS. DO YOU CARE?????



**Andre Prinsloo**

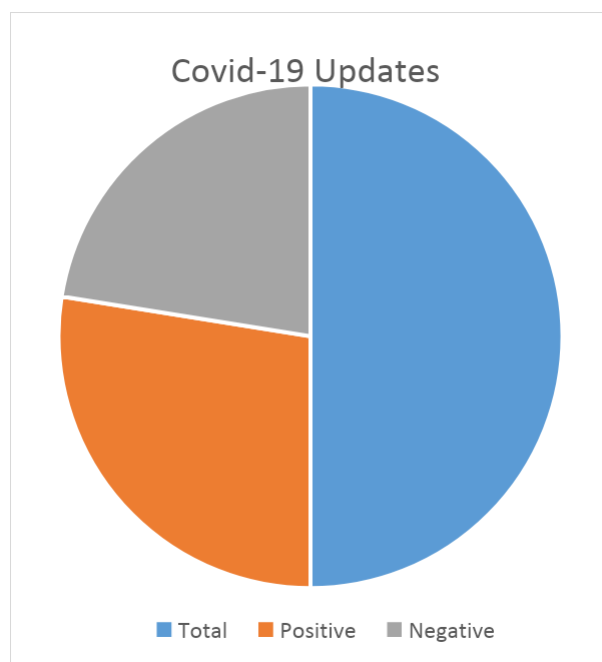
My fellow South Africans, with the 4th wave starting soon..... bunch of bullsht. They are playing with the people, and unfortunately most are falling for their crap stories and figures. #moegvirdiestront



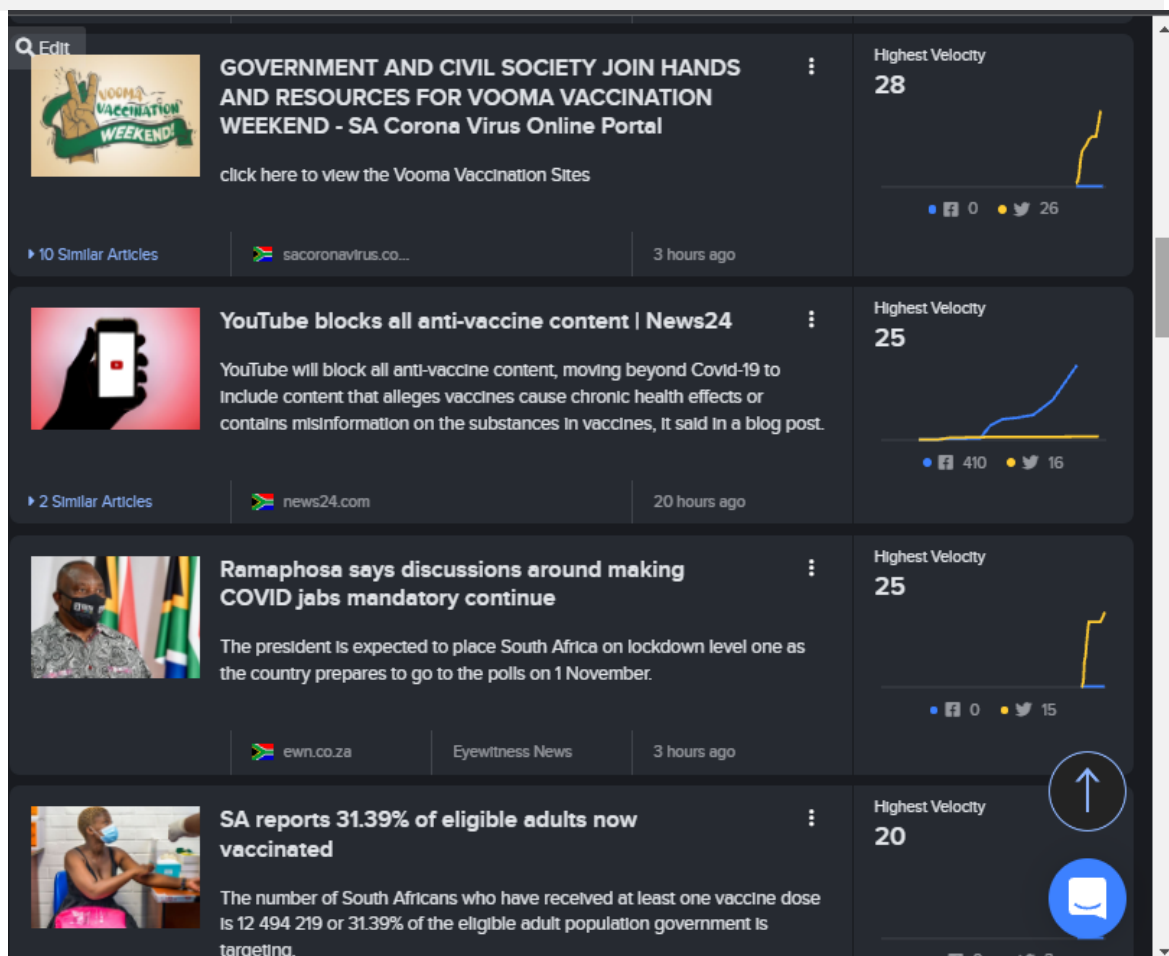
### Mixed reactions:

- Amazing how the wave stops with elections so close. [22 [reactions](#)]
- They'll wait till the voting ends to announce the forth on [1 [reactions](#)]
- Forcing a vaccine on people with a virus that has a high recovery rate doesn't make any sense [1 [reactions](#)]
- Working hard to be removed from UK red list [2 [reactions](#)]
- Thanks to Vaccinated people that Covid19 has slowed down [29 [reactions](#)]

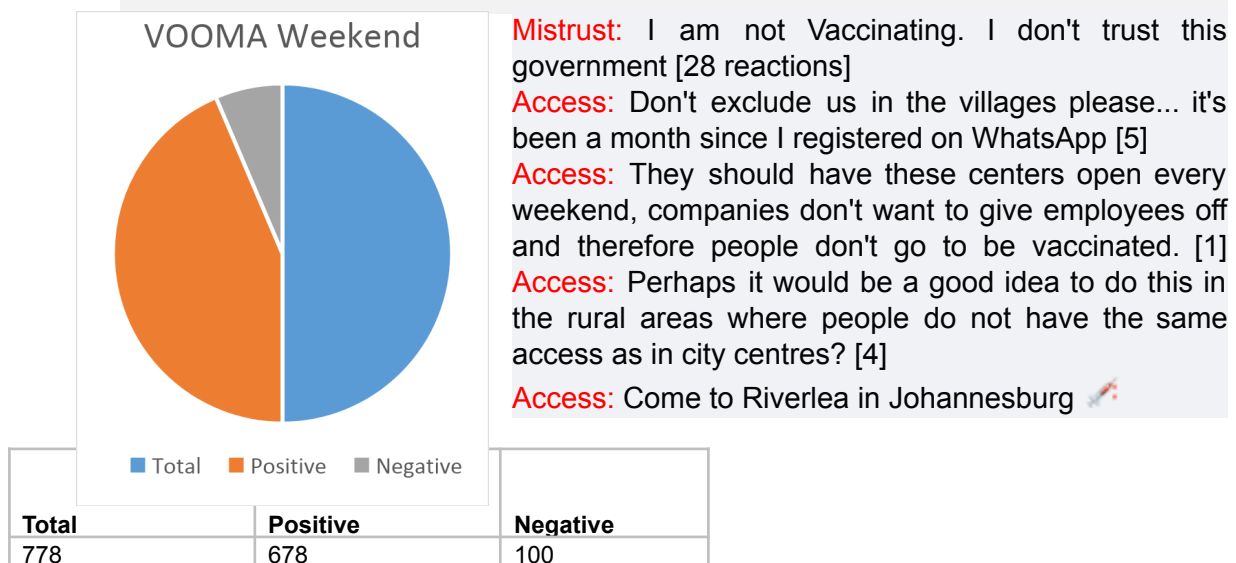
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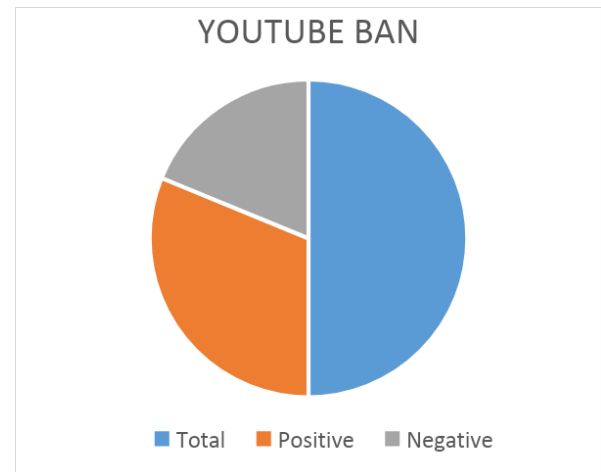
### 3. TRENDING SA covid-19 vaccine news on Spike.NewsWhip



**Sentiments on VOOMA weekend** are more about access than misinformation. People are more concerned about over-emphasis on the communication needs of the already privileged city people and overlooking the communication needs of the marginalised poor majority of the country. The following words are being used to highlight **vaccine inequities**; 'exclusion', 'marginalised', 'poor', 'vaccine illiterate'



3. **Sentiments on YOUTUBE's ban** of the prominent anti-vaccine activists and blocking all anti-vaccine content. [Spike.newsWhip](#) Their sentiments are very technical. To describe YouTube's move, they have used the following words: 'censorship' 'outrageous' 'propaganda' 'infringement of free speech', 'suppression of opinion' 'politicising covid-19 vaccine', 'abuse of power', 'controlling the narrative' etc. [\[593 reaction\]](#)



Total	Positive	Negative
950	593	357

**YouTube is banning prominent anti-vaccine activists and blocking all anti-vaccine content**



**YouTube is banning prominent anti-vaccine activists and blocking all anti-vaccine content**

washingtonpost.com

**Comments (950)**

Post Data

Censorship is reasonable and appropriate so long as the criteria for what is censored is well thought out and there is effective oversight, and an effective appeals process. Not everything that can be said, should be. Not everyone who has something t... [Expand](#)

u/AllTheKingsHorses 16 hours ago [View Parent](#) [View Replies](#)

Considering this is a propaganda sub in which I will be banned for saying this... Here's the most logically sound reasoning I have for someone with antibodies to get the vaccine. While the natural immunity is stronger and longer lasting than just the C... [Expand](#)

u/CalisignMontana 16 hours ago [View Parent](#)

It's only censorship when the government does it. When private companies do it, it's self regulation. Private companies aren't obliged to provide a platform for unfettered free speech. Let's see how far any of you would get trying to promote a pro-va... [Expand](#)

u/Xesyllad 17 hours ago [View Parent](#) [View Replies](#)






#### 4. State will not 'force anyone to be vaccinated', Cyril Ramaphosa says


##### [Businesslive](#)

"It's a debate that's happening in the country as well, and among various companies and organisations. It is global. We are becoming part of this process and we are also mindful of what our constitution says about the rights that our people have," President Ramaphosa, 29 September




You're lying you're forcing people through work places . Some shops and banks are already refusing entry of unvaxxed folks That's a great lie. Soon unvaxxed people won't be allowed entry everywhere .

1 mo Like Reply 4




**Sechaba Gatsby Maphathe**  
Of course you're forced. Cause eventually you will fired at worked, not allowed in certain venues etc

1 mo Like Reply 10



**Gaynor Paynter**  
**Thabo Daso** that is not forcing. That's giving you the choice just like businesses have the choice to say who they want to let in. Or you can just stay home like I was told a lot with my comorbidity. Choice is 100% yours.

1 mo Like Reply



**Gaynor Paynter**  
**Sechaba Gatsby Maphathe** that's your choice then. Just like it's our choice to only interact with people who care enough not to put us at risk.

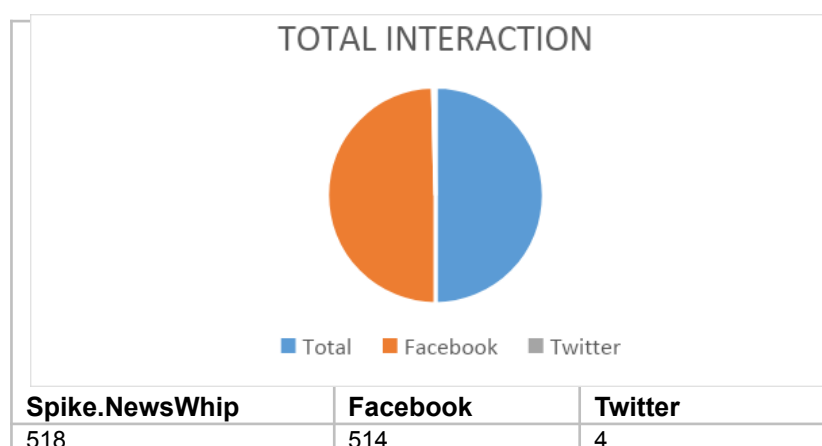
1 mo Like Reply 1

Still trending following an official response:

The Karl Bremer Hospital has confirmed that staffer – who was the first nurse to receive the Covid vaccine in South Africa – has died, **but that this was not as a result of the jab.** [VideoClip](#)

**Misinformation:** The lies about the first nurse to receive Covid-19 vaccine having died from vaccine went viral on all social media platform this week resulting in more anti-vaccine comments and spreading fear among those who fear long-term side effects from vaccines.

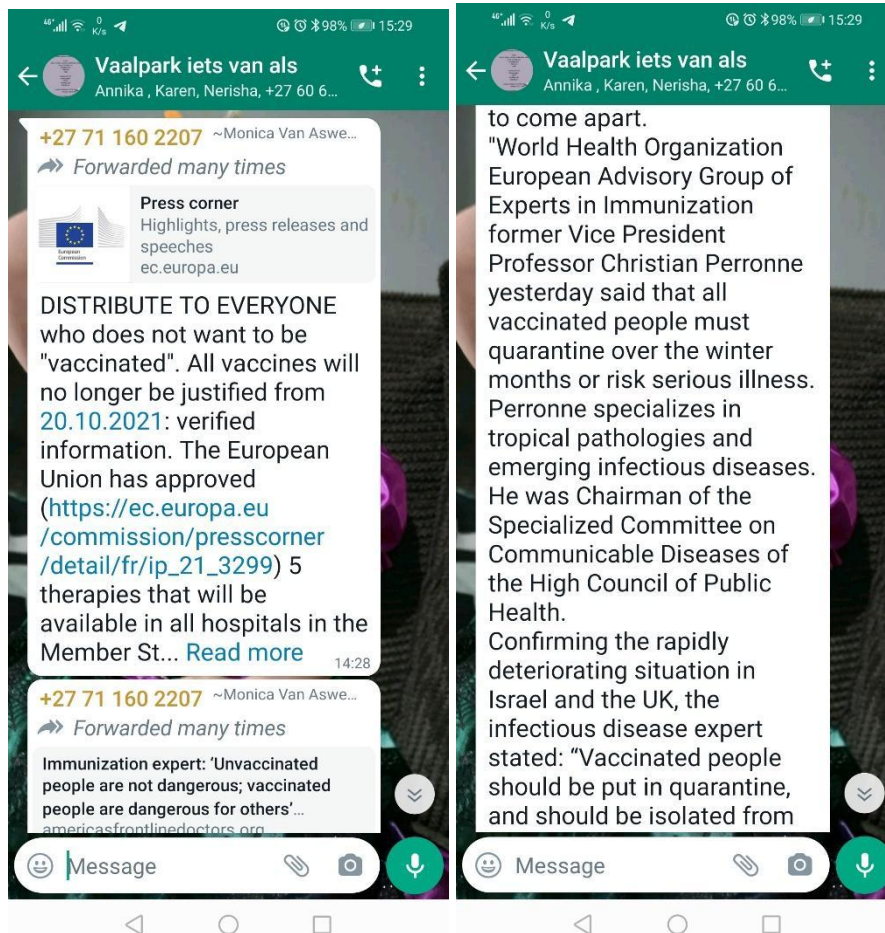
**Fact:** Sister Iris Adams indeed died but not “due to the Covid-19 vaccine” [here](#)



## 2. Real 411 (William/Azola)

### Top Three Real411 Week ending 30 September 2021

**1. DISINFO COMPLAINT:** Complaint **1829** came from WhatsApp and was about a group spreading disinformation regarding the WHO and European Supreme Court "cancelling covid-19 vaccination"



**REAL411 FINDINGS:** This is mis/disinformation because it is blatantly false and misleading on vaccination and what the WHO and EU are doing. They have reiterated that "vaccination against Covid-19 offers the best way to end the pandemic and get back to a normal life. In parallel, we are working to have the best treatments available for those who are infected." See full statement [here](#).

The information provided could be construed to cause public harm in that whilst there is genuine hesitancy around the vaccines - to due lack of information and other challenges - this content contributes to further entrenching vaccine hesitancy and confusion around the origins, purpose, and side-effects of the vaccines.

**2. DISINFO COMPLAINT:** Complaint **1831** is about a post on Twitter claiming that the first person to get the Covid-19 vaccine in SA has died from the vaccine. A quick Google search shows this story is gaining traction among anti-vaccine/vaccine skeptical networks.

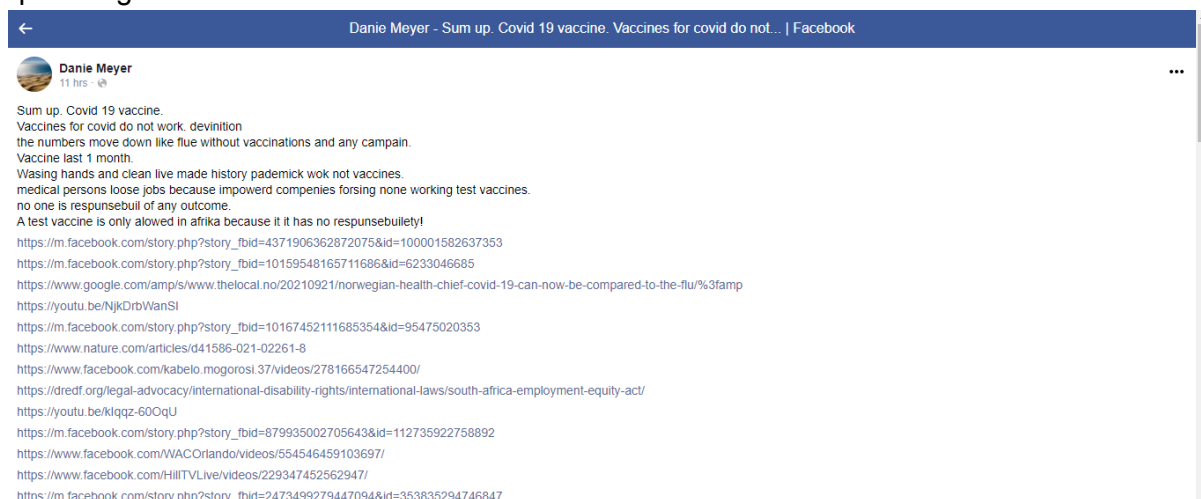




**REAL411 FINDINGS:** The information shared is false and misleading in its claims that Cape Town nurse Zoliswa Gidi-Dyosi, who became the first South African to receive the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine at the Khayelitsha Hospital on Wednesday in February. The post talks of a nurse Adams who is not the first person to receive the Covid vaccine in SA. Read [HERE](#) the testimony of Nurse Gidi-Dyosi:

The false information provided could lead people to not at all want to vaccinate whilst also derailing government's efforts of an effective roll-out of vaccines and vaccine information campaigns and programmes.

**3. DISINFO COMPLAINT:** Complaint 1832 is about a Facebook user/account said to be spreading Covid-19 vaccine disinformation.



**REAL411 FINDINGS:** The information shared is false and misleading in that Covid-19 vaccines do not work. It is proven that the COVID-19 vaccines produce protection against the disease, as a result of developing an immune response to the SARS-Cov-2 virus. Developing immunity through vaccination means there is a reduced risk of developing the illness and its consequences. This immunity helps you fight the virus if exposed. See [HERE](#).

### 3. UNICEF (Janine, Daniel & Pumla)

#### COVID-19 vaccines related search queries

Interest in the following search queries was rising on Google over the past week: “Nuselis Adams” (+1650%), “IrisiAdams passed away” (+1110%), “First nurse to receive Covid vaccine” (+1000%), “first nurse to receive Covid vaccine in South Africa” (+900%), “ZoliswaGidi-Dyosi” (+300%), “Why is my arm sore after Covid vaccine shot?” (+180%).

#### COVID-19 vaccine conversation on Twitter

Tweets about COVID-19 vaccines in the country generated 30k engagements, a 25% decrease compared to the previous reporting period\*. Top 5 related tweets:



#### Most shared links by SA users on Twitter include:

- [COVID vaccine mandates don't have to undermine your rights. Here's why – Bhekisisa](#)
- [The Scuffle Continues : Vaccines](#)
- [Correlation ≠ causation: How to link a death to COVID vaccines for sure – Bhekisisa](#)

#### COVID-19 vaccine conversation on digital news media

News articles about COVID-19 vaccines generated over 45k engagements, a 20% decrease compared to the previous reporting period\*. Top articles on digital news media by engagement include:

- [Jeremy Chardy: I regret getting vaccinated, I have series of problems now \(tennisworldusa.org\)](#)
- [Women must withhold sex until their partner gets Covid-19 jab – MEC \(iol.co.za\)](#)
- [Anti-vaccine protests having negative impact on jab programme - WC Health Dept \(ewn.co.za\)](#)
- [Covid-19: Stellenbosch University considering mandatory vaccination | News24](#)
- [Health officials predict WC will exit COVID-19 third wave by Saturday \(ewn.co.za\)](#)

### COVID-19 vaccine subtopics (twitter and digital news)

In South Africa, online conversations about COVID-19 vaccines that generated most engagements in the past week were related to safety (22%), immunity (21%), and access (17%).

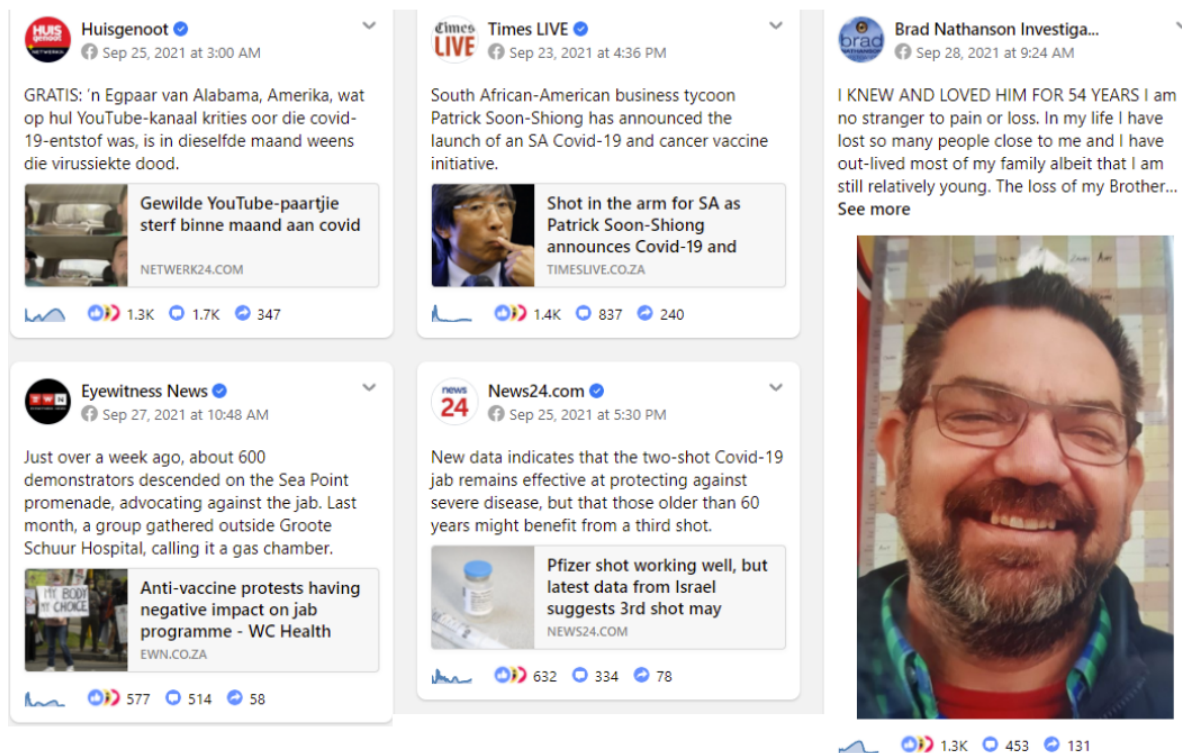
In the eastern and Southern African region, online conversations that generated most engagements in the past week were related to vaccine access and availability (24% of total engagements), safety (18%), immunity (12%), second dose (11%) and children (10%).

African Christian Democratic Party.

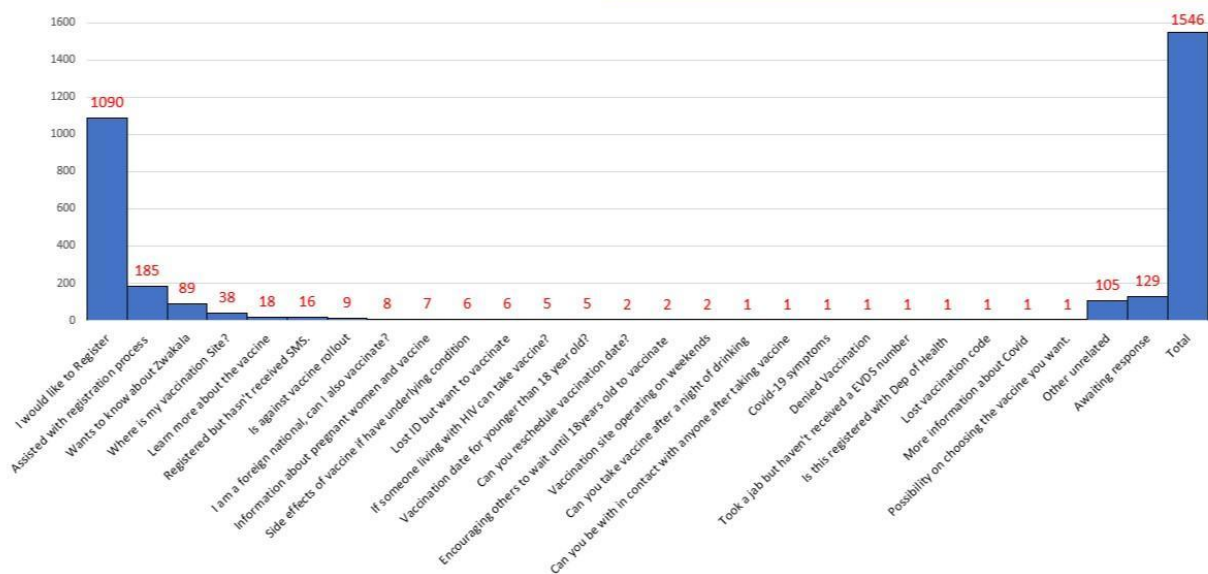
The South African group Pandemics Data and Analytics sent a letter to the European Parliament asking to halt mass vaccination for children, see [here](#)

### COVID-19 vaccine conversation on Facebook

Facebook posts about COVID-19 vaccines generated 60k over the past week (-50% compared to previous). The top 5 posts were:



**Zwakala WhatsApp Reason for Contact  
(FAQs) as of 27 September 2021**

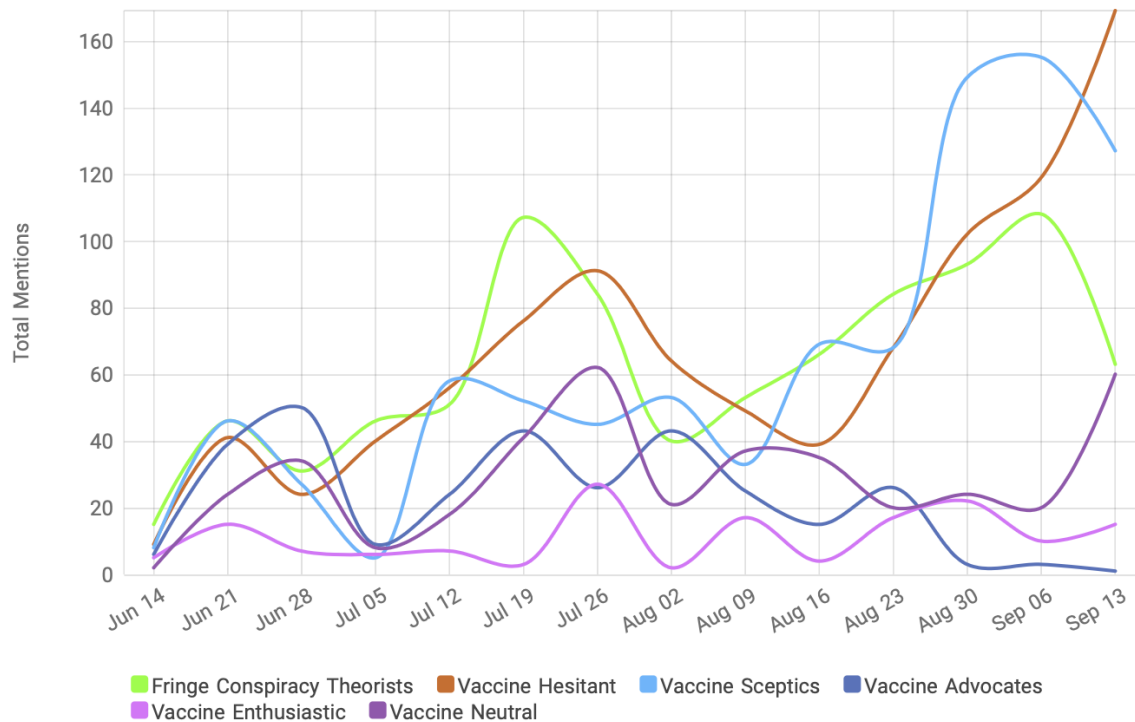


- **Vaccination side-effects**
- **Forced/coerced vaccinations and trolling**
- **Political movements against vaccine mandates, government mistrust and conspiracy theories**



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## Vaccination injuries and side effects

This [post](#) was tweeted by a US account that frequently shares content which almost exclusively distributes anti-vaccination information. The post, which was picked up by South African audiences, read: "5th year medical student waited to get Pfizer's jab because it was presented as the "safest." Ten minutes later, Arooj began having spasms, then seizures and lost use of her legs. Arooj has asked her family to document these episodes for medical research." The post gained traction with over 6 000 retweets and nearly 4 000 likes. Many of the comments and [quoted tweets](#) contained misleading claims such as the one below:



TheAnswer  
@Geelmhotep

Results of giving trial vaccines without any plan to deal with side effects. So sad that this is happening to another human. It used to be that any vaccine is tested on animals first before humans, now it is tested on humans first before the politicians and big businesses



Kelly Bee  
@ke11ybender · Sep 21

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[instagram.com/p/CUAEyKEJyGm](https://www.instagram.com/p/CUAEyKEJyGm)

[Show this thread](#)

Similar anecdotal content trended across the board. The two posts below show a claim of symptoms after receiving the Pfizer vaccination - the [original](#) and a [follow-up](#) in a thread:

STAY TF HOME! Retweeted



Wendy #savehumanity#unmask  
@wendywoo6089

My friend's fingers 48 hours post second Pfizer jab. She's only 28 and scared. Pain and swelling with nerve pains travelling up her arms but A&E have sent her home with pain killers and told her to look out for if her toenails go black. What the hell are these jabs doing !!!

← Tweet



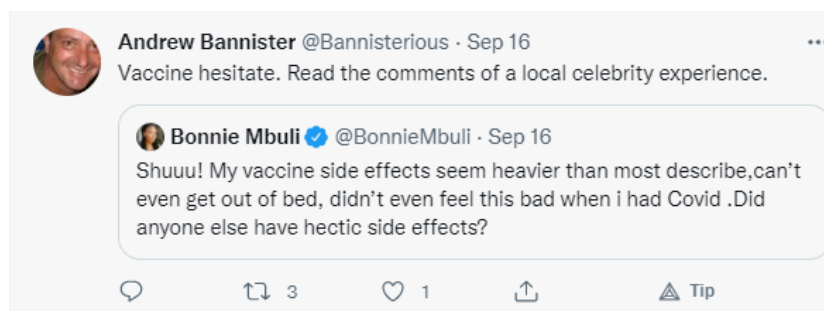
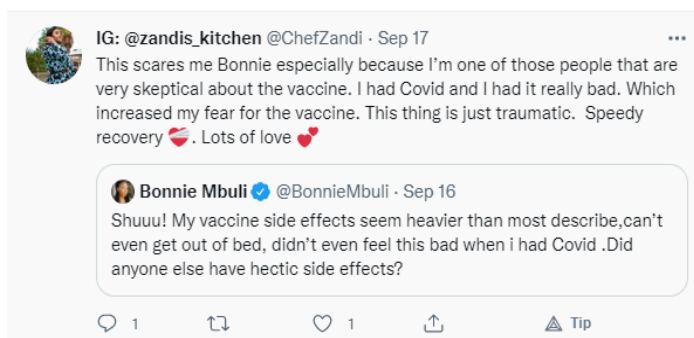
Adlie Hendricks Retweeted



Wendy #savehumanity#unmask  
@wendywoo6089

An update regarding my friend with blackened nail

A local celebrity, Bonnie Mbuli, also [tweeted](#) about her post-vaccine symptoms in a tweet that read: “Shuuu! My vaccine side effects seem heavier than most describe,can’t even get out of bed, didn’t even feel this bad when i had Covid .Did anyone else have hectic side effects?” The post received attention with nearly 2 000 retweets and 5 1002 likes. Many hesitants used this as an opportunity to substantiate their anti-vaccine stances:



Amongst the trending side-effects that have escalated vaccine hesitancy online are reports of women missing their periods following their vaccinations. As reported by media outlet Daily Mirror in a [tweet](#), “More that 30,000 women in the UK report irregular periods after getting Covid jab”.



This was echoed by numerous users who shared their own experiences as seen in the [tweet](#) below:



Accusations levelled against pharmaceutical companies using the COVID vaccine for profit also sparked conversations around the purpose and consequences of the vaccinations. @ForumCovid, an account dedicated to opposing the vaccine made a [tweet](#) in this regard gaining over 13 300 retweets and nearly 24 000 likes.

↳ Methuselah Retweeted



COVID FORUM  
@ForumCovid

...

Pfizer made \$19 Billion in Q2 this year, or \$211 million per day. Some known risks of their jab are blood clots and cardiomyopathy. Luckily for them they make Eliquis for treating blood clots – sales up 13%. They also make Vyndaqel to treat cardiomyopathy – sales are up 77%!

12:04 PM · Sep 20, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

13.2K Retweets 1,126 Quote Tweets 23.6K Likes

Furthermore, others accused local medical aid companies of omitting the truth about vaccine injuries as see in the [tweet](#) below:

← Thread



Carpe Diem  
@SimonTemplar008

...

[@Discovery\\_SA](#) When will we have a discussion on vaccine injuries? Specifically the more than HALF A MILLION Covid vaccine injuries reported to VAERS in under a year?

Surely your employees deserve to see the full picture?  
[vaers.hhs.gov/data.html](https://vaers.hhs.gov/data.html)

4:54 PM · Sep 5, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

24 Retweets 56 Likes

### ***Forced/coerced vaccinations and trolling***

This [tweet](#) did not receive any traction, however our researchers came across several posts which displayed similar sentiments. The primary theme seemed to be concerns about the coercion and

government mandating of vaccinations. This, coupled with misinformation about how vaccines actually work indicates that there is a need for more education on this issue.



The trolling of vaccine enthusiasts also trended quite significant as can be seen in the quoted [tweet](#) below:



## Political movements against vaccine mandates and government mistrust

Our researchers found that organised groups are critical to driving anti-vaccination sentiments both online and offline. This includes political parties and/or other socially charged organisations. For



instance, the Party of Action recently shared a [tweet](#) with unverified information about how a nurse “personally has helped kill patients in a hospital setting”. While this specific tweet did not gain much traction, this political party’s twitter page actively and consistently promotes anti-vaccination content.



Furthermore, the promotion of fringe conspiracy theory websites that promote anti-vaccination rhetoric trended through [tweets](#) like this:



## 5. Health Systems Trust (Lunga and Antoinette)

**Council mandates urgent development of vaccination rule**

On Monday 27 September, the Stellenbosch University (SU) Council held its third meeting of 2021. Council took note of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and its negative effect on society. SU Rector and Vice-Chancellor Prof Wim de Villiers told Council that it is an institutional priority for the University that all its staff and students be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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Prof De Villiers confirmed that SU is exploring the possibility of mandatory vaccinations, learning from the experience of other institutions and organisations in South Africa and worldwide.

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Lists/news/DispForm.aspx?ID=8600>

In rich countries there are plenty of vaccines, but we seem to be running out of people who want them. This is frustrating. The vaccines are a medical miracle — safe, more effective than we dared to hope and produced with unprecedented speed. They are the way out of this global crisis. No wonder vaccinated people often look at holdouts with contempt, pity or fury.

[https://www.ft.com/content/5d01a558-ff29-4866-9637-b801e516e2c1?accessToken=zwAAA XvzhvBAkc9dAaVY\\_ylIZtOWN7gB5RbiwQ.MEYCIQDb4mwW4HPMnGEgH4Ghn0O3\\_nQea p\\_0ZiKh5BF88DMSHQlhAMkvIvSivALprilj-ZxmKLMD1c2npDZme\\_xJRGI\\_rCku&sharetype= gift?token=dd661487-032d-46d9-b246-07be7a6964e4](https://www.ft.com/content/5d01a558-ff29-4866-9637-b801e516e2c1?accessToken=zwAAA XvzhvBAkc9dAaVY_ylIZtOWN7gB5RbiwQ.MEYCIQDb4mwW4HPMnGEgH4Ghn0O3_nQea p_0ZiKh5BF88DMSHQlhAMkvIvSivALprilj-ZxmKLMD1c2npDZme_xJRGI_rCku&sharetype= gift?token=dd661487-032d-46d9-b246-07be7a6964e4)

**Galleria Mall in Amanzimtoti, south of Durban, raised eyebrows when it recently put up a poster saying only people vaccinated against COVID-19 are allowed in their management offices. What could this mean for those who are still vaccine hesitant or anti-vaccine altogether, especially as we rapidly approach the festive season shopping period?**

<https://www.news24.com/witness/news/durban/durban-mall-wants-proof-of-jab-to-enter-admin-offices-20210915>

*Medical Brief | 15 September 2021*

Actuary Nick Hudson heads PANDA, the most high-profile group driving vaccine hesitancy in South Africa, writes Nathan Geffen, editor of GroundUp. It's been spreading misinformation using what superficially appear to be scientific arguments, but on close scrutiny, many of their claims are misleading and pseudoscientific. Geffen writes: Vaccine hesitancy is a big problem. The news has been filled in recent weeks with tragic stories of people who died of COVID-19 because they chose not to get vaccinated. Most people don't have the time to understand the complex details of how COVID vaccines work and how we know they are safe. Making the situation far worse is a deluge of misinformation confusing people, mainly

on WhatsApp, Facebook and Twitter. It's unsurprising that so many people are sitting on the fence about whether or not to get vaccinated.

<https://www.medicalbrief.co.za/pandas-misleading-and-pseudoscientific-claims-drive-vaccine-hesitancy/>

[https://health-e.org.za/2021/09/28/covid-19-myth-jab-causes-male-infertility-sexual-dysfunction/COVID-19 myth: Jab causes male infertility, sexual dysfunction](https://health-e.org.za/2021/09/28/covid-19-myth-jab-causes-male-infertility-sexual-dysfunction/COVID-19%20myth%3A%20Jab%20causes%20male%20infertility%2C%20sexual%20dysfunction)

COVID-19 myth: Jab causes male infertility, sexual dysfunction September 28, 2021 by Nompilo Gwala. With vaccine hesitancy being a major problem among people across the globe, health experts and officials have debunked the COVID-19 vaccine myth - that it affects male sexual function and fertility.

Statistics released by the Eastern Cape Department of Health show that vaccines have a significant effect on the number of people being hospitalised with COVID-19 in the province. There are no vaccinated patients in intensive care units being treated for complications related to the coronavirus.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-27-there-are-no-vaccinated-patients-in-intensive-care-units-in-eastern-cape-hospitals-but-men-still-reluctant-to-get-the-jab/>

**Potential hesitancy and dismay that might be sparked elderly persons resisting to get vaccinated?:**

<https://www.spotlightnsp.co.za/2021/09/27/covid-19-is-sa-vaccinating-enough-older-persons-to-protect-against-possible-fourth-wave/>

## 6. District – Ehlanzeni, KZN (Nolunthando Mazibuko)

### 1. SENTIMENT

In the most recent 7-day vaccination reporting period for the Ehlanzeni District Health Department, we can see that the age groups from 18 – 34 and 35 – 49 each have roughly 2% of their population vaccinated.

Although some people are coming to get vaccinated, we cannot say that vaccine acceptance has increased, because we have not yet experienced a spike in new vaccination numbers. The numbers are increasing, but very slowly. This is due to the reason that the message is not marketed enough on social media, outreach sites are not marketed enough and overall motivation and education is not enough. Door to door campaigns are necessary.

### 2. PARTICULAR MISINFORMATION, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS OR MYTHS IN YOUR DISTRICT

- People feel that the vaccination trial period was not long enough and that people and scientists don't know what
- People are concerned that they may have underlying conditions that may trigger drastic side effects
- Misinformation: Many people say they are afraid of dying due to the vaccine. People still have the misconception that taking the vaccine is now being the cause of many deaths, so they are not educated with enough information that actually explains to them that people may die after taking the vaccine, but such as in the Ehlanzeni District, there is none such cases.
- People are asking why they are not first tested for Chronic Diseases before being given the Jab to first see if it is safe for them to take it

3. CHALLENGES	Strategy to find solution to challenge	Relevant people / groups to involve / local, district, provincial or national
Wealthier People are inaccessible	Some approaches have to be created that make taking the vaccine somewhat compulsory, such as restricted access to some places / services	Private & public sector each have to create means to create some special inclusions to certain services or places of interest
Still a broad Lack of public knowledge of vaccination sites	Means have to be put in place to notify the public of vaccination sites at least on a weekly basis	The Provincial Department of health
The approach that the district takes on its outreach sites is not marketed well enough. There is no "hype" creation	More resources have to be invested into banners, possibly music equipment to attract different age groups and make them comfortable. More input must be taken from insight given by NGO Partners to the department as they know the community better	Provincial health department must allocate fair and equal budgets to different mobilization strategies

**4. SUCCESSES:** We distributed Vaccination pamphlets in the past 7 day period. This distribution meant that we were engaging the community. This has shown an element of success to it because many basic concerns were addressed & many then said they would now vaccinate.

## 5. ANYTHING ELSE

Investment into Online Marketing: People must be bombarded with the correct information on media they use everyday, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google etc. An "On the ground team" to engage with the community

## 7. District – Cape Metro, Western Cape (Lungiswa Mamile)

**1. SENTIMENT** *(Is vaccine acceptance increasing or decreasing in your area? Do you know why? Are there different sentiments in different groups – men / women / children; age; urban / rural; using internet or not?)*

- a. *The vaccine acceptance is increasing the only thing we need to do is to engage the public. We had a meeting with the stakeholders involve we decided to train the young people from the NGO's for them to do presentations for the group of 18 -34 to know more about the correct information about the vaccine.*

## 2. PARTICULAR MISINFORMATION, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS OR MYTHS IN YOUR DISTRICT

- b. Does the vaccine decreases a person sex libido.  
c. Are we going to die after 2years.

3. CHALLENGES	Strategy to find solution to challenge	Relevant people / groups to involve / local, district, provincial or national
A. Nurses who are rude to the people	Reported the matter they promised to better	Head of the dept.

## 4. SUCCESSES

For the week we planned to have 3 sites opened from DoH and 1 site from Jhpiego all were opened we mobile's using the loud hailing people came out in numbers.

**NGO's working with youth have agreed to assist they only need us to train them on how and what to inform the public.**

**5. ANYTHING ELSE** *(Anything else you would like to recommend or resources to request  
We are preparing for the weekend we have sites opened for the Vooma weekend.*



## 8. District - DR Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti (Tebogo Olifant)

### 1. SENTIMENT

There is a sturdy increase of people getting vaccinated in Locations around Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti.

- More men are coming to vaccinate.
- The Vaccine out rich team target schools.

### 2. PARTICULAR MISINFORMATION, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS OR MYTHS IN YOUR DISTRICT

- The misinformation still around is that, Vaccine cause infertility
- The side effects of vaccine are deadly
- People are forced take vaccine
- Just a way of controlling people
- No trust

3. CHALLENGES	Strategy to find solution to challenge	Relevant people / groups to involve / local, district, provincial or national
A. Less resources to communicate properly : e.g.: Loud speaker or PA Systems	Join hand with departments / Business	Business and Department of Communications
B. Vaccine sites not easily reachable	Request to include me in their planning and be flexible to accommodate other stakeholders	Imologa Community Projects (Vaccine Communicator) & Dept of Health (Sub-district and District)
C. No transport arranged for people to go to vaccine sites	Arrange with the department for a transport	Depart of Health & Taxi Association
D. Less involvement of CSF	Invite the CSF organization to get involved	District Communicators

### 4. SUCCESSES

- More people are ready to take their Jab after I cleared the myth
- Imologa Community Projects as an NPO and other organization become the centers doing vaccine registrations and redirections
- Schools are actively involved by identifying learners who are 18 years and above to vaccinate
- Out rich going to most remote places to rich people

**5. ANYTHING ELSE** *(Anything else you would like to recommend or resources to request)*

- Transport in North West is still a major problem for people to reach vaccination sites. Previously in our reports I've noticed that all other province has transport allocation except the North West. Kindly resolve that urgently.
- All other province has got the Provincial Coordinator except the North West. It is very difficult to reach the provincial department when we don't have the Provincial Vaccine Coordinator.

**9. District – Bojanala (Katlego Sito)**

**1. SENTIMENT:** Vaccine acceptance in our district is declining compared to other districts. The reason is that our district is much rural and it is difficult for others to reach the vaccination sites. As most men are traditional, when we engage with them, they say they would appreciate and go for vaccination only if we could have male vaccinators at the sites or either more grown up women as they also complain about the bad attitude given to them by our young female nurses

**2. PARTICULAR MISINFORMATION, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS OR MYTHS IN OUR DISTRICT**

There are a lot of anti – vaccinators that still go around in our district telling and misinforming people that the vaccine is killing people and that the president said that vaccination is voluntary so why now does he change his statement saying that they won't get access to the malls or get their social grants or pension grants.

Challenges	Successes	Strategy on how to find solution	Relevant people
1. No correct allocation of outreach site. The pamphlets are too many to be distributed by one person	More people start to have knowledge and motivation to take the vaccine	Give continuous feedback and propositions to the provincial and national coordinators and managers	We need to have the buy-in of radio station managers and their presenters
2. The traditional men refuse to go take vaccine because they want to be vaccinated by other men rather than female nurses	We managed to negotiate with the radio station managers to suit our budget	Organize more transport and prepare more jabs for outreach sites	In our province we need a provincial facilitator who will be the link between us and the provincial leadership
3. Shortages of vaccines at outreach sites	I got voluntary help from my organisation's members to distribute the pamphlets at different municipalities	Motivate people enough to an extent that they can encourage others to go for vaccine in our absence	The officials from the department of health should come on board

4. High rates of airtime at radio stations	I have confirmed the slots with the radio managers to push for the vooma weekend	Tell people the importance of having the vaccine so that we reach herd immune and have a “lockdown free” festive	We need more volunteers to help me distribute pamphlets
4. <b>SUCCESS:</b> people respond well to us when we do personal engagements and when we take them to vaccination sites immediately after they agree to take the vaccine			
5. <b>ANYTHING ELSE:</b> We need branding so that when we are on the ground we attract more people and so that people see our seriousness. We also need organisations that can work with us to ease our burden as the district is broad			

10. District – Namaqua (H T Lottering)			
1. SENTIMENT (is vaccine acceptance increasing in your area? Do you know why? Are there different sentiments in different groups – men /women / children; age; urban / rural; using internet or not?) The growing numbers are proving that vaccine acceptance is definitely increasing in the Namaqua District.			
2. PARTICULAR MISINFORMATION, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, OR MYTHS IN YOUR DISTRICT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rumours that the vaccine is killing people are still doing the rounds, but is definitely losing steam as WHO reports are proving the contrary.</li> <li>• People who took the vaccine will die in two years’ time.</li> <li>• That the Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine is more effective than the Pfizer one.</li> <li>• The vaccine is from the devil and the mark of the beast (666).</li> <li>• The vaccine causes erectile disfunction and infertility.</li> <li>• Covid-19 can be cured with herbs and other natural remedies.</li> </ul>			
3. Challenges	Successes	Strategy on how to find solution	Relevant people
A. Continued stranglehold of religious leaders and leaders of the Rastafarians on their followers.	Limited success due to the continued stranglehold of religious leaders.	An urgent meeting/summit with mainstream and Pentecostal churches and Rastafarians in the Namaqua District where all myths and misperceptions about the vaccine can be ironed out.	Reverends, pastors, priests and other clergy and leaders.

B. Continued apathy of the youth and their preference of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.	Limited success due to the continued misinformation, disinformation and their preference of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.	Campaigns on tv, radio stations and social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp to get the correct message across.	Managements of sports clubs, youth pastors and leaders, night club and tavern owners.
C. Lack of funds and equipment.	None.	Meeting/Summit with business chambers and non-affiliated businesses.	All business owners.

## 11. District - Harry Gwala District, KZN (Mongezi Mayizole)

### 1. Social Listening

#### 1.1 Identify District issues and problems

Political Organisations are using the Vaccination program to reach out to the communities and they are confusing the communities as they criticize the government for not doing enough to reach out to them

### 2. Understand and Plan

2.1 What is crucial in the Local, District/Province /National The Vaccination Outreach Teams don't have equipment like gazebos and chairs and the clear branding, so the communities can not clearly identify them or it is hard to the teams to work when it is hot or raining

2.2 Who should do what : The Department to provide enough equipment and transport for the outreach teams

### 3. Engage

3.1 Make it happen: As the District Communicator together with the District Outreach Teams, will reach out to those communities. Will encourage the youth to be organized and we offer them workshops so that they can be able to share the information in their areas.

3.2 To have meetings with the Faith Based Organisation Leaders and try