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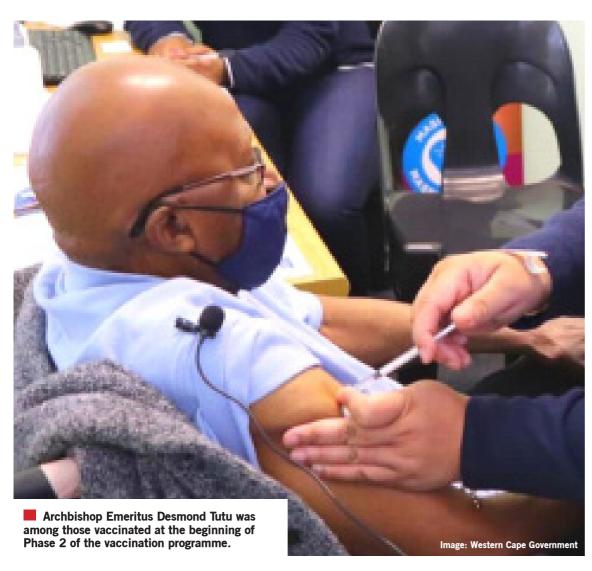




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# Elderly prioritised in vaccination drive



hase 2 of the country's Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) vaccination programme is

underway, with citizens over the age of 60 receiving their vaccines from 17 May.

Eighty-seven vaccination sites

across the country opened their doors to the elderly at the start of Phase 2.

Health Minister Dr Zweli

Mkhize said the number of vaccination sites will increase as Phase 2 progresses.

He explained that government's strategy to immunise citizens who are aged 60 and above, as part of the second phase, is due to the elderly being one of the most vulnerable groups who could become ill or die as a result of COVID-19.

Religious leaders were among those who received their vaccines at the start of Phase 2.

Reverend Frank Chikane, the Senior Vice President of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), was vaccinated at the Esangweni Community Health Centre in Tembisa.

"We came here because we wanted to show the way... As leaders we wanted to show that vaccines don't kill, they help you," he said.

Chikane added that South Africans are no strangers to vaccines and that most people were vaccinated against various diseases as children.

"We all grew up with vaccines... When you went to school, you went with a card

that showed which vaccines you took... and all of us are what we are because of vaccines. There's no reason for people to fear vaccines. They are meant to help you."

### **Protection for the** vulnerable

Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana, the General Secretary of the SACC, encouraged South Africans to "embrace the gift of God in science".

He added that vaccines are important if the country is to achieve population immunity, which will also protect the most vulnerable in society.

Government aims to inoculate five million senior citizens by the end of June, provided there is enough supply of vaccines.

South Africa's vaccination programme currently uses the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine and Pfizer vaccine, but citizens cannot choose which vaccine they will receive at this

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## llizwe le-Israel nele-Palestine Akhonjelwe bona alingise iSewula Afrika Ngokuncengelela Ukuthula

I lemuko lethu lokutjhugulukela kuntando lyenengi kusibonelo ngamandla wokuzwelana, ukukhulumisana nokuvumelana.

Ubujamo obumbi oburagela phambili elizweni le-Israeli nele-Palestine busiqiniseko esinye godu salokho thina maSewula Afrika esikwazi kuhle, kobana irararo elingapheliko lingasonjululwa ngemikhulumiswano enokuthula.

Lokhu kutjengisa bona ngaphandle kobana kurarululwe imirabhu yerarano, okwaba kuthathwa ngokungasimthetho kwenarha yabantu be-Palestine yi-Israeli nokudinywa kwabantu be-Palestine ilungelo lokuzibusa, angeze ukuthula kwavuka kube khona.

Umguruguru wamva nje, udalwe siqunto sekhotho ye-Israeli, sokobana kuqothwe imindeni eyakhe endaweni yange-Sheik Jarrah esepumalanga yeJerusalema ukwenzela bona kuzokuvuleka indawo yokobana kuhlale abantu bekwa-Israeli.

Ukubona amadoda, abafazi kanye nabentwana baqothwa emakhaya esele bahlezi iminyaka ngeminyaka kiwo nemindenabo, kubuyisa imikhumbulo emimbi ebahlalini abanengi beSewula Afrika abasuswa ngekani eendaweni egade bahlala kizo.

Kwakubuhlungu nehlazo egade liqalene nomndenami kunye neminye imindeni eminengi yabahlali beSewula Afrika. Umndenami wasuswa ngekani amahlandla amabili, usiwa eengcenyeni ezihlukahlukeneko zenarha.

Ukususwa ekhenu ukhonjwe ngesigidi buhlungu engeze balibaleka lula, begodu buhlungu obudlulela eenzukulwaneni ngenzuku-

Siyinarha sisaphila ngaphasi kweensalela zemithelela yezenzo zabantu ababenelunya, egade bazenza ngaphasi kwamano karhulumende webandlululo wokusatjalaliswa kwabantu ngokuhlaliswa nangokomnotho.

Kibo boke ebakholelwa ekulinganeni, ebulungisweni kanye nemalungelweni wabantu, ngizwa sisunduzwa godu sisilingwa buhlungu nokuhlazeka okwenziwa ebantwini benarheni ye-Palestine ngombana buzwakala kithi.

Izenzo ze-Israel zephula umthetho weenarha zephasi. Batjengisa ukubethela mthalazeni iinsombululo ezilethwe mKhandlu wezokuPhepha weHlangano yeenTjhabatjhaba

lapha bakhonjelwa khona bona balise ukuthatha inarha yePalestine ngekani begodu bazalise amalungelo wabantu bePalestine

Solokho amajoni wenarha ye-Israeli abetha abantu egade bathandaza e-Al Aqsa Mosque eJerusalema evekeni egadungileko, sele kunemiguruguru e-Gaza Strip neengcenyeni ezikulu ze-West Bank nemadorobheni amanengi wenarha ye-Israel begodu sele zidlule namaphilo amanengi wabantu ekubalwa nabentwana.

Kuyadanisa ukobana amajoni we-Israeli atjhabalalise umakhiwo oziintezi ezimbili, lapha gade kusebenzela



khona iinhlangano zababiki beendaba, lokho bebakwenzela ukuthumela umlayezo othusako ebabikini beendaba ebebabika ngemiguruguru

Ukuragela phambili ngokunganamkhumbulo kwenarha ye-Israeli ukuthuthumbisa indawo ye-Gaza, kuzokuletha imiphumela emimbi ebantwini abadlula iingidi ezimbili esele batlhagiswe kukhandelwa ngokomthetho yinarha ye-Israel.

Sikhombela woke amahlangothi abandakanyekako kobana atjengise ukuzibamba, ukuhlonipha amaphilo wabantu kunye nokobana alise

SiyiSewula Afrika sizimisele ekubeni yingcenye yemizamo yeenarha zephasi, ezinqophe ukuvuselela amagadango wezepolotiki, azokurholela ekusunguleni inarha yePalestine ezokukghona ukusebenzisana ngepumelelo nenarha ye-Israeli, ngaphakathi kwemikhawulo eyamukelekako ngokweenarha zephasi.

Isisombululo sokwakhisana kweenarha ezimbilezi ngiso esizokuletha ubujamo obufaneleko ebantwini bakwa-Israel nebe-Palestine begodu kufanele kuragelwe phambili ngokobana sisekelwe.

Lokha amajoni we-Israeli asahlela abantu egade basekeregeni e-Al Aqsa Mosque, thina lapha eSewula Afrika gade silungiselela isikhumbuzo seminyaka elikhulu kwabulawa abantu endaweni yokulotjha uZimu i-Bulhoek eNtabelanga esifundeni sePumalanga Kapa.

Lokha amalanga ama-24 kuMrhayili ngomnyaka we-1921, amajoni wamakoloniyali akhabe ahlome ngengidi adumuza abantu egade balotjha uZimu, abulala abantu abali-124, alimaza pheze abali-130.

Ukubulawa ngesihlungokhu kwabeka epepeneneni ingasi kwaphela isihlungu samapholisa we-Union of South Africa kodwana nokusekelwa kwawo ngurhulumende walokha webandlululo.

Ngokufanako nombango wendawo ye-Sheik Jarrah, isihlungu se-Bulhoek bekungabangelwa kungezwani egade kwenzeka khona kwaphela kodwana kwakwenziwa kuthathelwa kwabantu inarha ngekani ithathwa babantu bobukoloniyali, ukubandlululwa ngokombala, ukugandelelwa ngokungaboni ngalihlo linye.

Lokha nasitjheja imiraro ese-Middle East khulukhulu umtlhago wabantu bePalestine, kungaba kuhle bona sikhumbule amezwi ka-Selby Msimang, ongomunye wabatlami behlangano ye-African National Congress. Ngemva kokubulawa kwabantu be-Bullhoek lapha atlola khona wathi "umlando sele usitjengise bona ummoya womuntu ngokwemvelo ulwisana nokutlhayela kobulungiswa".

Ukutjhagala kanye nokuvukelwa kombuso karhulumende okwenziwa babantu abagandelelekileko benarha yeSewula Afrika ngebanga lobukoloniyali kanye nokugandelelwa ngokombala kube bufakazi besiphorofidwesi.

Njengabathandi betjhaphuluko kanye nobulungiswa, sijama nabantu be-Palestine ekufuneni ukuzibusa, kunye nekutjhagaleni kwabo ukuqeda ukugandelelwa kwamalungelo wabo wobuntu, nokwehliswa kwabo isithunzi.

Njengezakhamuzi zenarha eyakghona ukutjhugulula ihloyo kunye nokuphalaka kweengazi, yakha umphakathi otjheje amalungelo wabantu boke, sisoke sithemba bona abantu benarha ye-Israel kanye neye-Palestine, bazokulandela indlela efanako, bona bazakutholana, begodu bathole nokuthula. •

## Vikelani Abantwana Ekutlhorisweni Nge-inthanethi

ABOSOLWAZI BE-CSIR basebenzisa itheknoloji ukulinga ukuqeda ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi.

#### Kgaogelo Letsebe

lunya kanye nomthelela olimazako wokutlhoriswa kwabentwana nge-inthanethi sele kuvele epepeneneni mvanje.

Esehlakalweni samva nje sokutlhoriswa komfundi weGreyidi ye-10 nge-inthanethi, u-Lufuno Mavhunga ,wesikolo esibizwa bona yi-Mbilwi Secondary School esifundeni sangeLimpopo, uzibulele ngemva kobana abethwe ngomunye umfundi. U-Mavhunga wasela ngokweqisa isilinganiso samapilisi ngemva kobana ividiyo yalokha umfundi egade afunda naye ambetha isatjalaliswa eenkundleni zokuthintana.

Abosolwazi bezokutlhoriswa nge-inthenethi bomKhandlu wezokuRhubhulula ngeSayensi namaBubulo (i-CSIR) bathi ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi kulimaza ngokuthuweleleko ebantwaneni begodu kungarholela ekutheni abentwana bagandeleleke ngokomkhumbulo, ukutlhuwa, ukukwata, kanye nokwesaba.

"Kungarholela ekutheni

abentwana bangabi nokuzithemba, ubugebengu, inturhu eenkolweni imiraro emindenini kanye nemikhumbulo yokuzibulala", kuhlathulula umrhubhululi omkhulu we-CSIR uSipho Ngobeni.

Ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi kwenzeka lokha umuntu asebenzisa iinkundla zokuthintana ukutshwenya ngabomu, athusele, ahlazise, athelise, ahlambalaze, ukunanabela, ukuthela ngeenhloni nokutshima omunye umuntu.

UNgobeni uthi irhubhululo litjengisa bona ama- 41% wabentwana baba nokwesaba ngemva kokutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi, abama-37% baba nokugandeleleka ngokomkhumbulo, abama- 26% babe nomkhumbulo wokuzibulala, kuthi ama- 25% wabo bazilimaze.

"Irhubhululweli litjengisa bona ukutlhoriswa ngeinthanethi kumraro omkhulu...ungezelele wathi kuqakathekile bona woke umuntu ekubalwa hlangana, ilutjha, ababelethi, abotitjhere, izazi zomthetho kanye neenkampani zeenkundla zokuthintana - kuqakathekile ukuqeda umraro lo".

Kanengi ukutlhorisa ngeinthanethi okuma-42%,kwenzeka ku-*Instagram*, ama-31% ku-*Facebook*, ama-31% ku-*Snapchat*, ama-12% ku-*WhatsApp*, ama-10% ku-*YouTube* kanti ali-9% enzeka ku-*Twitter*.

Usolwazi we-CSIR uRofhiwa Netshiya uthi kunesidingo sokobana umphakathi ufundiswe ngazo zoke iindlela zokutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi.

Ubuyelele wathi, "sitlhoga ukufundisa abentwana kobana ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi kungaba nemithelela emimbi khulu".

Ukulwa nomraro wokutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi, isiqhema se-CSIR sitlama ikundla yezokuthintana ezokuthola msinyana ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi eenkundleni zo-kuthintana.

U-Netshiya uthe"Ikundla le, izokukghona ukuzibonela ukutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi eenkundleni zokuthintana, ibese ikhandela abantu abaragela phambili nokuthumela amezwi wehloyo eenkundlenezi. Abantu abenza izenzwesi

bazokukhuzwa kathathu ukobana balise izenzo zabezi, nange baragela phambili, bazokukhandelwa".

Uyelelise ababelethi kobana bafake ama-software wokugada i-inthanethi kibofunjathwako babentwababo ukuze bahlole bona benzani ngabo.

"Kunemikhiqizo engabiziko ekghona ukugada bona abentwana benzani kuinthanethi begodu ikghona bona ukuthumele imiphumela yezinto abazenzako ngerhorhomejeni ngeposommoya, kanengi ngendlela othanda ngayo. Imikhiqizo le iqakatheke khulu ekutholeni imitlhala yeenkundla zokuthintana ezivakatjhelwe mtwanakho, izinto azitapileko, amacoco nemikhulumiswano yevidiyo"

I-CSIR inikeze ababelethi abasola kobana abentwababo babongazimbi bokutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi iiyeleliso ezilandelako:

- Qiniseka bona umntwanakho uzizwa aphephile, begodu tjengisa kobana uyamsekela.
- Sebenzisana nomntwana-

kho nifinyelele esiquntweni enizokuvumelana ngaso nobabili.

- Khulumisana ngendaba yokutlhoriswa komntwana nge-inthanethi nesikolo afunda kiso.
- Thinta ababelethi bomntwana otlhorisa umntwanakho uphenye ngendaba le, bewususe imitlolo engamukelekiko leyo.
- Bika emapholiseni lokha nakwenzakeleko kwaba nokuthusela ngokubethwa ukulinyazwa namkha ukufunwa imali, ukulandelelwa ngokwesidina, ukukhukhuthelwa, namkha ukudlelezelwa kwabentwana ngokomseme.
- Fundisa umntwanakho ngeendlela ezamukelekako zokuziphatha eenkundleni zokuthintana.
- Gandelela ifundiso yesimilo neendlela ekungizo zokuziphatha.

Nawufuna isizo ngokulwisana nokutlhoriswa nge-inthanethi, dosela bakwa-Childline enomborweni ethi: 080 005 5555 nofana i-Lifeline ku-011 728 1347.

## Basic education focuses on more job creation initiatives

#### **More Matshediso**

he Department of Basic Education says discussions are underway to review and repackage the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative (PYEI), with a proposed second phase to start later this year.

An announcement will be made by the department once the details have been finalised.

The PYEI, implemented as the Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI) across all provinces, came to an end recently.

The initial duration of the programme, which started in December 2020, was four months. This was extended by a month, until the end of



April 2021.

Through the initiative, the basic education sector created employment opportunities for more than 320 000 education and general education assistants who were placed in schools across the country. During the first phase of the

BEEI, more than 27 600 school governing body-funded posts at public schools and posts at government subsidised independent schools were saved thanks to the funding it provided.

"These posts came under threat due to schools experiencing financial distress, as a result of parents not being able to pay school fees due to the economic devastation caused by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)," the department says.

The BEEI used direct public investment to create employ-

ment opportunities and provide support to workers negatively impacted by COVID-19.

"The initiative was funded to the tune of R7 billion... Of this, R4.47 billion was targeted towards providing employment opportunities for the youth."

Over 868 000 applications were received from youth when the initiative started. Of the more than 320 000 successful candidates, 67% were education assistants and 33% were general school assistants

Education assistants helped with classroom preparation before lessons, supported teachers during lessons and managed learners after lessons.

General school assistants helped with learner screening and sanitising in the morning and during school hours. They also assisted with integrating information and communication technology in classrooms. •