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VAT - the poor to be buffered

GOVERNMENT IS ensuring that it protects the country's most vulnerable during these tough economic times.

he effect of an increase in VAT to ■ 15 percent from 14 percent is going to be buffered by South Africa's high level of social services. That's according to Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba who says the increase, which takes effect on 1 April, will also see South Africans enjoy greater relief from below inflation increases in personal income tax rebates and brackets, and steps government is taking towards free higher education.

From 1 April 2018 oldage disability grants will increase from R1 600 to R1 690 and to R1 700 in October. Child support grants will increase from R380 to R400 in April, and to R410 in October.

This is a 6.6 percent annual increase. Since October 2017's Medium-Term Budget an additional R2.6 billion has been added to social grants to enable these increases.

"As highlighted by the President in the State of the Nation Address, government will ensure that social grants will continue to be paid without disruption," said Minister Gigaba.

In its budget review, National Treasury said expenditure on social protection provides social security and a safety net for low-income South Africans.

It also improves social welfare service delivery to vulnerable individuals through policy and legis-



Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba is delivering his maiden 2018 Budget speech in the National Assembly.

lative reform, growing the improving access to Early number of social workers, Childhood Development and facilitating food and nutrition initiatives.

"Spending on social protection is set to rise from R193.4 billion in 2018/19 to R223.9 billion by 2020/21, growing by an average of 7.9 percent. The number of social grant beneficiaries is expected to reach 18.1 million by the end of 2020/21."

An estimated 12.8 million people will receive the child support grant and 3.7 million people will receive the old-age grant.

2018 Tax proposals

- An increase in value-added tax (VAT) from 14 to 15 percent, effective 1 April 2018.
- A below inflation increase in personal income tax rebates and brackets, with greater relief for those in

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South Africans jubilant after SoNA



Growing the economy

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Vhudinwalisi ha vhakhethi hu thoma nga Thafamuhwe **2018**

KHOMISHINI YA Khetho yo Diimisaho (IEC) i khou vhona uri vhathu vhanzhi vha Afrika Tshipembe vho dinwalisela u khetha kha khetho dza 2019.

Vho More Matshediso



■EC ya Afurika Tshipe-mbe yo divhadza mafhelo a Ivhege a vhuḍiṅwalisi ha vhakhethi ha khetho dza 2019 ha u thoma, ya humbela vhakhethi vho tendelwaho u mona na shango u dalela tshiţitshi tshavho tsha u khethela hu nga vha u khwinisa zwidodombedzwa zwavho kha mutevhe wa vhakhethi kana u dinwalisela u khetha.

Muofisiri Muhulwane wa Khomishini ya Khetho Vho Sy Mamabolo vho amba uri zwiţitshi zwothe zwa 22 612 zwi do vula mafheloni a vhege ya la 10 na 11 Thafamuhwe 2018, u bva nga 8 ya matsheloni u swika 5 nga mathabama, u itela u leludzela vhakhethi musi vha tshi khwinisa zwidodombedzwa zwavho zwa vhudinwalisi kana

u dinwalisa. Arali vho pfulutshela fhethu huswa u bva tshe vha guma u dinwalisela u khetha, vha tea u dinwalisa hafhu kha tshiţiriki tshiswa tsha u khethela.

Vhadzulapo vha Afurika Tshipembe vha minwaha ya 16 na u fhira nahone vha na khadi kana ļinwalo ļa vhuņe ļa tshiofisi vha nga dinwalisela u khetha. Arali vha saathu dinwalisa, a vha nga tendelwi u khetha nga

Vhakhethi vho dinwalisaho, vhane zwidodombedzwa zwa diresi zwavho zwa si vhe kha mutevhe wa vhakhethi, vha nga netshedza zwithu zwothe zwi no khou todea kha tshititshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho nga tshifhinga tsha u dinwalisa.

Vho Mamabolo vho amba uri: "ri khou ţoḍa vhakhethi vha tshi divhonadza vha shumise tshikhala itshi."

Vho dadzisa nga uri: "IEC u swika zwino a i athu vha na diresi dza vhakhethi vha henefha kha 2.8 milioni. Ri na dzińwe diresi dza 3.5 milioni dzine dza dzhiwa sa 'dzi songo khunyelelaho' kana dzo angaredzaho zwothe'. Khethekanyo heyi i toda u ţhaţhuvhiwa hafhu u khwathisedza arali hu na zwinwe zwidodombedzwa zwi re hone."

Khomishini yo wana diresi nga u shumisa vhurangeli ho fhambanaho, zwi tshi katela u sedzulusa hafhu dzirekhodo, dzifaela na dziakhaivi u ţola na u dzhia diresi dzo netshedzwaho nga vhakhethi kha minwaha ya 20 yo fhiraho; u kuvhanganya diresi nga tshifhinga tsha khetho dza masipala dza 2016; na u ita mushumo wa u shumela nnda phanda ha mafhelo a vhege dza u dinwalisa kha zwa khethokati.

Ho teaho, vhakhethi vho wanalaho vho dinwalisa kha zwiţiriki zwa vhukhethelo zwo khakheaho vho pfuluswa, sa zwe zwa netshedzwa nga Khethekanyo 12 (1)(d) ya Mulayo wa Khetho.

Vho amba uri: "ro tanganedza na u shumisa, ho teaho, datha dza diresi dzi bvaho kha zwinwe zwiko zwa muvhuso zwi ngaho sa Tshumelo ya Tshitatistiki ya Afrika Tshipembe, Zhendedzi la Tsireledzo ya Matshilisano Afrika Tshipembe, Telkom, Ofisi ya Poswo ya Afrika Tshipembe na Muhasho wa zwa Muno."

Kha vha dinwalise hu saathu swika Thafamuhwe 2018

Nga Tshimedzi 2017 Khomishini ya Khetho yo rwela tari webusaithi ya (www.elections. org.za) ya vhakhethi vho dinwalisaho vhane vha swikela inthanethe u sedzulusa na/kana u netshedza diresi dzavho.

Vhakhethi vha nga founela Senthara ya Vhukwamani kha (0800 11 8000), u bva nga Musumbuluwo u swika Lavhutanu nga tshifhinga tsha awara dza ofisi, u thuswa malugana na fhethu ha tshititshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho na mbudziso dzińwe na

Vhakhethi vho qinwalisaho vha nga rumela (SMS) nomboro dza vhune kha 32810 u itela u ţanganedza SMS i re na diresi ya tshiţitshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho (SMS i dura (R1).

Vha da na mini

Musi vha tshi dalela tshititshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho vha da na linwalo la vhune, khadi ya vhune ya smart kana thanziela ya linwalo la vhune ya tshifhinganyana.

Vha do thuswa u dadza fomo ya u dinwalisa ine ya dodombedza diresi yavho ya vhudzulo. Hezwi zwi do konisa khomishini u vha vhea kha tshiţiriki tsha vhukhethelo tsho teaho. Thanziela ya vhudzulo A I todei. Vho Mamabolo vho ita khuwelelo kha muthu nga muthu, mahoro a zwa poloiki, madzangano a vhadzulapo, madzangano a si a muvhuso, vhagwalabi, nyandadzamafhungo, vharangaphanda vha zwa sialala na madzangano o sedzaho kha zwa lutendo u vhona u bvelaphanda ha mafhelo a vhege a u dińwalisa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Isuzu Motors invest in SA

The South African economy has received a major boost with the Isuzu Motors purchase of the Struandale plant in Port Elizabeth.

Department of Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies said the investment will save jobs.

"We know that this investment will mean that 1 000 jobs in the facility will be saved and there are 3 000 jobs in the direct supply chain and many thousands more in the supply companies. Jobs will continue to be guaranteed in the future."

CSIR brings technology to improve

Low-cost technologies to improve the quality of water and service delivery in municipalities were displayed at the 12th National Municipal Managers Forum which took place in Mpumalanga in F

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the lower income tax brackets.

- A 52 cent per litre increase in the levies on fuel, made up of 22 cents per litre for the general fuel levy and 30 cents in the Road Accident Fund levy.
- Increases in alcohol and tobacco excise duties of between 6 and 10 percent.

A move towards fee-free education

Minister Gigaba said government will spend about R57 billion on fee-free higher education over the next three years.

"The largest reallocation of resources towards government's priorities was on higher education and training, amounting to additional funding of R57 billion over the medium term. As a result, this is the fastest-growing spending category, with an annual average growth of 13.7 percent," he said.

Government will phase in fee-free higher education and training to students from poor and working-class families.

This means that all new firstyear students, with a family income below R350 000 per annum, at universities and technical vocational education and training colleges in 2018 will be funded for the full cost of their studies.

Returning National Student Financial Aid Scheme students at universities will also have their loans, for 2018 and going forward, converted to bursaries. **V**

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Treasury has launched Vulekamali, an online budget data portal that will make budget information more accessible and userfriendly. Visit: www. vulekamali.gov.za for more information.

water safety, delivery

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) displayed these technologies at the forum. ■



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Tshidzani tshugulu dzashu

VHUDIDINI HA Afrika Tshipembe ho vhuisa tshiimo tsha tshugulu u bva kha tshiimo tsha u fheliswa nga vho 1960, naho zwo ralo lushaka ulu lwo didzula lu kha tshiimo tshi shushaho ngauri tshivhalo tshalwo tshi kha 20 000 fhedzi.



Vho More Matshediso

inista wa Zwa Mupo, Vho Edna Molewa, vho bvisa muvhigo wa mvelaphanda wa 2018 wa u thoma wa maitele a ndaulo yo tanganywaho ya muvhuso ya u fhelisa u tswiwa ha tshugulu.

Muvhigo uyo, une wa katelavho na kotara ya u fhedzisa ya 2017, u sumbedza mvelaphanda kha tshivhalo tsha u farwa, thodisiso na u vhonwa mulandu ha vhatswi na vharengisi vha siho mulayoni vha tshugulu na u fhungudzea zwituku kha tshivhalo

tsha tshigulu dzi no khou tswiwa u mona na shango nga 2017 (1028), zwi tshi vhambedzwa na zwa 2016 (1054).

Nga 2017 ho vha na u dzhia nga khani mananga a tshugulu a malo ngei Vhukavhamabupo a Dzitshaka ha OR Tambo, ha farwa vhatswi vha tshugulu vha humbulelwaho vha 502 na vharengisi vha siho mulayoni vha humbulelwaho vha 16, zwa swikisa tshivhalo kha 518, u fhungudzea hazwo u bva kha 680 nga 2016.

Minista Vho Molewa vho ri: "zwi vhaisaho, vhaofisiri vha 21 vha bvaho kha vhashumi vhashu vho farelwa zwiito zwi

elanaho na vhutswaphukha nga 2017."

U fhelisa vhutswaphukha

Muvhuso na vhashumisani nawo wo vhea maga o fhambanaho a u fhelisa u tswiwa ha tshugulu, zwi tshi katela mbekanyamushumo dza u ţola kha vhugalaphukha ha lushaka na u shumisa thekhinolodzhi ya maitele a u shandukisa zwithu.

Vhukati ha Phando na Nyendavhusiku nga 2017, tshugulu dza 504 dzo tswiwa ngei Vhugalaphukha ha Lushaka ha Kruger (KNP), zwine zwa vha fhasi nga phesenthe dza 24 kha dza 662 nga 2016.

Minisiţa vho khwaţhisedza uri "nga kha maano ashu a lwisanaho na vhutswaphukha kha KNP ri khou vhona u fhungudzea kha tshivhalo tsha zwiito zwa vhatswaphukha vhugalaphukha, nga kha zwo rekhodiwaho zwa 2662 nga 2017 hu tshi vhambedzwa na 2883 ya 2016. Hezwi zwi sumbedza u fhungudzea ha phesenthedzhi ya phesenthe dza 7.6.

Zwo ralo, tshivhalo tsha tshugulu dzo tswiwaho ngei KwaZulu-Natal, Kapa Devhula, Mpumalanga, Free State na Devhula Vhukovhela tsho aluwa.

Mveledzo kha ikonomi

Vhutswaphukha ha tshugulu na u endedza zwi siho mulayoni zwipuka zwa daka zwi kwama lu si lwavhudi mveledziso ya ikonomi ya shango na vhusika mishumo, zwi tshi katela mveledziso ya ikonomi ya bayodaivesithi ya shango ine ya tanganya sekithara ya vhuendelamashango.

Kha tshitatamennde Muhasho wa Zwa Mupo wo amba uri: "U xelelwa nga tshithihi tsha tshipuka tsha daka tsho khetheaho tsha Afurika Tshipembe tshi ngaho tshugulu, ine ya vha inwe ya 'Ţhanu Khulwane' zwi vha na u kwama lu si lwavhudi kha tshivhalo tsha vhaendelamashango vha dalelaho Afrika Tshipembe. Vhaendelamashango vhanzhi vha dalela Afrika Tshipembe vha tshi da u vhona Thanu Khulwane, dzine dza vha tshugulu, ndau, nari, nngwe na ndou."

Vhutswaphukha ha tshugulu zwi divhiwa sa khombo ya tsireledzo kha shango, zwine zwa nga kwama tshivhalo tsha vhaendelamashango vha dalelaho shango, muvhuso wo zwi khwathisa sa vhutshinyi ha ndemesa kha lushaka.

Zwiito zwi si ho mulayoni zwi badekanywaho na vhutswaphukha ha tshugulu na u endedzwa zwi si ho mulayoni mananga a tshugulu zwi vhuedza tshigwada tsha vhutshinyi tshituku tsha vhaledzani.

Muhasho wo khwathisa uri: "hovhu vhutshinyi ho tumanaho vhu shumisa u konda ha lushaka holu lwa vhutshinyi. Musi zwigwada tsha vhutshinyi tshi tshi vhuelwa nga mbuelo, vhukoni ha muvhuso ha u vhona mveledziso ya ikonomi ya matshilisano vhu a kondiselwa ngauri zwiito na zwigwada zwa vhutshinyi zwo tou dzudzanywaho zwi vha zwo toka midzi tshothe kha vhadzulapo u mona na shango". **U**



A new Randfontein for residents

JOB OPPORTUNITIES in the pipeline for Randfontein residents.

Local Municipality is changing the face of Randfontein through the Mantrose Mega City Project, which will see thousands of houses being built for locals and will bring various job oppor-tunities to community members.

The recently launched R11 billion project includes the building of a mall, clinic, railway line and other amenities in Middelvlei, which will ensure job creation and boost investor confidence in the area.

Rand West City Local Munic-

he Rand West City ipality spokesperson Tshidiso Tharipe said the project will change the face of Randfon-

> "We are truly excited about this project and we know that it is going to bring about positive change for our people.

> "Not only are we going to build 15 000 houses, we will also provide thousands of job opportunities for our locals and that's ultimately what we want. We want to absorb them in projects in their own town and we believe that this will uplift them as individuals," he said.



The houses will consist of RDP and low-cost units. "We have many business owners who will sub-contract in the development of this project, and locals who will do general work, such as brick laying, plastering and painting," said Tlharipe.

This will go a long way towards accommodating the less fortunate and those who earn

between R3 000 and R15 000

The owner and chairperson of Finsbury Middelvlei Consortium, Matshidiso Ngakane, said the project will give them an opportunity to be part of something big in their own communities.

"This is the first project of its kind in Randfontein and we are thrilled as residents. The project will pro-vide much-needed job opportunities for locals for at least seven years and will see business owners able to sustain themselves as well," said Nga-