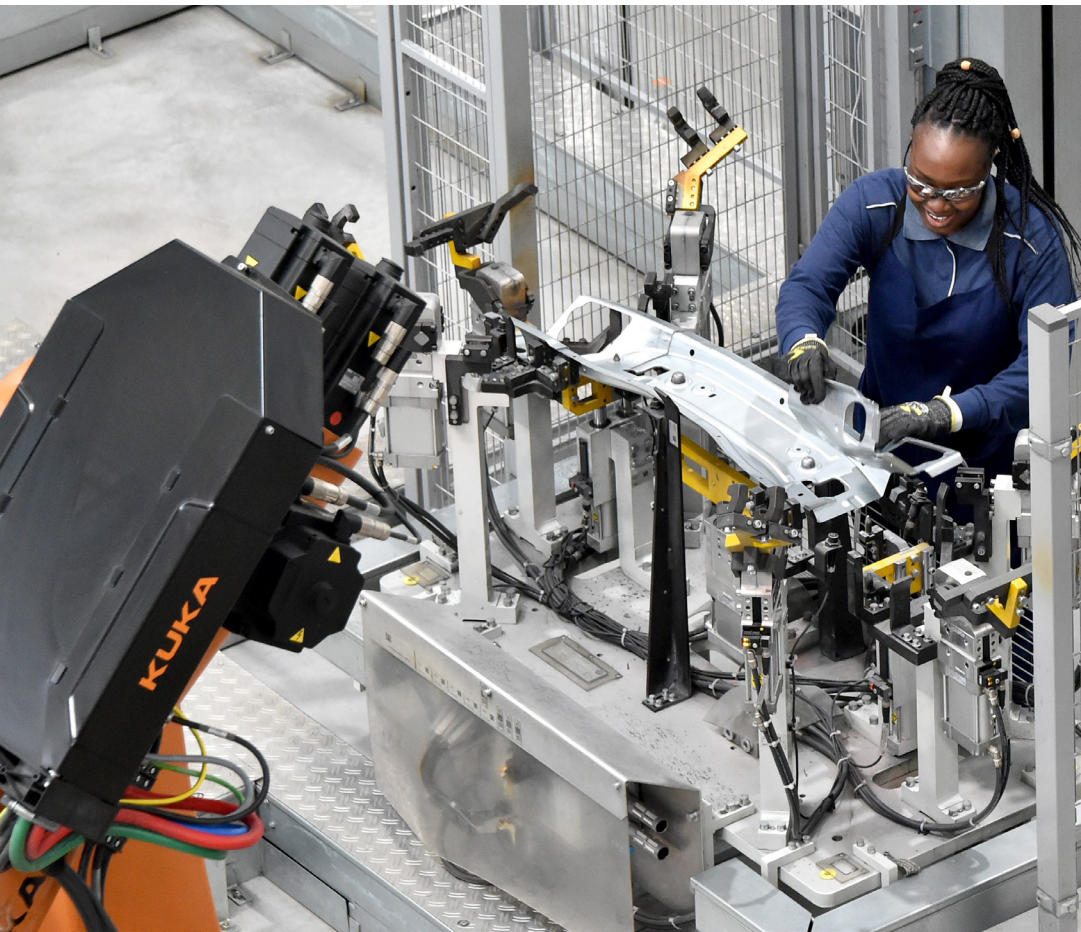


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Citizens to benefit from 2022 Budget



The 2022 National Budget brought good news to South Africans as government has reiterated its commitment to making the lives of citizens better.

This will be done by supporting vulnerable and low-income households; improving education, health and capital investment; addressing service delivery challenges; providing tax relief; and continuing the fight against crime and corruption.

Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana said government needs to strike a critical balance between saving lives and livelihoods, while supporting inclusive growth. "This budget presents this balance," he said.

Over the next three years, R3.33 trillion has been allocated to the social wage, to support vulnerable and low-income households; and, over the medium-term, R76 billion has been allocated for job creation programmes.

"This year, an additional R18.4 billion has been made available for the Presidential Employment Initiative," the Minister added.

Social grant increases

The Department of Social Development will receive R58.6 billion over the medium-term

to initiate a new extended child support grant for double orphans; provide for inflation increases to permanent social grants; and extend the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) Grant.

The increases are as follows:

- Old age, war veterans, disability and care dependency grants increase by R90 in April 2022, and a further R10 in October 2022;
- Foster care and child support grants increase by a once-off R20 in April 2022.

In addition, R44 billion has been allocated for the 12-month extension of the R350 SRD Grant.

Uplifting citizens

In 2017, government announced a policy for fee-free higher education. An additional R32.6 billion has been allocated for financial support to current bursary holders and first-year students under the National Student Financial Aid Scheme.

In addition, R24.6 billion has been allocated to provincial education departments to address shortfalls in teacher compensation.

Provincial health departments will receive an additional

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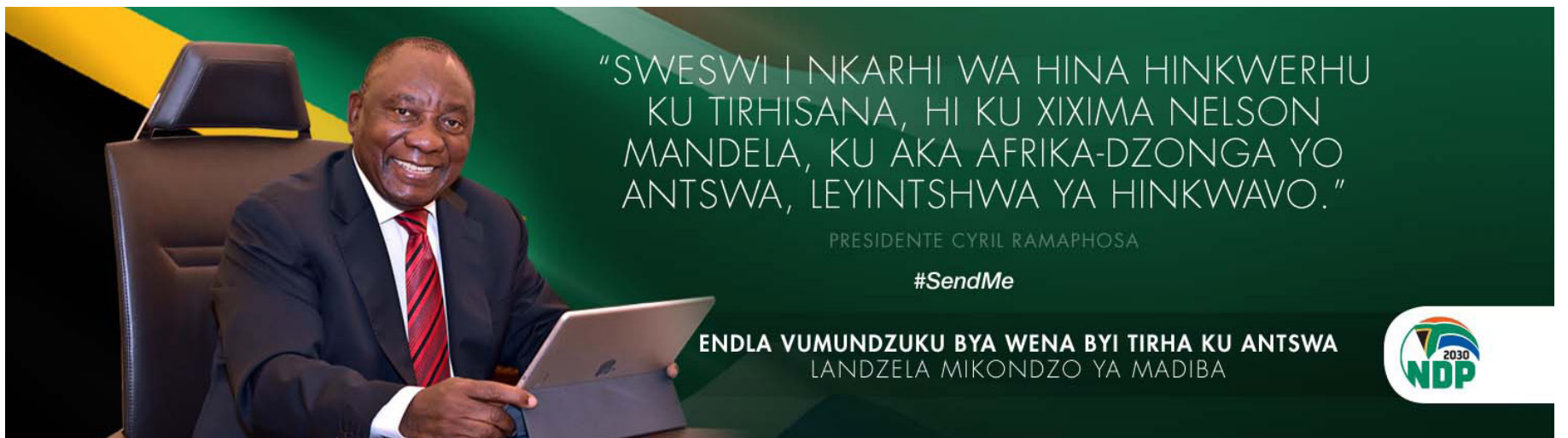
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Mpimanyeto wa ku kula na mitirho

Sweswinyana, Holobye wa Timali Enoch Godongwana u andlale Mpimanyeto lowu wu seketelaka na ku tiyisa nongonoko wa matirhelo lowu ndzi wu tiviseke eka Mbulavulo wa Phu-residente wa Xiyimo xa Rixaka (SONA) ku kurisa ikhonomi na ku tumbuluxa mitirho.

Mpimanyeto lowu wu nyika vuxokoxoko hi mayelana na hilaha mfumo wu kunguhataka hakona ku endla mali na laha wu faneleke ku ya tirhisa kona mali yaleyo ku antswisa vutomi bya MaAfrika-Dzonga.

MaAfrika-Dzonga matsongo ya lava ku tsundzuxiwa hilaha ntungukulu wa COVID-19 wu nga onhetela hakona eka ikhonomi ya hina.

Handle ka mpako wa nseketelo wa ikhonomi na vanhu wo tivikana lowu hi nga wu tivisa hi 2020, mabindzu ya wile naswona vanhu vo tala vo ringana timiliyoni timbirhi va lahlekeriwile hi mitirho ya vona. Miti yo tala yi papalatile ndlala ntsena hikwalaho ka ku tlakusiwa ka mali ya nhlayiso.

Tanihiloko ntungukulu lowu wu vavisile ikhonomi, leswi swi nyanyisile ku yisa emahlweni xiyimo xa timali xa tiko.

Xin'wana xa swintirhwana swa nkoka swa mafambiselo xi vuyelerisile evutshan'wini rihanyo ra

timali ta hina ta mfumo ku endlela leswaku mfumo wu kota ku tirha xiphemu xa wona kahle.

Ndlela yi ri yoxe yo huma eka xiyimo lexo vava i ku kurisa ikhonomi. Naswona ndlela leyi tirhaka swinene ku hunguta vusweti na ndlala hi ndlela leyi yisekaka emahlweni i ku tumbuluxa mitirho.

Hi xona xivangelo xa ku landzelerisiwa ka ku kula na mitirho xi nga mhakakulu eka nongonoko lowu katsakanyiweke eka SONA na Mpimanyeto.

Nongonoko lowu wu katsa mipfuxeto ya ikhonomi leyi nga ta pfuna swinene leyi yi kondletelaka vuvekisi na ku kula.

Mipfuxeto leyi yi ta tiyisisa leswaku tiko ra ka hina ri va na gezi ro xaveka ku ringanela ku fikelela xilaveko lexi kulaka, leswaku mihlaluko ya hina na swiporo swi ta tirha kahle, leswaku hi antswisa mfikelelo eka vuhlanganisi bya netiweke byo chipa, byo hatlisa, leswaku makaya na mabindzu ya va na mati lama ya ma lavaka, na leswaku hi nga koka swikili na vuvekisi lebyi hi byi lavaka ku tumbuluxa ikhonomi leyi nga na ntshovelo na ku cincacina ka ximanguvalawa.

Hi karhi lowu swipfuno swa mani na mani swi lawuriwaka, mipfuxeto leyi yi ta pfumelela vuvekisi lebyi nga riki bya mfumo lebyikulukumba eka switirhisiwa swa nkoka leswi

ikhonomi ya hina yi swi lavaka leswaku yi kula.

Leswi swi humelela hi ku fambisana na rimba leri pfuxetiweke ra swinakulobye swa mfumo-leswi nga riki swa mfumo na tindlela tintshwa ta vutumbuluxi to katsa swipfuno swa mfumo na leswi nga riki swa mfumo eka vuvekisi bya switirhisiwa.

Hi ta endla leswi hi ndlela leyi yi antswisaka matirhelo na xiyimo xa timali xa mabindzu lama nga ehansi ka vun'wini bya mfumo.

Leswi swi ta veka mabindzu eka xiyimo xo antswa swinene ku fikelela swilerisoximfumo swa wona swa nhluvukiso, loko hi le tlhelo ku ri karhi ku tiyisisiwa leswaku switirhisiwa wa rixaka swa nkoka swi tshama hi ndlela yo tiya swi ri emavokweni ya mfumo.

Ku seketela ntirho lowu, R17.5 wa tibiliyoni ti averiwile eka Mpimanyeto wa tiphurojeke ta switirhisiwa swo hatlisisa eka malembe manharhu lama taka. Leswi, exikarhi ka swin'wana, swi seketela ku antswisiwa ka magondzo, mabiloho, mati na mikululo, swifambo, swikolo, swibedhlele na titlilini.

Mpimanyeto lowu wu seketela matshalatshala lama ya tivisiweke eka SONA ku humesela vuswikoti bya mabindzu lamatsongo, lamatsongot-songo na ya nkamafundza.

Tanihi xikombiso, R15 wa tibiliyoni ti vekiwele

etlhelo eka xikimi xa loni ya garantiya lexi endliweke hi vuntshwa lexi xi nga ta olovisela mabindzu lamatsongo ku fikelela mpfuno wa timali ku kota 'ku ya vuyela evutshan'wini' kusuka eka switandzhaku swa ntungukulu lowu.

Ku tekela enhlokweni nkoka wa vukorhokeri bya masungulo eka havumbiri bya risima ra vutomi bya kahle na le ka vuvekisi na nghingiriko wa bindzu, Mpimanyeto lowu wu kurisile swinene avelo eka mphakelo wa vukorhokeri. Tanihi xikombiso, wu engetela R30.7 wa tibiliyoni ta engetelo eka miavelo ya mifumo ya le makaya eka vukorhokeri bya timasipala bya masungulo.

Hinkwawo ya magoza lama ya hlohotela ku kula na ndlandlamukiso wa tifeme na ku seketela ku tumbuluxiwa ka tifeme tintshwa ku tumbuluxa mitirho yintswa.

Hambiswiritano, matshalatshala lama ya ta teka nkarhi ku pfuna timiliyoni ta MaAfrika-Dzonga lama lavaka mitirho. Hikokwalaho hi engeterile Xihlohloteri xa Mitirho xa Phuresidente lexi xi tiseke swivandlanene swa mitirho na vutihanyisi eka kutlula 800 000 ya vanhu eka 16 wa tin'hwetit ta xona leto sungula.

R18.4 wa tibiliyoni ta engetelo ti averiwile eka malembe mambirhi lama taka ku endlela leswaku

xihlohloteri lexi xi ta kota ku ya emahlweni xi nyika malinghena ya nkoka, nhluvukiso wa swikili na ntokoto wa ntirho eka madzana ya magidi ya lava pfumalaka mitirho, ngo-pfungopfu vantshwa.

Mpimanyeto lowu wu tlhela wu seketela ku engeteriwa ka R350 ya Mali ya Nhlayiso ya Mphalalo wa Vanhu wa Ntshikelelo hi lembe rin'wana. Leswi swi ta nyika nseketelo wa masungulo wa kwalomu ka 10 ra timiliyoni ta vavuyeriwa lava nga tirhiki loko va ri karhi va lava mitirho.

Mali leya nhlayiso yi kurisile hi ndlela yo tivikana ritavala ra vuhlayiseki bya vanhu ra tiko, hi kwalomu ka 46% ta vanhu hinkwawo lava kumaka mali ya nhlayiso sweswi.

Hi ku komisa, lowu i Mpimanyeto lowu lavaka ku nga siyi munhu endzhaku.

Hambi ku ri na xiyimo xa hina xa xibalo xo tikisa, Mpimanyeto lowu wu kongomisa swipfuno eka tindhawu leti nga na vuswikoti lebyikulukumba swinene bya ku kula na mitirho, ngopfungopfu mipfuxeto lowu nga na xivumbeko, swimakiwakulu na ku seketela mabindzu lamatsongo.

Hi nkarhi wun'we, wu seketela vantshwa hikwalaho ka minongonoko ya mitirho ya mfumo na ya vaaki, na ku yisa nsirhelelo wa vaaki na lava nga sirhelelekangiki ngopfu.

Ndlela ya tiko ra ka hina ya nhlakarhelo i xiganga naswona yi ta tlhonthla kutlula mpimo. Kambe hi magoza lama hi ma lulamiseke eka SONA, na hi ntirhisano na ku tikatsa ka MaAfrika-Dzonga hinkwawo, hi ta humelela.

Ku cinca eka nongonoko wa nsawutiso wa *COVID-19*

Ndzawulo ya Riha-nyo yi tivisile ku cinca eka nongonoko wa nsawutiso tanihi xiphemu xa matshalatshala lama yaka emahlweni ku tlakusa ku tekiwa ka xisawutisi xa Vuvabyi bya Khoronavhayirasi (COVID-19) eAfrika-Dzonga.

Ku cinca, loku leteriweke hi vumbhoni bya sayense, ku katsa ku hungutiwa ka mpfhuka wa mipimamurhi leyo sungula na ya vumbirhi ya xisawutisi xa Pfizer kusuka ka 42 wa masiku kuya eka 21 wa masiku.

“Vanhu hinkwavo lava va nga sawutisiwa hi ku hetiseka hi xisawutisi xa Pfizer, leswi vulaka leswaku va kumile mipimamurhi hayimbirhi, sweswi va ta va va lulamerile ku kuma mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba 90 wa masiku (kumbe tin’hweti tinharhu) endzhaku ka mpimamurhi wa vumbirhi,” ku vula



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ndzawulo.

Eka nkarhi lowu nga hundza mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba a wu ta nyikiwa 180 wa masiku (kumbe tsevu wa tin’hweti) endzhaku ka mpimamurhi wa vumbirhi.

Lava nga ehenhla ka 18 wa malembe hi vukhale, lava va kumeke mpimamurhi wun’we wa xisawutisi

xa Johnson and Johnson (J&J), va lulamerile sweswi ku kuma mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba wa xisawutisi xo fana kumbe mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba wa xisawutisi xa Pfizer endzhaku ka mpfhuka wa tin’hweti timbirhi (60 wa masiku).

Lava nga ehenhla ka 18 wa malembe hi vukhale, lava

va kumeke mipimamurhi yimbirhi ya xisawutisi xa Pfizer, va lulamerile sweswi ku kuma mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba wa xisawutisi xo fana kumbe mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba wa xisawutisi xa J&J hi mpimohansi wa masiku ya 90 (tin’hweti tinharhu) endzhaku ka mpimamurhi wa vumbirhi.

“Leswi swi vitaniwa mipimamurhi yo nyika matimba ya heterologasi, leswi vulaka mipimamurhi yo nyika matimba ya xisawutisi xo hambana na lexi a xi nyikiwa tanihi mpimamurhi wa masungulo,” ku hlamusela ndzawulo.

Xiboho hi mayelana na le-

swaku hi xihhi xisawutisi lexi faneleke ku nyikiwa tanihi xinyikamatimba xi fanele ku leteriwa hi vukona bya swisawutisi, ku engetela ndzawulo.

“Loko swisawutisi havumbirhi swi kumeke endhawini ya nsawutiso, ku nyika matimba ka homologasi ku fanele ku tsakeriwa, handlekaloko musawutisiwa a kombela ku kuma mpimamurhi wo nyika matimba wa heterologasi kumbe wo hambana wo engetela, kumbe ku ri na matimu yo tokota switandzhaku swo biha endzhaku ka ntlhavelo.”

Ndzawulo yi khutaza MaAfrika-Dzonga ku sawutisiwa hikuva swisawutisi hi swona xitlhavana lexi tirhaka kahle swinene ehenhla ka ntungukulu lowu na ku nyika nsirhelelo ehenhla ka ntluletavuvabyi wa COVID-19. **U – SAnews.gov.za**

Switandzhaku swo biha hinkwaswo leswi taka endzhaku ka nsawutiso swi boheka ku mangariwa eka ndhawu ya nsawutiso ya le kusuhi kumbe eka Nomboro ya Xilamulelamhangu ya Mani na Mani ya COVID-19 ya 0800 029 999.

Making local government work

President Cyril Ramaphosa says councillors and local governments must address service delivery with urgency and to turn local government around.

The President made the remarks at the opening session of the sixth national conference of the South African Local Government Association recently.

The conference is one of the biggest gatherings of all three spheres of government, civil society, business and other stakeholders in the country – bringing together officials from some 257 municipalities across the country.

“Local government is where you can make the biggest difference in the lives of our people,” he said.

The President added that

local government is the most important enabler of economic growth and development.

“I have no doubt that each one of us understands the urgency of this moment. Let us turn adversity into opportunity. Let us turn local government around,” President Ramaphosa said.

He added that “commendable progress” has been made through the provision of water, sanitation and other basic services to communities, saying that improvement requires a concerted effort from each municipality and its leadership.

Municipal challenges

The President painted a picture of the challenges municipalities are facing while attempting to provide services to the

communities they serve.

According to the President:

- A government report shows that only 5% of the country’s municipalities are financially stable;
- Other municipalities are in financial distress, with insufficient revenue to meet their expenses;
- Some 64 municipalities are considered to be dysfunctional;
- At least 31 municipalities are currently under administration.

“This dysfunction is rooted in poor governance, weak institutional capacity, poor financial management, corruption and political instability. Many residents have lost faith in the ability of local government to meet their needs.”

He called on government leaders to correct failures and guide municipalities

towards sustainability, efficiency and clean governance.

District Development Model

President Ramaphosa reiterated government’s commitment to implementing the District Development Model (DDM), which is aimed at improving coordination between the three spheres of government and its social partners.

He said the DDM is helping to grow local economies, create jobs and deliver services better and faster.

“Through this model, we aim to energise our entire system of cooperative governance, and bring coherence to planning and implementation.”

The President explained

that as part of the DDM, the Department of Cooperative Governance is drawing profiles for each district and metro, which highlight the “challenges and opportunities” in those communities.

These profiles will provide the basis for the ‘One Plan’ of the metro or district, which is an inter-governmental plan.

“Through these One Plans, we are forging innovative partnerships with communities, businesses and other stakeholders to improve and accelerate implementation of key development projects.

“We are looking to the DDM to help put South Africa on a new path of socio-economic and spatial transformation,” he said.

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