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Entrepreneur trades trash for community dignity

A FORMAL recycling buy-back centre in Soweto is uplifting the community in the spirit of Nelson Mandela Month.



Owen Mngadi

Smanga Mthembu, a Soweto entrepreneur who is making a difference in his community through his recycling business, is living up to the Nelson Mandela Day theme to 'Do what you can, with what you have, where you are'.

By transforming an illegal dumping site into a reliable, award-winning recycling business called Umphakathi Recyclers, the 30-year-old is empowering his community and helping to provide dignified funerals, while looking after the environment.

It all started after Mthembu dropped out of university due to a lack of funding and tried his hand at recycling. After collecting a large bag of paper, which he sold to a nearby informal recycling centre, he noticed that most of his fellow recyclers were very poor. "You could see that many people were 'eating from hand to mouth'."

He decided to find out more about the recycling sector and learnt that it offers many opportunities for improving lives – if done properly. These were the first steps towards the establishment of Umphakathi Recyclers.

Mthembu became a member of the Polyethylene Terephthalate Recycling Company (Petco) – a non-profit company that promotes plastic recycling across the country and helps ensure recyclers have a place to sell what they collect, at a fair price – and set about finding a suitable site. He identified a neglected school that had been turned into an illegal dumping area and approached the ward councillor for assistance in

■ Smanga Mthembu is using waste recycling to help make dignified funerals a reality in his impoverished Soweto community. Picture: supplied.

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Naga ya rona e santse e le mo kutlobotlhokong ya setlhogo se se diragetseng kwa ntlong ya notagi ya Enyobeni moo bašwa ba le bantsi ba latlhegetsweng ke matshelo a bona

Mo dibekeng di le mmalwa tse di fetileng mo matsheng a Latshipi, malapa a baagi ba kwa lekeišeneng la Scenery Park gaufi le East London, ba amogetse dikgang tse di busula tse motsadi yo mongwe le yo mongwe a rapelang gore le ka la motlholo di se fitlhe mo 'tsebeng ya gagwe.

Dikgang di ne di re ditopo tsa bana ba le 21 di lalane kwa ntlong ya notagi ya mo motseng wa bona. Yo monnye mo go bona botlhe e ne e le ngwana wa dingwaga di le 13.

Dipatlisiso tsa mapodisi mo ntlheng eno di ntse di tsamaya ka thelelo. Go tswa mo dipatlisisong tseno, Masepala wa Teropokgolo ya Buffalo City o tla atlhaatlha dintlha tsa gore ntlo eno ya notagi e robile melao ya masepala kgotsa jang.

Re akgola puso ya porofense ya Kapa Botlhaba jaaka e ne ya ema nokeng malapa a a wetsweng ke leru leno, re akgola gape le setlamo sa go boloka batho ba ba tlhokafetseng sa AVBOB jaaka se dirile maikano a gore se tla thusa malapa a a wetsweng ke leru leno ka ditirelo tsa poloko.

Le fa ditheo tse di matshwaneli tsa molao di samagane le go batlisisa gore go ka tswa go diragetse eng gore kwa bofelong ba ba latlhegetsweng ba nne le phimolakeledi, re le baagi ba naga eno re tshwanetse go nna fatshe re lebelaneng ka fo matlhong re buisane ka kgang eno. Re tshwanetse go atlhaatlha kgang eno ya go itshiela ga bana ba dingwaga

tša bona di sa ba letleng go bo ba nwa notagi.

Mo inthaneteng ditshwantsho le dibidio tse di fofang mo mafaratlhatlheng a ditlhaeletsano tsa moletlonyana oo o o bediawang 'mokete wa go itumelela go wetsa di-tlhatlhobo' kwa lefelong leo mo bosigong ba teng go bonagala fela bana ba ba santseng ba nka mekgato ba huparetse mabotlolo a notagi.

Bontsi jwa bona mo ditshwantshong tseno bo bonagala e santse e le maseanyana.

Bašwa ba le bantsinyana kwa Scenery Park ba boletse boradikgang gore bona ba bone papatso mo mafaratlhatlheng a ditlhaeletsano, mo go neng go tse mo bosigong joo ba ba tlang kwa moletlong oo ba tla neelwa notagi mahala.

Bašwa ba ba itshielang gore ba ikutlwe ba tshwana le ditsala tsa bona go tlhatloga ga palo ya bona ke bothata jo bogolo mo nageng ya rona eo bontsi jwa baagi ba yona, go ya ka Mokgatlo wa Lefatshe wa Merero ya Boitekanelo, o o reng bontsi jwa baagi ba ka fa nageng ba ba itshielang ba setse ba wetse ka tlhogo ka fa nkgong.

Fa bašwa ba itshiela seno se dira gore ba se itlhaloganye sentle, ba tshabe sekolo, ba gobale kwa bojalweng, ba nagane gore ba ka ipolaya le go leka go ipolaya, mmogo le go ipaya mo kotsing.

Re tshwanetse go ema ka lefoko le le lengwe mo go lwantshaneng le sera seno se se ripitlang bašwa ba naga ya rona jaaka se ba fokoletsa matsatsi a bona a botshelo, le

go ba dira gore ba gosomela ka tlhogo ka fa nkgong.

Re le malapa go raya gore re tla tshwanela ke go nna fatshe re bue puo pha ka matsapa a notagi mmogo le go baya melao ya lelapa e e sa tshwanelwang go tlolewa.

Bana ba ba nang le dingwaga tse di ka fa tlase ga di le 18 molao ga o ba letlelele go itshiela.

Jaaka bagodi re tshwanetse go kgaotsa go roma bana gore ba ye go re rekela notagi kgotsa gona go dumela gore bašwa bano ba re neeetse gore re ba rekele notagi.

Ga se lantlha re kopana le matsapa ano a a tshwanang le seo se diragetseng kwa Scenery Park.

Matsapa ano a a diragetse- ng kwa ntlong ya notagi ya Enyobeni a diragetse gape le kwa lefelong la go nwela bojalwa la Throb kwa Durban ka ngwaga wa 2000, seno se diragetse gape le kwa ntlong ya notagi ya Osi kwa Khayelitsha ka ngwaga wa 2015, mo mafelo ano le ona a neng a rekisetsa bana ba bannye notagi.

Setlwaedi seno sa gore mafelo a a rekisang notagi a tlole molao a sa iphetlhe le go iphitlha ke sesupo sa gore ditheo tsa molao tsa rona di reteletse ke go dira tiro ya tsona ka manontlhotlo.

Go ya ka Molao wa Naga wa Notagi, beng ba mafelo a a rekisang notagi a a neilweng dilaesense tsa go e rekisa ga ba tshwanela go rekisetsa ope fela yo a nang le dingwaga tse di ka fa tlase ga di le 18 notagi. Molao o ba gapeletsa gore ba tshwanetse go tsaya dikgato tse di utlwalang go netefatsa gore

mongwe le mongwe yo ba mo rekisetsang notagi o na le dingwaga tse di tshwanetse- ng.

Re ikuela mo baaging go thusana le ditheo tsa molao go netefatsa gore dintlo tsa notagi, mafelo a go rekisetsa bojalwa, mafelo a go tlhaba kgobe ka mmotla mmogo le mafelo a bojalwa bo rekwang mo go ona ao a tlolang molao letsogo la molao le tobana le bona.

Re ikuela mo mapodising go samagana ka tshwanelo le melao e e thibelang gore notagi e se rekisiwe gaufi le sekolo mmogo le go tlhoma leitlho mafelo a a rekisang notagi go netefatsa gore a se e rekisetse bana ba bannye.

Ntlha e nngwe e e botlho- kwa ke gore ditiragalo tsa go itshiela ga bašwa ke ditiragalo tsa go ikentsha bodutu go nne mo metseng ga go na mafelo a mantso a a boloke- segileng a bana ba dingwaga tse di matshwanedi ba ka ikentshang bodutu mo go ona.

Baagi ba kwa Scenery Park ba tlhalositse gore mo motse- ng wa bona ga go na mafelo a metshameko, a go tlhatlhelwa ka kitso e e rileng kgotsa a mangwe fela a go ruta bašwa dilo tse dintšhwa, mme seno ke sona se se dirang gore ba etele dintlo tsa notagi.

Baagi ba tlhalositse gore matlhotlhapelo ano a tlho- dilwe ke go tlhoka mabala a metshameko, mafelo a go buisetsa dibuka kgotsa mafelo a bašwa ba ka ike- ntshang bodutu mo go ona kwa Scenery Park.

Re le puso ya naga, ya porofense le ya kgaolo re

tshwanetse go tsibogela boi- kuelo jwa baagi bano mmogo le jwa baagi ba bangwe kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe ka go aga mafelo a le mantso a go ikentsha bodutu, mafelo a go ba tlhatlhelela mmogo le go tlhoma diporojeke tse di tla tswelang mosola bašwa mo metseng e e tlhokang dilo tseno mo porofenseng eo.

Badirisanimmogo mo mererong ya loago ba ba jaaka bagwebi le bona ba tshwanetse go nna le seabe ka go ema nokeng dikgato tseno ka matlole.

Re le baagi re tshwanetse go dirisana mmogo le Diforamo tse di Dirisanang le Sepodisi mo Mererong ya Pabalesego mo Metseng ya rona, re dirisane le mekgatlho ya baagi mmogo le makgotlataolo a dikolo mme re nne le seabe se segolo mo matshelong a bana ba rona le mo go netefatseng gore ba babalesegile e bile ba tlhokomelegile.

Jaaka seane sa bogolotala mo dipuong tsa bathobantsho se tlhalosa se re "ngwana ke sejo, o a tlhakanelwa".

Tla re direng re le seopo- sengwe mme re sireletse bokamoso jwa bana ba rona ka go dira gore ba se wele ka tlhogo mo nkgong le mo dritibatsing.

Tla re direng re le seoposengwe mme re direng bonnete jwa gore batho ba ba tibisitseng madi ba sena taba le matshelo a bana ba rona ga ba rekise mo re nnang gone.

Tla re nneng sekai se se itumedisang ka fao re dirisang notagi.

Tla re tlhokomeleng bana ba rona, e seng fela bao re ba belegeng, mmogo le ba baagisani ba rona. **V**

Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* ka fa nageng ya Aforika Borwa

Tona ya Boitekanelo Ngaka Joe Phaahla fa a ne a buisana le bobegakgang malobanyana kwa Pretoria, Gauteng, o tlhalositse gore ke nnete gore Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* bo teng ka fa nageng ya Aforika Borwa.

O tlhalositse gore o amogetse pegelo e e tswang kwa Setheong sa Naga sa Ditirelo tsa Dilaboratori tsa Boitekanelo (NHLS) e e totobatsang gore go dirilwe diteko kwa laboratoring mme go na le bopaki jwa gore bolwetse jono bo teng ka fa nageng ya Aforika Borwa.

Mogare ono o setse o le teng kwa porofenseng ya Gauteng le ya Kapa Bophirima.

Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* gantsi ga bo bogale go le kalo mme bo iponagatsa ka go ropoga diso mo mmeleng. Go le gantsi ga bo ke bo gakala go le kalo mme kgonagalo ya go ka dira gore batho ba thule botala ka tlhogo ke phe-



sente e le nngwenyana fela.

Kwa tshimologong ya dingwaga tsa bo ma-2000 mogare ono o ne o begiwa ka bontsi kwa dinageng tsa Aforika tse di jaaka Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic le Ghana.

Bolwetse jono ga jaanong bo gaketse kwa Europe moo UK e di gogang kwa pele ka batho ba ba nang le bona ba le 700, mme Spain gone ke batho ba feta ba le 500, mme go latele Germany, Portugal

le France.

Tona o rile Setheo sa Naga sa Malwetse a a Fetelanang (NICD) se samagane le go ruta batlhankedi ba maokelo ka bolwetse jono mo inthaneteng gore ba kgone go bo bona ka bonako mme go tle go diriwe diteko tsa laboratorit tse di tshwanetseng.

“Bolwetse jono bo fetelana ka go kgomana, mme seno se raya gore fa o le mo phaposing e le nngwe le motho yo a nang le bona bo ka se go fetele,” Tona o tlhalositse jalo.

Tona Phaahla o theositse matshwafo a baagi ka go ba itsise gore Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* ga se mogare o e leng la ntlha o nna teng mme borasaense ba na le kitso e e tseneletseng ka bona.

Monnasetulo wa Komiti e e Eletsang Ditona mo Mererong ya *COVID-19* yo gape e leng Tokololo ya Khuduthamaga kwa go NHLS, Moporofesara Koleka Mlisana, o tlhalositse gore

Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* bo tletse thata mo dikgaolong tse di leng kwa gare le tse di leng kwa bokone jwa Aforika mme bona ga bo bogale go le kalo.

Go re bolwetse bo tletse mo kgaolong e e rileng go raya gore gantsi batho ba ba tshwarang ke batho ba ba nnang mo kgaolong e e rileng.

O tlhalositse gore Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* bo batlile go tshwana le jwa sekonkonyane.

“Bolwetse jwa *Monkeypox* bo setse bo na le meento le melemo e batho ba ka e dirisang. Bolwetse jono bo iponagatsa ka matshwafo a a tshwanang le a mokgo-tlhwane le a malwetse a matshwafo a a tshwaetsegileng. Se se botlhokwa ke gore motho yo a nang le matshwafo a bona o bonagala ka bonako e bile se se botlhokwa go gaisa ke gore bolwetse jono ga bo fetelane moroba,

ga bo tshwane le megare ya malwetse a a fetelanang ka go hema, bo fetelana ka go kgomana. Bolwetse jono bo tla go fetela fa fela e le gore o kile wa atlana le motho yo a nang le bona,” o tlhalositse jalo.

Bolwetse jwa matshwafo a a tshwaetsegileng ke bolwetse jo bo bogale thata jwa malwetse a matshwafo a a rurugileng.

Moporofesara Mlisana a re dikgato tsa go gata motlhalabatho bao ba kopaneng le bao ba tshwaetsegileng di botlhokwa thata mo ntlheng eno mme ka jalo Lefapha la Boitekanelo le tla tswelela go latela dikgato tseno.

O ne a netefaletsa MaAforika Borwa gore Laboratori e na le mafaratlhatlha otlhe a a tlhokagalang go ka tlhokomela maemo gore re kgone go ka nopola bolwetse jo bongwe le jo bongwe jo bo tlhagelelang.

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COVID-19 regulations cancelled

Health Minister, Joe Phaahla recently cancelled COVID-19 regulations relating to the wearing of face masks, gatherings and persons entering the country.

The regulations were promulgated by the Minister on 4 May in the Regulations Relating to the Surveillance and the Control of Notifiable Medical Conditions. President Cyril Ramaphosa in a national address in April said the regulations would be eased gradually.

The gazetting of the regulations means that the wearing of face masks in any public-use indoor space or when on public transport is no longer required.



On gatherings, people congregating in public spaces will no longer be limited to certain numbers.

The regulations stipulated that a maximum of 50% of the venue capacity

may be occupied, provided that every attendee must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and produce a valid vaccination certificate. Alternatively, they could produce a valid certificate

of a negative COVID-19 test obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of the gathering.

Regarding limitations on people entering the country, the regulations required that any person entering the country be vaccinated against COVID-19 and produce a valid vaccination certificate.

Alternatively, this group of people needed to produce a valid certificate of a negative PCR COVID-19 test not older than 72 hours before the date of departure.

Minister Phaahla reminded South Africans of the importance of vaccinating for COVID-19.

“We just need to end with caution that the

COVID-19 virus is not yet gone; it is still in our midst; we are just stronger than before, especially with vaccination, and we urge those not yet vaccinated to come forward and those due for boosters to also come forward,” he said.

The Minister added that the vaccination program will remain and is now being integrated into normal health services.

“We urge all leaders of society and organisers of events to work with our health workers to promote healthy lifestyle and know your status, which is - blood pressure, blood sugar, cancer, HIV and COVID-19.” —SAnews.gov.za