

# Vuk'uzenzele

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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**

**S**manga 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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# Isizwe sethu sizilela ulutsha oluphulukene nobomi balo kwintlekele yethaveni yase-Enyobeni

**K**wiiveki ezimbalwa ezidlulileyo iintsapho zelokishi yase-Scenery Park ngaphandle kwaseMonti, zifumene iindaba wonke umzali athandazela ukuba angaze azive.

Baxelelwa ukuba abantwana babo abangama-21 bafunyenwe bebhuhile, kwithaveni. Oyena mntwana mncinane ebeminyaka eli-13 kuphela ubudala.

Uphando lwamapolisa ngale ntlekele luyaqhuba ngokukhawuleza. Kuqhubekako ngolu phando, uMasipala oMbaxa wase-Buffalo City uphanda ukuba ingaba ikhona na imigaqo kamasipala eyophulileyo le thaveni.

Iingcinga zethu kunye nemithandazo ikunye neentsapho ezisokolayo ukwamkela esi sehlo simanyumnyezi singathethekiyo.

Siyamncoma urhulumente wephondo leMpuma Koloni ngokuncedisa iintsapho ezichaphazekileyo, kwakunye no-*AVBOB* ozinikele ekuncediseni ezi ntsapho ngezingcwabo.

Ngethuba abasemagunyeni abafanelekileyo behlabamahlongwane okwenzekileyo ukuqinisekisa ukuba kukho ubulungisa ngakumaxhoba, kukho incoko ekufuneka sibe nayo njengelizwe. Ingxaki yokusela kwabantwana abangaphantsi kweminyaka efanelekileyo

ngokomthetho.

Imifanekiso kamabonakude kunye nakwi-intanethi yetheko elibizwa ngokuba ‘*yi-pens down*’ elalikulanda ndawo ngoba busuku ibonisa ulutsha olonwabileyo lubambe iibhotile zotywala.

Uninzi lwalo kule mifanekiso lukhangeleka ngathi lusekwiminyaka yolutsha.

Iqela labantu abatsha abasuka e-Scenery Park lixelele amajelo eendaba ukuba libone isaziso esisazwa kumajelo eendaba zoluntu, esinikezela ngemijikelo yotywala basimahla kubo bonke abantu ababezimase umsitho ngoba busuku.

Ukwamkeleka okwandileyo kwentlalo yabantu abatsha abasela utywala kuyingxaki enkulu kwilizwe apho uninzi lwabantu abaselayo sele behlelwe nguMbutho wezeMpilo weHlabathi njengabasela kakhulu.

Ukuselwa kotywala phakathi kolutsha olufikisayo koyanyaniswa nokungasebenzi kakuhle, ukungahambi isikolo kakuhle, ukwenzakala okunxulumene notywala, iingcinga kunye neenza-zame zokuzibulala, kunye nokuziphatha ngokusemngciphekweni.

Kufuneka sidibane silwe lo mkhwa uphanga ulutsha lwethu eyona minyaka igqwesileyo yobomi balo, ubenza babe sesichengeni sokuzenza amakhoboka

otywala.

Njengeentsapho, kuthetha ukuba neencoko ezivulekileyo neziphandle malunga notywala nokubeka imilinganiselo. Into yabantwana abangaphantsi kweminyaka eli-18 abasela utywala ichasene nomthetho.

Njengabantu abadala, kufuneka sizikhwebule kwi-mikhwa efana nokuthuma abantwana abasebancinane ukuba basithengele utywala okanye ukuvuma izicelo zokuthengela olu lutsha utywala.

Asikokokuqala ngqa sijingana neziganeko ezimbi ezifana nesenzeke e-Scenery Park kwiveki ephelileyo.

Into efanayo phakathi kwithaveni yase-Enyobeni, intlekele yeklabhu yasebusuku i-Throb eThekwini ngowama-2000, kunye nentlekele yethaveni i-Osi eKhayelitsha ngowama-2015, kukuba la maziko ayethengisela abantwana abasebancinane utywala.

Ukwanda kwamaziko atyeshela ngokuphandle umthetho kubonakalisa ukusilela kwabasemagunyeni ekunyanzelisa imigaqo.

Phantsi koMthetho wo-Tywala weSizwe, abanini bamaziko anamaphephamvume okuthengisa utywala abanakuthengisela nabani na ongaphantsi kweminyaka eli-18 utywala. Kufuneka kwakhona bathabathe amanyathelo afanelekileyo ukuqinisekisa ukuba nabani na

abamthengisela utywala ukumlinganiselo wobudala beminyaka.

Sihlaba ikhwelo kuluntu ukuba lusebenzisane nabasemagunyeni ukuqinisekisa ukuba iithaveni, iishibhini, iindawo zolonwabo kunye neendawo ezophula umthetho zijongana neziphumo zoko.

Sihlaba ikhwelo kumapolisa ethu ukuba aqinise ukunyanzeliswa kwemithetho ethintela ukuthengiswa kotywala kufutshane nezikolo kwaye aqinise uhlobo lweendawo ezithengisa utywala ukuqinisekisa ukuba utywala abuthengiselwa abantwana abasebancinane.

Enye into eyinyani kukuba utywala yindlela yolutsha yokubaleka kwiindawo zokuhlala apho amathuba olonwabo olukhuseleki-leyo nolulungele ubudala beminyaka embalwa.

Uluntu lwase-Scenery Park luveze ukunqongophala kwemidlalo, ukufunda kunye nezinye izibonelelo zophuhliso kulutsha, nto leyo ebangele ukuba lubhenele ekuzululeni kwiithaveni.

Emva kwesi sihelegu, uluntu luveze ukuba akukho mabala emidlalo asebenzayo, amathala eencwadi oluntu okanye amaziko olutsha e-Scenery Park.

Njengorhulumente kwi-nqanaba lesizwe, elephondo kunye nelengingqi kufuneka siphendule

izibongozo zolu luntu kunye nezinye uluntu ngokuphuhlisa iindawo zokuzonwabisa, amaziko, iinkqubo, kunye neeprojekthi ezilungiselelwe ulutsha lwethu kwiindawo ezihlelekileyo kwiphondo.

Amanye amahlakani asekuhlaleni afana noosomashishini kufuneka nabo bancedise ngenkxaso-mali.


Njengoluntu, kufuneka sisebenzisane namaQonga ethu aJongene nolwaphulo-mthetho ekuHlaleni, nemibutho yethu yoluntu kunye namabhunga olawulo lwezikolo kwaye sidlale indima ebonakalayo kubomi babantwana bethu nasekuqinisekiseni ukhuseleko nentlalo-ntle yabo.

Njengoko besitsho kwi-zithethe zethu zakudala zemveli zase-Afrika "kuthatha uluntu ukukhulisa umntwana".

Masisebenzisani ukuze sikhusele isizukulwana sethu esixabisekileyo sekamva kumonakalo wokusetyenziswa gwenxa kotywala neziyobisi kunye neziphumo zazo.

Masisebenzisani ukuqinisekisa ukuba abo babeka inzuzo phambi kobomi babantwana bethu abavumeleki ukuba basebenze.

Kwakhona, masimisele umzekelo omhle kobethu ubudlelwane notywala.

Masingabi ngabagcini babantwana bethu kuphela, kodwa nababantwana babamelwane bethu ngokunjalo. 



# I-Monkeypox eMzantsi Afrika

**U**Mphathiswa weZempilo uGqirha Joe Phaahla uqinisekile ukuba i-Monkeypox iye yafunyanwa eMzantsi Afrika ngethuba ebethetha noonondaba kutshanje ePitoli, eGauteng.

Uthe uye wafumana ingxelo evela kwiiNkonzo zeSizwe zeLabhoretri yezeMpilo (i-NHLS) yokuba bayeqinisekisa i-Monkeypox eMzantsi Afrika ngeemvavanyo zaselabhoretri.

Le ntsholongwane ifunyaniswe/ibhaqwe e-Gauteng naseNtshona Koloni.

I-Monkeypox idla ngokuba sisifo esingenabuzaza esibonakala njengamadyungudungu okanye izilonda ezisesikhumbeni. Idla ngokungabi nabubuzaza kwaye inezinga lokufa lesinye ekhulwini.

Esi sifo besikhe sachazwa kumazwe ase-Afrika afana ne-Nigeria, i-Democratic Republic of the Congo, i-Central African Republic



kunye ne-Ghana ekuqaleni kweminyaka yoo-2000.

Uqhambuko lwangoku lulawulwa ngamanani aphezulu eYurophu kwaye i-UK ikhokela ngeziganeko zesifo ezingaphezulu kwama-700, i-Spain inezingaphezulu kwama-500, zilandelwa yiJamani, i-Portugal kunye ne-Fransi.

UMphathiswa uthe iZiko leSizwe leZifo ezoSulelayo (i-NICD) liqeqesha

abasebenzi bezempilo kwi-intanethi ukuze bakwazi ukusibhaqa esi sifo ukuze kwenziwe iimvavanyo zaselabhoretri eziyimfuneko.

“Esi sifo sisasazeka kuphela ngokudibana ngokusondeleleneyo, ngoko ke awukwazi ukusifumana ngokuba kwigumbi elinye nomntu owosulelekileyo,” utshilo uMphathiswa.

UMphathiswa uPhaahla uqinisekise abemi bo-

Mzantsi Afrika ukuba i-Monkeypox ayiyontsholongwane engazange ibonwe ngaphambili kwaye iinzululwazi zinolwazi ngayo.

USihlalo weKomiti yeeNgcebiso yabaPhathiswa (i-MAC) kwi-COVID-19 kunye nelungu lesiGqeba se-NHLS, uNjingalwazi uKoleka Mlisana, uthe i-Monkeypox sisifo esigqugqisayo ku-Mbindi nakuMntla Afrika esaziwa ngokungabi nabuzaza.

Isifo esigqugqisayo yimeko esoloko ikho phakathi kwabantu abathile okanye kwindawo ethile.

Uthe kukho ukufana phakathi kwe-Monkeypox kunye ne-Smallpox.

“Akhona amayeza okugonya kunye nonyango lwe-Monkeypox. Esi sifo sizibonakalisa ngeempawu ezifana nomkhuhlane kunye ne-Legionnaires (uhlobo oluqatha lwenyuniya okanye ukudumba kwemiphunga okudla

ngokubangelwa lusuleleko). Into ebalulekileyo kukuba umntu onenkcazelo kagqirha esekelwe kwiimpawu kulula ukumxilonga kwaye okona kubaluleke kakhulu kukuba kunzima ukusidlulisela kwabanye abantu, asifani nentsholongwane yokuphefumla, kuba yosuleleka ngokudibana. Ubunokusifumana kuphela xa uthe wadibana ngqo nomntu owosulelekileyo,” utshilo.

Isifo se-Legionnaires luhlobo oluqatha lwenyuniya.

UNjingalwazi Mlisana uthe ukulandelelwa kwabantu abathe badibana kubalulekile kule meko kwaye iSebe lezeMpilo liza kuqhubeka likwenza oko.

Uqinisekise abemi boMzantsi Afrika ukuba amaseko oncedo eLabhoretri anazo zonke izixhobo ezaneleyo zokukwazi ukubeka iliso kulo naluphi na usuleleko olutsha olunokuthi luvele.

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## COVID-19 regulations cancelled

**H**ealth 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