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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

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Izwe lakithi lizilele intsha esencane eshone esibhcongweni saseNyobeni

Emavikini ambalwa adlule imindeni yaselokishini lase-Scenery Park ngaphandle kwaseMonti, yathola izindaba okungekho noyedwa umzali ofisa ukuzizwa.

Yatshelwa ukuthi izingane zayo ezingama-21 zitholakale sezishonile, ethaveni. Encane kunazo zonke yayineminyaka eyi-13.

Luqhubeka ngesivivini uphenyo lwamaphoyisa ngalesi sibhcongweni. Kulandela uphenyo, uMkhandludolobha i-Buffer City usabhekisisa ukuthi ingabe ayikho yini imithethonqubo kamasipala ephulwe yithaveni.

Imicabango nemikhuleko yethu ikule mindeni ebhekene nobunzima bokwamukela lesi sigameko esinyantisa umzimba esingachazeki.

Siyawuncoma uhulumeni wesifundazwe saseMpumalanga Kapa ngokusiza imindeni esemanzini, kanye no-ABOB ngokwethembisa ukusiza imindeni ngemingcwabo.

Nakuba iziphathimandla ezifanelekile zizama ukuthola ulwazi kanye nokuqonda okwenzeka ukuze kuqinisekise ukuthi abagilwa bathola ubulungiswa, kunengxoxo okumele sihlale phezu kwayo njengezwe. Inkinga yokuphuza utshwala kwezingane ezisencane ezingakavumeleki ukuphuza utshwala.

Amavidiyo nezithombe zalo mcimbi obizwa 'gepens down' (okusho idili lokubungaza ukuphuthulwa kwezivivinyo

zesigamu sonyaka) endaweni yesigameko ngalobobusuku ezifakwe kuintanethi ziveza abantu abasha abancane bezitika ngobumnandi bephethe amabhodlela otshwala. Abanengi abakulezo zithombe kubukeka kuyintsha esencane kakhulu ngeminyaka.

Iningi labantu abasha base-Scenery Park batshele abemithombo yezindaba ukuthi babona umyalezo owawuzungeza ezinkundleni zokuxhumana, uthi kunotshwala bamahhala obukhishelwa bonke abahambe umcimbi ngalobobusuku.

Ukukhula kokwamukeleka emphakathini komkhuba wabantu abasha abaphuza utshwala sekuyinkinga enkulu ezweni lethu lapho iningi labantu abaphuza utshwala kakade selithathwa njengabantu abaphuza utshwala ngokweqile ngokusho kweNhlangothi Yezempilo Emhlabeni.

Ukuphuza utshwala kwabantu abasha abasebancane kuyamaniswa nokuphazamiseka ekwenzeni imisebenzi, ukulova ezikhungweni abafunda kuzona, ukulimala okuyamaniswa notshwala, imicabango yokuzibulala kanye nokuzama ukuzibulala, kanye nokuziphatha ngendlela enobungozi.

Kumele sibumbane ukuze silwisane nalesi sikhulu esiphuca intsha yethu iminyaka emnandi kakhulu empilweni yayo, futhi esibabeka engcupheni yokubayizigqila zotshwala.

Kithina njengemindeni

lokhu kusho ukuthi kumele sibe nezingxoxo ezivulelekile sikhulume sigeqe amagula ngotshwala futhi kumiswe nemikhawulo okungamele kweqiwe kuyo. Ukuphuza utshwala kwezingane ezingaphansi kweminyaka eyi-18 kuyinto ephambene nomthetho.

Njengabantu abadala kumele siwugweme umkhuba onjengokuthuma izingane ukuthi ziyosithengela utshwala noma wokuvuma ukuthengela lezi zingane utshwala.

Asiqali ukhulangabezana nesigameko esibuhlungu nesidabukisayo njengalesi esenzeke e-Scenery Park ngeviki eledlule.

Okufanayo phakathi kwenhlekelele eyenzeke ethaveni yaseNyobeni, nesibhcongweni sasendaweni yokuzijuxuza ebusuku i-Throb nightclub eThekwini ngowezi-2000, kanye nenhlekelele yasethaveni yase-Osi eKhayelitsha ngowezi-2015, wukuthi lezi zindawo zidayisela izingane ezisencane utshwala ezingavumelekile ukuphuza utshwala ngenxa yeminyaka yazo.

Ukwanda kwezikhungo eziphula imithetho kubuka umuntu wonke kubonisa ukuhluleka kweziphathimandla ukuphoqelela ukuhlonishwa kwemithethonqubo.

Ngaphansi koMthetho Wezotshwala Kazwelonke, abanikazi bezakhiwo abanamalayisense otshwala abavumelekile ukudayisela umuntu oneminyaka engaphansi kweyi-18 utshwala. Kumele bathathe izinyathelo ezifanele

ukuqinisekisa ukuthi noma ubani odayiselwa utshwala uneminyaka yobudala efanelekile.

Sinxusa imiphakathi ukuba isebenzisane nabomthetho ukuqinisekisa ukuthi amathaveni, izindawo zokucima ukoma, izindawo zokuzijabulisa kanye nezindawo zokudayisa eziphula umthetho zibheka nengalo yomthetho.

Sinxusa amaphoyisa akithi ukuba aqinise isandla ukuphoqelela ukuthotshelwa kwemithetho enqabela ukudayiswa kotshwala eduze kwezikole futhi aqinise ukuqapha izindawo ezibudayisayo ukuze kuqinisekise ukuthi utshwala abudayiselwa izingane ezisencane.

Elinye iqiniso elingephikiswe wukuthi utshwala buyindlela yokuchitha isizungu kubantu abasha emiphakathini lapho kunamathaba amancane okuba nezindlela zokuqeda isizungu eziphephile nezilungele abantu abaneminyaka yabo.

Umpakathi wase-Scenery Park ukhomba ukungabibikho kwezikhungo zezemidlalo, zokufunda kanye nezinye izindlela zokuzithuthukisa zabantu abasha, okubaholela ekutheni bagcine 'sebhla benyuka emathaveni'.

Njengoba kwenzeka lo mshophi, umpakathi usukuvezile ukuthi azikho izinkundla zemidlalo, imitapo yolwazi yomphakathi noma izikhungo zabantu abasha e-Scenery Park.

Njengohulumeni kazwelonke, nowesifu-

ndazwe kanye nowendawo kudingeka ukuba sibhekane nezikhalo zalo mphakathi kanye nezeminye imiphakathi ngokuqhamuka nezinye izindawo zokuzijabulisa, izikhungo, izinhlelo, kanye nemiklamo eqondiswe kubantu abasha ezindaweni ezincishwe amathaba esifundazweni.

Abanye esibambisene nabo emphakathini njengosomabhizinisi kumele nabo balekelele ngoxhasomali.


Njengemiphakathi kumele sisebenzisane nama-Community Policing Forum ethu, nezinhlangano zomphakathi wakithi kanye nemikhandlu engamele izikole zethu futhi sikhuthale sidlale indima ebonakalayo empilweni yezingane zethu siphinde futhi sikhuthalele nokuqinisekisa ukuphepha kwazo kanye nenhlalakahle yazo.

Njengoba isisho sethuthina ama-Afrika sisho, "ingane ikhuliswa wumphakathi".

Masibambisane ekuvikeleni isizukulwane sethu esiyigugu sangomuso ekunaphazweni wutshwala nezidakamizwa kanye nemithelela yalokho.

Masibambisane ukuqinisekisa ukuthi labo ababeka phambili inzuzo kunempilo yezingane zethu abavunyelwa ukuba basebenze.

Futhi masibe yisibonelo esihle ngendlela thina uqobo esiziyamanisa ngayo notshwala.

Masingagcini nje kuphela ngokuba ngabagcini nabanakekeli bezethu izingane kodwa masinakekele nezomakhelwane ngokunjalo. 

Isifo Se-Monkeypox eNingizimu Afrika

Emhlenganweni nabemitho-mbo yezindaba wakamuva obusePitoli, eGauteng, uNgqo-ngqoshe Wezempi-lo uDkt. Joe Phaahla uqinisekise ukuthi kutholakale isifo se-Monkeypox eNingizimu Afrika.

Uthe uthole umbiko ovela ku-National Health Laboratory Services (i-NHLS) wokuthi sebekuqinisekile ukutholakala kwesifo i-Monkeypox eNingizimu Afrika emuva kokuhlola okwenziwe elabhorethri.

Igcwane selitholakele eGauteng naseNtshonalanga Kapa.

Isifo se-Monkeypox sivame ukuba yisifo esingebucayi esibonakala ngamabhamuza noma izilonda esikhunjeni. Sivame ukungabi bucayi futhi izinga lokushona kwabantu ngenxa yaso liyiphesenti elilodwa.

Lesi sifo sake sabikwa emazweni ase-Afrika anjengaseNigeria,



eDemocratic Republic of the Congo, eCentral African Republic kanye naseGhana ekuqaleni kweminyaka yezi-2000.

Ukuqubuka kwaso kwakamuva kunezibalo eziphezulu e-Europe njengoba i-UK ihamba phambili ngezigameko ezingama-700, iSpain inezingaphezudlwana kwama-500, kulandele iGermany, iPortugal neFrance.

UNgqongqoshe uthe i-National Institute for

Communicable Diseases (i-NICD) iqeqesha abasebenzi bezempilo nge-inthanethi besemsebenzini ukuze bakwazi ukusibona lesi sifo futhi ukuze kwenziwe nokuhlolwa kwaselabhorethri okudingekayo.

"Lesi sifo sisabalala ngokuthintana ngqo, ngakho angeke usithole ngokuba segunjini elilodwa nomuntu osulelekile," kusho uNgqongqoshe.

UNgqongqoshe uPhaahla uqinisekise izakhamuzi

zaseNingizimu Afrika ukuthi isifo se-Monkeypox asilona igciwane eliqalayo ukuba khona futhi ososayensi banolwazi ngalo.

USihlalo weKomidi Lokweluleka LoNgqongqoshe (i-MAC) le-COVID-19 kanye nelungu leSigungu Esiphezulu se-NHLS, uSolwazi Koleka Mlisani, uthe isifo se-Monkeypox siyisifo esitholakala emazweni aMaphakathi kanye naseNyakatho ne-Afrika esaziwa ngokungabi bucayi.

Isifo esitholakala endaweni ethile yisifo esivame ukutholakala ebantwini abathile noma endaweni ethile.

Uthe kukhona okufanayo phakathi kwesifo se-Monkeypox neNqubulunjwana.

"Ikhona imigomo kanye nezindlela zokwelapha isifo se-Monkeypox.

Lesi sifo sibonakala ngezimpawu ezinjengezomkhuhlane kanye nesifo se-Legionnaires. Okubaluleke kakhulu wukuthi uma umuntu ebonisa isithombe

sokuxilongwa esiveza izimpawu zesifo kuba lula kakhulu ukuhlolwa lesi sifo futhi okunye okubaluleke kakhulu wukuthi kunzima ukusidlulisa, kungafani nezifo ezingena ngemigudu yokuphefumula, njengoba sona sisabalala ngokuthintana nomunye umuntu. Ungasithola kuphela uma uthintane ngqo nomuntu osulelekile," usho kanje.

Isifo se-Legionnaires siyinyumoniya ebucayi kakhulu.

USolwazi Mlisana uthe kubalulekile ukubheka nokulandelela ukuxhumana kwabantu ngqo futhi uMnyango Wezempi-lo uzoqhubeka nokwenza lokho maqondana nalesi sigameko esitholakele.

Uqinisekise izakhamuzi zaseNingizimu Afrika ukuthi ingqalasizinda yaseLabhorethri inazo zonke izinsiza ezidingekayo ukuze sikwazi ukuqapha noma yikuphi ukusuleleka okusha okungase kuqubuke.

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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