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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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Isitjhaba Sekhethu Sizilele Ukufa Kwelutjha Elitjhabalele Ethaveni Engobeni

Eemvekeni ezimbalwa ezidlulileko imindeni yesigoga i-Scenery Park esingaphandle kweMonti ibikelwe iindaba ezibuhlungu, ekungilezo umbeletshi ngamunye athandazela kobana angeze azizwe epilwenakhe.

Babikelwa bona abantwana abama-21 batholwe balele ubujadajada, babhubhile, ethaveni. Omncani kinabo boke ngoneminyaka eli-13 kwaphela ubudala.

Iphenyo lamapholisa ngehlekelele le, lisaraga ngokususelwa ephenyweni uMasipala weDorobha i-Buffer City usaqalisisa kobana kungenzeka na, kobana abanini bethaveni le, bephule umthetho obekwe nguMasipala.

Sizwelana nemindeni efelweko besiyayithandazela, ukobana ibe namandla wokujamelana nehlekelele engakhulumeleko eyenzekileko le.

Siyasithokoza isenzo esihle esenziwe nguRhulumente wesiFunda sePumalanga Kapa ngokusiza imindeni yabongazimbi, nebe-AVBOB abazibophelele ekusizeni imindeni ngokubangcwabela.

Ije abathobelisimthetho balinga ukuthola bona kwenzakalani, ukuqiniseka bona isandla somthetho silima indima yaso, le yikulumiswano esingayitlhogiko sililizwe. Okumele sitjhabatjheke ngakho, mraro wokusela utjwala ngokweqi-

leko kwelutjha elingaphasi kweminyaka.

Iinthombe ezithunyelwe eenkundleni zokuthintana, zomnyanya obizwa ngokobana yi-pens down party ogade ubanjwe ethaveni le ngobusukobo, zitjengisa ilutjha egade liphetha amabhodlelo wotjwala. Inengi lalo elibonakala lisese lincani khulu.

Ilutjha elinengi elivela endaweni le i-Scenery Park, litjele ababikiindaba bona libone indaba namkha isimemezelo egade sijikeleza eenkundleni zokuthintana sokobana, bazokuthola utjwala basimahla boke abantu ezabeze emnyanyeni osethaveni leyo ngobusukobo.

Ukuba siqhelo ukobana ilutjha libonwe lisela utjwala sekuphenduke umraro omkhulu elizweni lekhethu, lapha iHlangano yeZePilo yePhasiloke (i-WHO) ithole bona inengi labantu belizweni lekhethu, baduda ngetjwaleni.

Ukusela utjwala kwelutjha kuhlotjaniswa nokubhalelwa kwalo ukusebenza kule, ukulova eemfundweni zalo, ukukhubala okubangelwa kusela, ukuba nomkhumbulo wokuzibulala nokulinga ukuzibulala okufaka hlangana nokuziphatha kumbi okungalifaka engozini.

Kufanele sihlangele siba-hlali, silinge ukuqeda umraro lo, osele webela ilutjha iminyaka yalo yokuphila, olenza ligcine limakghoba wotjwala.

Simindeni kutjho bona kufanele sikhulumisane nabentwabethu ngobumbi botjwala, singesabi ukubabekela imingcele. Kumlandu ukobana abentwana abangaphasi kweminyaka eli-18 basele utjwala.

Thina njengabantu abadala kufanele silise ukuthuma abentwana bona bayosithengela utjwala nofana sibathengele utjwala.

Akusikokuthoma siqalana nehlekelele efana nale, eyenzeke e-Scenery Park iveke egadungileko.

Into efanako hlangana nokwenzeke ehlekeleleni yethavemi Enyobeni ne-Throb nightclub e-Durban ngomnyaka wee-2000 nehlekelele eyenzeka e-Osi's Tarven eseKhayelitsha ngomnyaka wee-2015, kukobana kizo zoke izehlakalwezi kade kuthengiselwa abentwana abancani utjwala.

Ukwanda kweendawo eziphula imithetho yokuthengisa utjwala, kutjengisa ukubhalwelwa kwabezemthetho ukuqinisa isandla naziza emithethweni le.

NgokomThetho oLawula ukuThengiswa nokuSelwa koTjwala weliZwelo, abanini beendawo ezithengisa utjwala abanamalaysensi, akukafaneli bona bathengisele abentwana abangaphasi kweminyaka eli-18 utjwala. Begodu kufanele babe nesiqiniseko sokobana umuntu abamthengisela utjwala uneminyaka engaphezulu

kwaleyo ebekiweko.

Sikhombela umphakathi bona, usebenzisane nabathobelisimthetho ukuqinisekisa bona abanikazi bamathaveni, beempoti nebezinye iindawo zokuzithabisa abephula umthetho bayajezizwa.

Sikhombela woke amapholisa bona aqinise isandla akhandele ukuthengiswa kotjwala eduze kweenkolo, begodu beluse ngelihlo elibukhali iindawo ezithengisa utjwala, kobana abuthengiselwa abantu abangaphasi kweminyaka evumelekileko.

Elinye iqiniso ngelithi ilutjha lisebenzisa utjwala ukubalekela namkha ukukhohlwa imiraro, emiphakathini lapha iintlabagelo namkha iindawo zokuzithabisa kwelutjha eziphephileko zimbalela.

Kuvele bona umphakathi we-Scenery Park awunazo iindawo ezaneleko zezemidlalo, zokufundela nezinye iindawo zokuzithuthukisa zabantu abatjha okwenza bona ilutjha ligcine liye lapha kuselwa khona utjwala.

Ngemva kokuvele kwehlekelele le, umphakathi uveze bona akunalapha bangadlalela khona zemidlalo, amalayibrari womphakathi, nofana amasentha welutjha endaweni le ye-Scenery Park.

Simbuso ophezulu, newesifunda neweendawo zemakhaya kumele sipheindlele isililo somphakathi lo, kunye neminye imiphakathi ngokuthuthukisa iindawo

ezinye zokuzithabisa, amahlelo namaphrojekthi wabantu abatjha eendaweni egade ziditywe amathuba esifundenesi.

Abanye esisebenzisana nabo abafana nebonkhakha wabosomathwebi nabo kumele basize ngokufaka imali emahlelweni la.

Amalunga womphakathi kumele asebenzisane neHlangano eTjheje ukuPhepha komPhakathi (i-CPF) nezinye iihlangano ezisebenza ngamalungelo wemiphakathi kunye nemi-Khandlu eLawula iinKolo (ama-SGB) balime indima eqakathekileko epilweni yabentwabethu ukuqinisekisa bona baphephile.

Njengombana isintu sitjho "kumsebenzi womphakathi woke ukukhulisa umntwana"

Asisebenzisaneni ekweluseni ikusasa lesizukulwani sethu elingahle litjhatjhalaliswe butjwala neendakamizwa, nomonakalo eziwudalako.

Asisebenzisaneni, ukuqinisekisa bona labo abaqothele ingenisomali ngaphezu kokuphepha kwepilo yabentwabethu abavunyelwa ukuraga ngamabhizinisi wabo.

Asibeni sibonelo esihle ngendlela nathi esisebenzisa ngayo utjwala.

Asingabi belusi babentwabethu kwaphela, kodwana sibabeke ilihlo nabentwana babomakhelwana.

Ubulwele Beentudla obubizwa nge- *Monkeypox* Sebukhona eSewula Afrika

UNgqongqotjhe wezePilo uDorh. Joe Phaahla uvumile bona ubulwele be-*monkeypox* sebukhona eSewula Afrika lokha nakakhulumisana nababikiindaba ePitori esifundeni se-Gauteng.

Uthe, uthole umbiko ovela kwa-National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) wokobana ubulwelobu be-*monkeypox* buqinisekiswa miphumela yeLabhorathri.

Kuvele bona iNgogwana yobulwelobu sele ikhona e-Gauteng neTjingalanga Kapa.

I-*monkeypox* bulwele obunamatshwayo angasibukhali, bubonakala ngomqubuko esikhunjani nofana ngeenlonjana ezimabhamuza ezivela esikhunjani. Buvamise ukuba bulwele obungasibukhali obubulala abantu abangaba liphesende linye kwaphela.

Ubulwelobu kwakhe kwabikwa bona bukhona emazweni we-Afrika alandelelako; e-Nigeria, e-Democratic



Republic of Congo, e-Central African Republic ne-Ghana eminyakeni yabo-2000.

Ukwehla kobulwelobu kwamvanje, kudoswa phambili lizinga eliphezulu labantu abatheleleke ngabo ekubahlali be-Europe, nalapha ilizwe le-UK lingelidosa phambili ngokuba ngilo elinenani labantu abangafika ema-700 abanabo, e-Spain ibambe abantu abama-500, kwalandela ilizwe le-German, Portugal ne-France.

UNgqongqotjhe uthethe i-National Institute for communicable Diseases (NICD) sele

ithome ihlelo lokufundisa abasebenzi bezepilo nge-inthanethi, elibizwa nge-online in-service training ukobana bakghone ukubona amatshwayo wobulwelobu ukwenzela bona bakwazi ukwenza iinhlanhlubo zelabhorathri ezitlhogekako.

“Ubulwelobu burhatjheka kwaphela lokha abantu nabathintanako, njeke angeze wabuthola ngokobana ube sekumbeni yinye nomuntu onabo, kutjho uNgqongqotjhe.

UNgqongqotjhe u-Phaahla uqinisekise abahlali beSewula Afrika bona

i-*monkeypox* akusiyi-ngongwana engakhange kheyibonwe ngaphambili begodu abososayensi banalo ilwazi ngayo.

USihlalo weKomidi Yokweluleka yaboNgqongqotjhe (i-MAC) ngeze-COVID-19 obuye abe lilunga le-NHLS, uPhrofesa Koleka Mlisana, uthethe i-*monkeypox* bulwele oburhatjheke khulu emazweni aseKabeni ye-Afrika naseTlhagwini ye-Afrika begodu obaziwa ngokungabi bukhali khulu namkha ukungabi nesihluku.

Ubulwelwe obujayeleki-lekobu, buvamise ukutholalaka kanengi ebantwini abahlala eendaweni ezithile zamazwe athileko.

Uthe kunamatshwayo afanako hlangana kobulwele be-*smallpox* nebe-*monkeypox*.

“Ikhona imijovo yokuhlabela nemitjhoga yokwelapha i-*monkeypox*. Ubulwelobu buzibonakalisa ngamatshwayo afana newomgomani nangesifo se-*Legionnaire*. Okuqakathekileko

kukobana umuntu osele anabo kulula ukumbona begodu akusilula kobana angabudlulisela kabanye abantu ngokungafani namanye angena ngeendlela zokuphefumula. Ubulwelobu butholakala kwaphela ngokobana uthintane eduze khulu nomuntu onabo,” utjho njalo.

Ubulwele be-*Legionnaires* bufana nebamaphaphu obumbi Khulu obubizwa bona yi-*pneumonia*.

UPhrofesa Mlisana uthethe kuqakathekile bona abantu abatjhidlene namkha ekhe bahlangana nomuntu onabo ubulwelobu balandelelwe bebathele begodu umNyango weZepilo uzokuragela phambili ngokubazuma.

Uqinisekise abahlali beSewula Afrika kobana amalabhorathri weSewula Afrika anazo zoke iintlabagelo ezaneleko, zokobana aqalene namkha ajamelane nokutheleleka ngobulwelobu okutjha okungahle kuvele.

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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