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Gogos' vaccine joy



More Matshediso and Ndyebo Kopo

hase 2 of South Africa's mass vaccination programme is reaching the elderly across the country, at vaccination sites and in their homes.

Recently, 119-year-old Nomamelika Philiso of Mandleni village in KwaBhaca in the Eastern Cape received her first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Community health workers visited Philiso's home during a door-to-door campaign to register those who are over 60 years of age on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS).

They registered Philiso on the EVDS and not long after she was vaccinated at her home by senior health professional Thobeka Ludidi from Madzikane KaZulu Hospital.

Ludidi first screened Philiso before administering the vaccine.

Happy and grateful

Philiso expressed gratitude to government for ensuring that she benefited from the vaccination programme.

"I am short of words. I am just happy and grateful," she says.

While Philiso's husband passed away in 1964 and eight of her nine children have also passed away, she is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Another recently vaccinated gogo is 101-year-old Chithekile Hlabisa from Mzingazi in Richards Bay.

She received the first dose of the vaccine at Ngwelezana Hospital.

Hlabisa is extremely grateful to have received the vaccine as she spent four weeks in hospital due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) earlier this year.

Having battled with a heart condition for most of her life, she says it was only by God's grace that she survived. Unfortunately, one of

her daughters succumbed to the disease.

Waiting patiently

Chithekile encourages other senior citizens to take the jab.

"I have been waiting patiently for the vaccine. Having survived COVID-19 and being hospitalised for this virus can be a scary episode.

"I was happy to hear that now we are vaccinating. All people my age and younger than me should take the vaccination as soon as possible."

While she admits she was initially afraid, Hlabisa says receiving more information about the vaccine put her mind at ease.

Pulling out all the stops

Efforts are being made by various sectors to ensure that as many people over the age of 60 as possible register on the EVDS.

Pension payout points, where thousands of the elderly queue for their

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Vhaswa vhashu ndi vha vhuthogwa kha rine

ga □a 16 Fulwi 1976, vhaswa vha Sowetona vhazwi □we zwipi□a zwa shango vho takuwa vha lwa na vhuvhi ha Pfunzo ya Vharema (Bantu Education).

Nga □ene□o □uvha na nga ma□we ma□uvha a tevhelaho, vhanzhi vho □o xelelwa nga matshilo. Vho vhulawa nga muvhuso wa tshi□uhu we wa vha u sa dzhieli n□ha matshilo a vharema nahone u sa humbuli tshithu musi u tshi □hasela vhathu vha songo □i□amaho, vhana vha tshikolo vha sa □ivhi tshithu.

Zwo iteaho zwo khwa □hisa muhumbulo wa dzitshaka wa u lwa na muvhuso wa tshi □alula zwa dovha zwa □etshedza □hu □huwedzo i bvelaho phan □a kha nndwa ya u lwela mbofholowo.

Vhaswa vha dzula vha vhone vharangaphan □a vha migwalabo ya zwitshavha, u bva kha migwalabo i songo tendelwaho ngei Latin Amerika kha mi □ waha ya u fhedzisela ya vho1950, u swika kha migwalabo ya u mona na Afrika kha mi □ waha ya u fhedzisela ya vho1960.

□ivhazwakale i lingedza u □wala u shela mulenzhe ha murafho wa 1976 kha dzangano □a dzitshakanakha nndwa ya u lwa na tsikeledzo khathihi na tshayavhulamukanyi.

Nndwaiyi ya □ivhazwakale yo iteaho kha mi□waha ya 45 yo fhelaho i bvela phan□a na u humbulwa u mona na Afrika na □ifhasi □o□he.

Zwi a □ungufhadza zwa uri n□ivho ya □a 16 Fulwi i khou fhungudzea kha vhaswa vha Afrika Tshipembe . Hezwi zwi khou itea vhukati ha murafho u vhidzwaho *Generation Z*, kana vhaswa vho bebwaho vhukati ha □waha

wa 1997 na □waha wa 2015.

□ho□isiso ya Vhu□ifari ha Tshitshavha tsha Afrika Tshipembe ya 2019/2020 yo an □adzwaho nga vha Khoro ya □ho□isiso ya Saintsi ya Vhathu yo wanulusa zwa uri u ya hanefha kha 40% ya murafho wa *Generation Z* a vha athu u pfa □ivhazwakale ya zwo iteaho nga □a 16 Fulwi. Tshivhalo tsha phesenthe i linganaho na heneyo vho no zwi pfa fhedzi vha □ivha zwi□uku kana a vha □ivhi tshithu nga ha iyo □ivhazwakale.

Naho zwo ralo, □ho□isiso dzo dovha hafhu dza wanulusa zwa uri vhaswa vha murafho wonoyu vho □iimisela u guda nga ha zwo iteaho kha □ivhazwakale zwa ndeme nahone vha a dovha hafhu vha tenda kha vhu□hogwa hazwo vhu bvelaho phan□a.

Ri khou fanela u ita zwinzhi sa shango u itela u khwa□hisedza uri mulaedza wa 1976 u khou pfukiswa lwa ngoho.

Hovhu ndi vhu □ifhinduleli ho □anganelaho ha muvhuso, zwikolo, zwiimiswa zwa pfunzo dza n□ha, vhabebi, mi□a, vhaimbi, vhatsila, na tshitshavha tsho□he.

Murafho we wa bebwa nga murahu ha muvhuso wa tshi□alula wo fhedzisela wo wana shango □ine □a vha na Ndayotewa ya demokirasi na hune mbofholowo dza vhu□hogwa dzo tsireledzwa.

Zwikhala zwine vhaswa vha vharema vha vha nazwo □amusi ndi zwihulwane nga maan□a nahone zwo khwi□iswa vhukuma.

U dzulela u amba nga ha zwo iteaho nga □a 16 Fulwi ndi tshihumbudzi kha murafho wa □amusi tsha vhu□i□etshedzeli vhuhulwane he ha itwa u itela u wana



mbofholowo ine vha vha nayo □amusi.

□uvha □a Vhaswa ndi tshihumbudzi tsha maan□a mahulwane na nyito ya uri vhaswa vha fanela u tou □isikela vhumatshelo ha khwi□e.

Thaidzo dzine vhaswa vha Afrika Tshipembe vha vha nadzo □amusi ndi nnzhi. Vhaswa vha dzula vha vha vhu□hogwa kha u □isa tshanduko, zwi si na ndavha uri ndi kha u □o□a pfunzo ya mahala na kana kha u lwa na malwadze a tshitshavha a fanaho na khakhathi dzo □itikaho nga mbeu.

□amusi thaidzo khulwanesa ine vhaswa vha khou lwa nayo ndi ya vhushayamishumo, he ha hulela nga mulandu wa dwadze □a COVID-19.

U sika zwikhala zwinzhi hu u itela vhaswa, na tswikelo kha zwenezwo zwikhala, ndi tshipikwa tsha u thoma tsha muvhuso.

Zwo he zwine ra zwi ita sa muvhuso zwi shela mulenzhe kha u khwi isa matshilo a vhaswa. U fhenya vhushayamishumo kha vhaswa zwi o a u avhanyiswa ha nyaluwo ya ikonomi, nga maan sa kha dzisekhithara dzi o aho vhashumi vhanzhi, na u fha a vhukoni ha muvhuso u itela u khunyeledza mushumo wawo

wa mveledziso.

Ri khou dovha hafhu ra tshimbidza uyu mushumo nga kha thusedzo dzo pikwaho. Hezwi zwi katela Thusedzo ya Mishumo ya Vhaswa ya Muphuresidennde, ine yo no □etshedza zwikhala zwa mishumo na thikhedzo ya vhu□itshidzi kha vhaswa vhanzhi.

Ro rwela □ari mutevhe wa ma□we maga u itela u sika zwikhala zwa mishumo, u khwi□isa mveledziso ya zwikili, u tikedza vhoramabindu vhane vha kha □i vha vha□uku na u konisa u shela mulenzhe ha vhaswa kha ikonomi.

Hezwi zwi katela u thomiwa ha Netiweke ya Ndangulo ya Tswikelelo ya Mishumo ya Lushaka ya Vhaswa vha Afrika Tshipembe, ya u ita uri zwi lelutshele vhaswa u lavhelesa na u swikela zwikhala zwa mishumo vha dovha hafhu vha wana thikhedzo i shumaho ya u wana magondo a u dzhena kha mushumo u re hone.

Hezwi zwi vhukati ha zwipikwa zwa ndeme kha Thusedzo ya Mishumo ya Vhaswa ya Muphuresidennde, ye ya rwelwa □ari kha vhege dza phan□a ha musi ri tshi dzhena kha muvalelo wa lushaka □waha wo fhelaho nahone ine zwazwino ya khou thoma u shu-

miswa lwo fhelelaho.

Thusedzo ya Mishumo ya Vhaswa ya Muphuresidennde yo itwa nga kha kupfesesele kwa uri u tandulula tshiwo tsha vhushayamishumo ha vhaswa zwi □o□a kuhumbulele kwa vhu□ali khathihi na tshumisano dzo khwa□haho u mona na zwitshavha.

Tshipikwa tshayo tsha u fhedzisela ndi u wana maitele ane a shuma, kha mveledziso ya zwikili kana kha mbekanyamaitele dza u an□adza mishumo dzi re hone, na u swikisa izwi kha vhaswa vhanzhi.

Tshandemesa,i □anganedza uri vhaswa vha fanela u vha vhukati ha ndingedzo i□we na i□we ya u khwi□isa zwikhala zwa mishumo ya vhaswa. Vhaswa ndi vha ndeme, vha dovha hafhu vha vha tshihali tshashu tshihulwane kha ino nndwa.

Ri bvulela mu□adzi u kon□elela ha muswa mu□we na mu□we ane a khou ita mushumo wawe kha u fha□a na u bveledzisa □ino shango.

Ndi vhaswa vhane vha khou shuma hu si na malamba zwitshavhani zwashu, vhane vha khou fha□a shango □ashu nga kha Thusedzo ya Mishumo ya Vhaswa ya Muphuresidennde, vhane vha khou tshimbidza mabindu a vhone vha□e na vhane vha khou guda u itela u □ikhwi□ifhadza.

Ndi vhaswa vhane vha khou □iitela n□ila dzavho vha tshi khou tshimbila khathihi na vha mi□a yavho.

Ri bvulela mu□adzi vhaswa vhane vha khou shuma u itela u khwi□isa matshilo avho. Vhaswa vha khou ita mushumo wavho; vha □o□a muvhuso, na tshitshavha tsho□he, uri ri ite mushumo washu.

Shango □ashu □i khou fhira kha tshifhinga tshi kon□aho, fhedzi ri khou shuma □uvha □i□wena□i□weu□an□avhudza mikano ya fulufhelo.

Ri khou vhona u gonyela n□ha ha nyaluwo kha ikonomi yashu, ri na fulufhelo uri izwi zwi □o shandukela kha zwikhala zwa khwi□e zwa vho□he. Mushumo washu zwazwino ndi u khwa□hisedza uri vhaswa vho lugela nahone vha a kona u swikelela zwikhala izwi, na u □isikela zwa vhone vha□e. 0

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Kha vha thivhele u swa Nga vhuno vhuriha

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usi vhuriha vhu tshi \(\text{isa} \) \(\text{ho} \(\text{ea} \) a vhududo, vhu dovha hafhu ha engedza khovhakhombo ya u huvhala nga u swa nga makhan\(\text{ela} \) ela, mililo, zwi\(\text{ofu}, \) hithara khathihi na ma\(\text{i} \) a u fhisa.

"Mafuvhalo a u swa a □alesa nga tshifhinga tsha vhuriha ngauralo vhabebi na vha □hogomeli vha fanela u □hogomela na u fhirisa u itela u khwa □hisedza tsireledzo yavho na ya vhana vhavho," vho ralo Vho Dokotela Gary Dos Passos.

Ndi Muhulwane wa Yunithi ya zwa mafuvhalo a U swa ngei Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (RCW-MCH) na u vha mura □ o wa komiti ya vhulanguli kha Burn Society of South Africa. Musi zwiwo zwa mililo i

Musi zwiwo zwa mililo i songo lavhelelwaho zwi sa thivhelei, mafuvhalo ma-



nzhi a u swa a nga kona u thivhelwa nga u dzula wo fha□uwa, □hogomelo kwayo nga vhahulwane khathihi na u shumiswa ha mililo nga n□ila yo tsireledzeaho.

"U swa nga mulilo ndi mafuvhalo mahulwane ane a vha na masiandaitwa a □amani na muhumbuloni na mutakalo kha vho ponyaho na vha mi□a yavho," vho ralo Vho Dokotela Dos

Ri nga thivhela hani u swa

Mafuvhalo a u swa a nga thivhelwa henefho hayani. $Dzi\square$ we ngeletshedzo khedzi:

- Kha vha vhee metshisi, □aithara, zwishumiswa zwa u thusa u pha□aladza mulilo (phe□hirolo na pharafeni), makhan□ela, xasi na ma□enzhe a pharafeni na hithara kule na vhana.
- Vha songo shela zwishumiswa zwa u thusa u pha□aladza mulilo muliloni. Hezwi zwi khombo vhukuma.
- Vha songo tendela vhana vha tshi tambela tsini na ma□enzhe a pharafeni kana a xasi kana hithara.
- Vha songo takula □wana

musi vha tshi khou bika kana vha □utshela □wana a si na □hogomelo ngomu kana tsini na lufhera lwa u bikela.

- Kha vha khwa□hisedze uri ge□ela i fhethu hune □wana a sa swikele. Kha vha renge ge□ela i si na thambo arali vha tshi nga kona.
- Vha songo hwala gokoko
 □a u vhilisa ma□i kana khali dza ma□i a u fhisa vha
 tsini na vhana.
- Kha vha rembulusele mikungelo ya khali kule na phan

 a ha tshi

 ofu.
- Kha vha vhee makhan □ela nga ngomu ha bo □elo □a ngilasi □ihulwane □ine □a vha na mu□avha fhasi ngauralo a □o bvela nn □a arali bo □elo □a wa.
- Vha songo fukedza mililo nga mu□avha. Mufhiso u a dzula kha mu□avha lwa dziawara.
- Kha vha shele ma □i a u rothola u thoma ngomu ba-

vuni, vha kone u engedza nga a u fhisa. Tshifhinga tsho□he vha thetshelese ma□i avho a u □amba nga luku□avhavha u thoma.

Arali vha □iwana vhe khomboni ya u swa nga mulilo, vha ime, vha □ipose fhasi vha vhumbuluwe u itela u dzima khavhu ya mulilo.

"Mufhiso u bvaho kha mulilo, ma□i a u fhisa kana u swa nga mu□agasi zwi □o bvela phan□a na u fhisa tsikila lwa tshifhinga tshilapfu nga murahu ha u fhandekana na tsho vha fhisaho.

"Kha vha dzime u fhisa nga u vhea tshipi□a tsha muvhili tsho swaho kha ma□i a u rothola a bommbini lwa mithethe ya 20. Vha songo shumisa aisi, mafhi kana tshibveledzwa tshi□we na tshi□we tshine tsha vha na mapfura kha fuvhalo □a u swa," vho ralo Vho Dokotela Dos Passos. •

U itela u wana dzińwe ngeletshedzo dza u thivhela u swa, kha vha dalele www.childsafe.org.za.

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Good health by the cupful

THE PEBBLES PROJECT and UK-based tea company Twinings have teamed up help farmworkers stay healthy.

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ea farmworkers and their families, in remote parts of the Western Cape, now have access to healthcare closer to their homes, as a result of a mobile health service in the area.

The mobile clinic was launched by non-profit organisation, the Pebbles Project, and Twinings, a United Kingdom-based tea company, to support around 800 farmworkers and their families on a number of rooibos tea farms in Clanwilliam and Citrusdal.

The mobile clinic conducts wellness screenings and provides routine health checkups, primary healthcare support and over-the-counter



health products.

It will also conduct health and wellness workshops on topics such as family planning, maternal health, hygiene, TB, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and lifestyle diseases.

Sophia Warner, the Chief

Executive Officer of the Pebbles Project, says a lack of access to quality healthcare poses a major challenge for those working and living in farming communities in remote areas where Twinings sources rooibos tea.

"Many farmworkers do not

receive regular health checkups or the medical attention or information they need in time, and consequently suffer risks of more serious health conditions that could have been prevented if treated earlier."

A lack of information also

contributes to health challenges which impacts the farmworkers' ability to work and care for their families.

"The goal of the project is to enable rooibos tea farmworkers to take control of their health and receive the medical support they need," says Warner.

Albert Smit, from a farm in Jakkalvlei, says the farmworkers are grateful. "We are so happy... As a result of the service, we have less staff having to visit the local clinic and less absenteeism at work," he adds.

The Pebbles Project's partnership with Twinings is part of the company's responsible sourcing programme called Sourced with Care.

Céline Gilart, the Head of Social Impact for Twinings, says Sourced with Care ensures that the company sources responsibly, but also acts as a force for good to improve the quality of life in communities from which it sources. •