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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

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

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### Tiko ra hina ri rilela vutomi bya vantshwa lebyi lahlekeke eka khombo ra le thavhenini ya le Enyobeni

avhiki mangarimangani lama hundzeke mindyangu ya le ndhawini ya Scenery Park ehandle ka East London, yi kumile mahungu lama mutswari un'wana na un'wana a khongelaka ku ka a nga pfuki a ma twile.

Va byeriwile leswaku 21 wa vana va vona va kumiwile va lovile, ethavhenini. N'wana lontsongo a ri na 13 wa malembe ntsena.

Vulavisisi bya maphorisa eka khombo byi ya mahlweni hi xihatla. Ku ya emahlweni ka kahle ka vulavisisi, Masipala wa Buffalo City wu le ku langutisiseni loko thavhene yi nga tlulanga nawu na wun'we wa masipala.

Miehleketo na swikhongelo swa hina swi katsa
mindyangu leyi nga ku xanisekeni
ku fikelela ku amukela
khombo ro chavisa leri nga
vulavulekiki.

Hi khensa Mfumo wa Xifundzakulu xa Kapa-Vuxa ku va wu pfuna mindyangu leyi khumbekeke, xikan'we na AVBOB leyi tinyiketeleke ku pfuna mindyangu ku lahla

Hambiloko milawu yo fanela yi hlela leswi humeleleke ku tiyisisa leswaku nawu wu teka xiave eka vatwisiwa ku vava, ku na mbhurisano lowu hi lavaka ku va na wona tanihi tiko. I xiphiqo xa ku nwa byala hi vana va malembe ya le hansi.

Mikandziyiso na swinepe leswi hoxiweke eka swa leswi vitaniwaka tlangu wa 'pens down' endhawini liya vusiku byebyo swi komba vantshwa va tsakile va karhi va bananisa mabondhlele ya byala. Votala va vona eka swinepe va languteka va ri lavantsongo.

Nhlayo ya vantshwa kusuka eScenery Park va byerile va vuteki bya mahungu leswaku va vone hungu ri rhendzeleka eka inthanete ya vuhangalasamahungu ya vanhu, ro nyikiwa byala bya mahala eka hinkwavo lava yeke etlangwini vusiku byebyo.

Ku engeteleka ka ku amukela hi vaaki ka ku nwa byala hi vantshwa i xiphiqo lexikulu etikweni laha vanhu vo tala lava nwaka byala va nga ntlawahatiwa hi Nhlangano wa Rihanyo wa Misava leswaku i swidakwa.

Ku tirhisiwa ka byala hi majaha na vanhwana swi fambelanisiwa na ku kavanyeta matirhelo, ku papalata ku dyondza, ku vaviseka ko fambelana na byala, miehleketo yo tisunga no ringeta, na matikhomelo ya khombo.

Hi fanele ku hlangana ku lwisana ni vubihi lebyi vutleleka vantshwa va hina malembe ya vona yo tsakisa ya vutomi, no va endla leswaku va va mahlonga ya xihoko. Tanihi mindyangu swi vula leswaku hi fanele ku va na mimbhurisano yo pfuleka no tshembeka mayelana na byala no veka mindzilikano. A swi le nawini eka vana lava nga ehansi ka malembe ya 18 ku nwa xihoko.

Tanihi vatswatsi hi fanele ku papalata swiendlo swo fana na ku rhuma vana vatsanana ku ya hi xavela xihoko kumbe ku tinyiketela ku xavela vantshwa lava xihoko.

A hi ro sungula hi hlangana ni khombo ro tani ro fana na leswi humeleke eScenery Park vhiki leri hundzeke.

Vuxaka bya swivangelo exikarhi ka thavene ya le Enyobeni, khombo ra le ka ndhawu ya vatswatsi yo hungasela kona nivusiku ya Throb eDurban hi 2000, na khombo ra le thavenini ya Osi eKhayelitsha hi 2015, hileswaku swisimekiwa leswi a swi xavisela vana lavantsongo xihoko.

Ntlakuko wa le henhla wa swisimekiwa leswi tlulaka nawu i xikombiso xo hluleka ka nawu eka xiave xo tiyisa malawulelo.

Ehansi ka Nawu wa Tiko wa Xihoko, vinyi va swisimekiwa leswi nga na maphepha yo xavisa xihoko a va fanelanga ku xavisela un'wana na un'wana loyi a nga ehansi ka malembe ya 18 xihoko.

Va fanele ku teka magoza yo twisiseka ku tiyisisa leswaku un'wani na un'wani loyi va n'wi xaviselaka xihoko u na malembe lama nga ringanela.

Hi kombela miganga ku tirha na nawu ku tiyisisa leswaku tithavhene, ndhawu yo xavisela byala yo ka yi nga ri enawini, tindhawu ta vuhangasi na vaxavisi lava tlulaka nawu swi fanele ku kuma nxupulo.

Hi vitana maphorisa ya hina ku nghenelela ku tiyisa nawu lowu alelanaka na ku xavisa xihoko ekusuhi na swikolo no engetela ku languta vaxavisi va xihoko ku tiyisisa leswaku xihoko a xi le ku xaviseriweni ka vana lavantsongo.

Ntiyiso wun'wani hileswaku xihoko i xin'wana xa swibalekelo eka vantshwa emigangeni laha swivandlanene swo hlayiseka na tindhawu ta mitlangu ya malembe ya vona ti nga titsongo.

Muganga wa Scenery Park wu kombisile nkayivelo wa mitlangu, dyondzo na switirhisiwa swin'wani swa nhluvuko eka vantshwa, leswi endlaka leswaku va tinghenelerisa swinene eka 'ku jikajikela ethavenini'.

Ekuhumeleleni ka khombo, muganga wu humesele ehandle leswaku a ku na timbala ta mitlangu, tilayiburari ta miganga kumbe tisenthara ta vatshwa eScenery Park.

Tanihi mfumo wa tiko, xifundzakulu na miganga hi fanele ku hlamula xikombelo xa muganga lowu na yin'wana miganga hi ku ndlandlamuxa tindhawu ta vuhungaselo to tala, switirhisiwa, tiphurogireme, na tiphurojeke ta vantshwa va hina etindhawini leti sweleke exifundzeninkulu.

Vatirhisanikulobye va vuhungasi tanihi mabindzu ya miganga ya fanele ku pfuna hi nseketelo.

Tanihi miganga hi fanele ku tirha na Tiforamu ta Maphorisa ya Miganga, na mihlangano ya miganga na tihuvo ta vufambisi bya swikolo no tlanga xiave xo vonaka evuton'wini bya vana va hina no tiyisisa vuhlayiseki bya vona na rihanyu lerinene.

Tanihiloko va vula hi ndhavuko wa XiAfrika "Swi dinga muganga ku kurisa n'wana".

A hi tirheni swin'we ku sirhelela vumundzuku bya kahle bya vana va hina eka ku hlakatiwa hi xihoko na swidzidziharisi na khombo ra swona.

A hi tirheni swin'we ku tiyisisa leswaku vanhu lava rhangisaka bindzulo ku tlula vutomi bya vana va hina a va pfumeleriwi ku xavisa.

Naswona a hi endleni xikombiso xa kahle eka vuxaka bya hina na xihoko.

Hi nga vi vanhu lava hlayisaka vana va hina ntsena, kambe hi va vahlayisi va vana va vaakelani va hina.

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#### Marhuda ya ntoho laha Afrika-Dzonga

olobye wa Rihanyo Dr Joe Phaahla u tiyisisile leswa-ku Marhuda ya ntoho ya kumekile laha Afrika-Dzonga hi nkarhi wo burisana na vahangalasi va mahungu sweswinyana ePitori, eGauteng.

U vurile leswaku u kumile xiviko kusuka eka Vukorhokeri bya Rihanyo bya Rixaka bya Tilaborotari (NHLS) xa leswaku va tiyisisile Marhuda ya ntoho laha Afrika-Dzonga hi ku tirhisa swikambelo swa laborotari.

Xitsongwatsongwana xi kumeke eGauteng ni le Kapa-Vupeladyambu.

Marhuda ya ntoho hi ntolovelo i mavabyi yatsongo lama vonakaka ku fana ni ntshwavusiku kumbe swilondza enhlongeni. Hi ntolovelo i byitsongo no va na nhlayo ya mafu ya 1%.

Vuvabyi endzhaku byi vikiwile ematikweni ya Afrika yo fana na Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic na Ghana hi malembe yosungula ya vo2000.



Ku kumeka ka xitshuketana ka ntungu ku rhangeriwile hi nhlayo ya le henhla eEurope na UK leyi rhangeke hi ku tlula 700 wa timhangu, Spain na ku tlulanyana 500, yi landzeriwa hi Jarimani, Portugal na Furwa.

Holobye u vurile leswaku Vandla ra Rixaka ra Mavabyi yo Tlulela (NICD) ra karhi ku dyondzisa va vatirhi va rihanyo hi ku tirhisa inthanete ku kota ku vona vuvabyi leswaku swikambelo swa laborotari swo lulamela swi nga endliwa. "Vuvabyi byi hangalaka ntsena hi ku khumbana ka le kusuhi, leswi vulaka leswaku u nge byi kumi hi kuva ekamareni rin'we na munhu loyi a nga na byona," ku vurile Holobye.

Holobye Phaahla u tiyisile MaAfrika-Dzonga leswaku Marhuda ya ntoho a hi xitsongwatsongwana lexi nga si tshamaka xi voniwa nkarhi lowu hundzeke naswona vativi va sayense va na vuxokoxoko mayelana na xona.

Mutshamaxitulu wa Komiti

yo Tsundzuxa Vaholobye (MAC) hi COVID-19 na xirho xa Vurhangerinkulu xa NHLS, Phurofesa Koleka Mlisana, u te Marhuda ya ntoho i vuvabyi lebyi hi mikarhi yotala byi kumekaka eCentral na Northern Africa lebyi tivekaka byi nga ri na nghozi.

Vuvabyi bya endemiki i xiyimo lexi hakanyingi xi kumeka eka vanhu vo karhi kumbe eka ndhawu yo karhi.

U vurile leswaku ku na ku yelana exikarhi ka Marhuda ya ntoho na swibundwana leswitsongo.

"Ku na misawutiso na vutshunguri byi nga kona bya Marhuda ya ntoho. Vuvabyi byi tikomba hi swikoweto swo fana na swa mikhuhlwani na Legionnaires. Xilo xa nkoka i ku munhu loyi a taka a huma hi le ka dokodela swa olova ku n'wi hlahluva naswona xa nkoka swa tika ku tluletana, a swi fani na xitsongwatsongwana xo hefemulelana, hikuva lexi i xo khumbana. U nga xi kuma ntsena loko wo khumbana hi ku kongoma na munhu loyi xi nga n'wi khoma," a vula tano.

Legionnaires i muxaka wa vuvabyi byo tika bya nyumoniya.

Phurofesa Mlisana u boxe leswaku ku landzelerisa ku khumbana swi na nkoka eka xiyimo lexi kutani Ndzawulo ya Rihanyo yi taya mahlweni yi endla tano.

U tiyisise MaAfrika-Dzonga leswaku miako ya Laborotari yi na switirhisiwa swo ringanela leswi nga kotaka ku langutisisa ku tluletana kuntshwa loku nga humelelaka. – SAnews.gov.za

### COVID-19 regulations cancelled

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 capa-

city 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.

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