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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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Setjhaba sa rona se iletse koduwa ya ho hlokahala ha batjha tameneng ya Enyobeni

Dibekeng tse mmalwa tse fetileng, malapa a lekeishene la Scenery Park haufi le East London, a ne a fumane ditaba tseo ho seng motswadi ya ratang ho di utlwa.

A ne a bolellwe ha bana ba 21 ba fumanwe ba hlokahetse tameneng. E monyane ho bona kaofela o ne a le dilemo di 13 feela.

Diphuputso tsa sepolesa di tswelapele ka potloko e kgolo.

Ntle le diphuputso tsena, Mmasepala e Moholo wa Buffalo City, le ona o lekola taba ya hore na e be tamene eo ha e a tlola e meng ya melawana ya mmasepala.

Malapa ana re tla dula re a hopola mme re tla a beha le dithapelong hore a kgone ho amohela masisapelo ana.

Re leboha mmuso wa Kapa Botjhabela ka ho thusa malapa a amehileng le AVBOB ka ho thusa malapa ana mabapi le ho boloka bana bana.

Leha diphuputso di ntse di tswela pele ho netefatsa hore malapa a mahlatsipa a qetella a tsebile se etsahetseng, empa ho na le mathata ao re tlamelang ho tobana le ona jwalo ka setjhaba. Mathata ao ke pharela ya tahi baneng.

Ditshwantsho tse neng di tletse ho inthanete tsa moke-tjana ona wa 'ho thabela ho qeta ho ngola ditlhahlobo', di ne di bontsha batjha ba neng ba phahamiseditse dibotlolo tsa jwalo hodimo. Bongata ba bona bo ne bo bonahala hore



Ke tlolo ya molao ho rekisetsa bana ba dilemo di ka tlase ho tse 18 jwala.

bo dilemong tse ka tlase ho tse 18.

Bongata ba batjha ba Scenery Park ba neng ba bue le boraditaba ba ne ba bolele ha ba ne ba fumane molaetsa metjheng ya kgokahano ya hore bohle ba tla ya moketjaneng oo ba tla fumana jwala ba mahala.

Ho nwa ha batjha ke pharela e kgolo naheng ena, le Mokgatlo wa Matjhaba wa tsa Bophelo bo Botle o bolela ha naha ena e le e nngwe ya tse nwang haholo.

Botahwa batjheng bo tsamaisana le mathata a kang ho thisa sekolong, ho lemala ka lebaka la botahwa bona, ho

ba le menahano ya ho ipolaya esitana le boitshwaro bo hlephileng.

Re tlamela ho kopana mmoho re le setjhaba ho lwantsha bothata bona bo senyetsang batjha ba rona maphelo, bo ba etse makgoba a tahi.

Jwalo ka malapa, re tlamela ho bua ka bothata bona ba jwala mme re nke le mehato e lokelang. Ke tlolo ya molao ho nwa jwala ha ngwana ya dilemo di ka tlase ho tse 18.

Jwalo ka batho ba baholo, re tlamela ho kgaotsa mokgwa wa ho roma bana jwala, kapa hona ho ba rekela bona.

Ha se kgetlo la pele re ba le koduwa e kang eo ya Scenery Park.

Ho ne ho etsahale se tshwanang tlelaong ya Throb mane Thekong ka selemo sa 2000, le tameneng ya Osi mane Khayelitsha ka selemo sa 2015.

Se tshwanang ka ketsahalo tsena le ena ya tameneng ya Enyobeni, ke ho rekisetsa batjha ba tlase dilemong jwala.

Ho sebetse leha e le ha jwang ha dibaka tsena ho bontsha ho hloleha ha ba ka taolong ho qobella melao e behilweng.

Ka ho ya ka Molao o Laolang Jwala, beng ba dibaka tse rekisang jwala dilaesense tsa bona ha di ba dumelle ho rekisetsa batjha ba dilemo di ka tlase ho tse 18 jwala.

Re ipiletsa ho setjhaba ho sebedisana le ba ka taolong ho netefatsa hore ditamene, dishibini, dibaka tsa boithabiso le tse rekisang jwala hore di fumana kotlo e di tshwanelang ha di tlola molao.

Re ipiletsa le ho mapolesa ho netefatsa hore ha ho dibaka tse rekisang jwala haufi le dikolo le hore ha ho jwala bo rekisetwang bana.

E nngwe ntho eo re e hlokometseng ke hore mathata a tahi batjheng a atile haholo dibakeng tseo dibaka tsa boithabiso tsa batjha di leng mmalwa ho tsona.

Setjhaba sa Scenery Park se boletse ha dibaka tsa dipapadi, tsa thuto mmoho le tse thusang kgolong ya batjha e le leqeme feela, e leng se etsang batjha ba

qetelle ba 'kena ditameneng'.

Ho latela koduwa ena, setjhaba se boletse ha ho se na mabala a dipapadi Scenery Park, dilaaborari kapa tsona ditsi tsa batjha.

Jwalo ka mmuso boemong ba naha, profensi le ba mmasepala, re tlamela ho mamela sello sa setjhaba sena, le tse ding, ka hore re ahe dibaka tsa boithabiso, re thehe le mananeo le diprojeke tse tla tswela batjha ba rona molemo profensing.

Re ipiletsa le ho borakgwebo hore le bona ba kenye letsoho tabeng ena.

Re le setjhaba, re tlamela ho sebedisana le Mekga ya Setjhaba e shebaneng le Bonokwane mekgatlo ya setjhaba le ya taolo ya dikolo boitekong ba ho netefatsa paballo le tshireletso ya bana ba rona.

Re tlamela ho toboketsa mantsweng a reng "ngwana o hodiswa ke setjhaba".

Ha re sebetse mmoho ho sireletsa setjhaba sena sa kamoso ho bolaweng ke dithethefatsi le jwala.

Ha re kopaneng ho netefatsa hore bohle ba shebaneng feela le ho etsa tjelele ba sa kga-thalle maphelo a bana ba rona ha ba dumellwe ho rekisa moo re dulang.

Le rona ha re beng mohlala o motle tsebedisong ya jwala.

Ha re se keng ra qetella ka ho hlokomela bana ba rona feela, empa re hlokomela le ba baahisani ba rona. **V**

Monkeypox Afrika Borwa

Letona la tsa Bophelo Ngaka Joe Phaahla, o netefaditse taba ya hore *Monkeypox* e fumanehile Afrika Borwa sebokeng sa boraditaba, Tshwane, Gauteng.

O boletse hore o fumane tlaleho ho Mokgatlo wa Naha wa Ditshebetso tsa Dilaboratori (NHLS) hore ditekong tsa bona ba fumane hore *Monkeypox* e se e le teng Afrika Borwa.

Kokwanahloko ena e fumanehile profensing ya Gauteng le ya Kapa Bophirima.

Monkeypox ke bohloko bo seng matla, bo hlahellang e le matjhatjhetsi kapa diso letlalong la motho. Ke bohloko bo seng bohale mme sekgahla sa bona sa ho bolaya ke persente feela.

Mathwasong a dilemo tsa bo 2000, bohloko bona ho ile ha tlalehwa ha bo atile dinaheng tsa Afrika tse kang Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic le Ghana.

Hona jwale bohloko bona



bo atile haholo Yuropa mme UK ke yona e nang le palo e hodimo ya bakudi ba fetang 700, ho latele Spain ka ba fetang 500 mme ho latele Jeremane, Portugal le Fora.

Letona le boletse ha Mokgatlo wa Naha wa Mahloko a Tshwaetsanang (NICD) o rupella basebeletsi ba tsa bophelo bo botle ka inthanete hore ba kgone ho bona matshwao a bohloko bona mme ho etsuwe ditekong tse tlamehileng ho etsuwa tsa bohloko bona dilabora-

toring.

“Bohloko bona, bo tshwaetsana feela ka ho thetsana, ka hoo, o ke se tshwaetsehe ka ho ba ka tlung le mokudi wa bohloko bona,” Letona le boletse jwalo.

Letona Phaahla o netefaditse Mafrika Borwa hore *Monkeypox* ha se kokwanahloko e ntjha, ka hoo, borasaense ba rona ba na le tsebo ka yona.

Modulasetulo wa Komiti ya Matona ya Dikeletso

Mabapi le *COVID-19*, eo hape e boetseng e le setho sa NHLS, Profesara Koleka Mlisana, o re *Monkeypox* ke sewa haholo dinaheng tse Bohareng le Leboya ho Afrika mme le teng ha e matla hakalo.

Bohloko bo sa atang ke boo hangata bo fumanehang bathong ba itseng kapa sebakeng se itseng feela.

O boletse ha *Monkeypox* kae kae e ntse e itshwanela le *Smallpox*.

“*Monkeypox* e na le ente le meriana ya yona. Bohloko bona bo itlhamisa e ka mokgohlane le *Legionnaires*. Se molemo ke hore ha o kgona ho hlalose tsa ngaka bothata ba hao, ho ba bobebe hore o etswe ditekong tsa bohloko bona mme hape ha ho bobebe hore e tshwaetsane jwalo ka kokwanahloko tsena tse amang matshwafo, yona e tshwaetsana ka ho thetsana. O tshwaetseha feela ha o ile wa thetsana le mokudi wa bohloko bona,” o boletse jwalo.

Bohloko ba *Legionnaires* bo tshwana le ba nyomoniana e matla.

Profesara Mlisana o boletse hore ho bohlokwa ho tsona le batho ba ileng ba thetsana le bakudi ba bohloko bona, mme Lefapha la Bophelo bo Botle le tla tswela pele le ho etsa jwalo.

O netefaditse Mafrika Borwa hore Dilaboratori tsa rona di na le disebediswa tse lekaneng ho ka kgona ho hlwaya ditshwaetso tse ntjha tse ka hlahang.

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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