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LIMPOPO PROVINCE COVID -19 VACCINE ROLLOUT PLAN



Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha During the media briefing about COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Plan.

Premier Mr Chupu Mathabatha says Limpopo Provincial Government has set up structures to implement the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Plan.

During the media briefing on Thursday, 4th February 2021, Mathabatha, along with MEC of Health Dr Phophi Ramathuba presented the Limpopo Province's vaccine rollout strategy.

“As a first citizen of the province will be the first one to be vaccinated to show people that the

vaccine is safe. Members of the Legislature will also be encouraged to lead by example to inspire confidence in our people,” Mathabatha said.

“I believe that vaccines have to be made available to all the people of Limpopo Province, starting with frontline health care workers and the most vulnerable to ensure there is protection for them first as the most vulnerable groups”.

Premier said “The province is planning to commence with

vaccination on the 15th February 2021 and the first phase is expected to be concluded in three weeks. The second leg of the first phase will be administered in six to eight weeks to allow the effectiveness of the medicine,”

The province is allocated 44 526 by the National Government. A team of 200 trained health professionals that includes doctors, nurses and pharmacist will be expected to vaccinate 50 people per team.

The second phase will target funeral parlour employees, retail personnel, people above the age of 60 with comorbidities and any personnel that were classified as essential workers since the outbreak of the virus when lockdown restrictions were introduced.

The Premier has assured people that they will not be given the vaccine against their will and that it will be administered at no cost.

MISS SOUTH AFRICA SHUDUFHADZO MUSIDA LAUNCHES MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE #MINDFULMONDAYS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SADAG

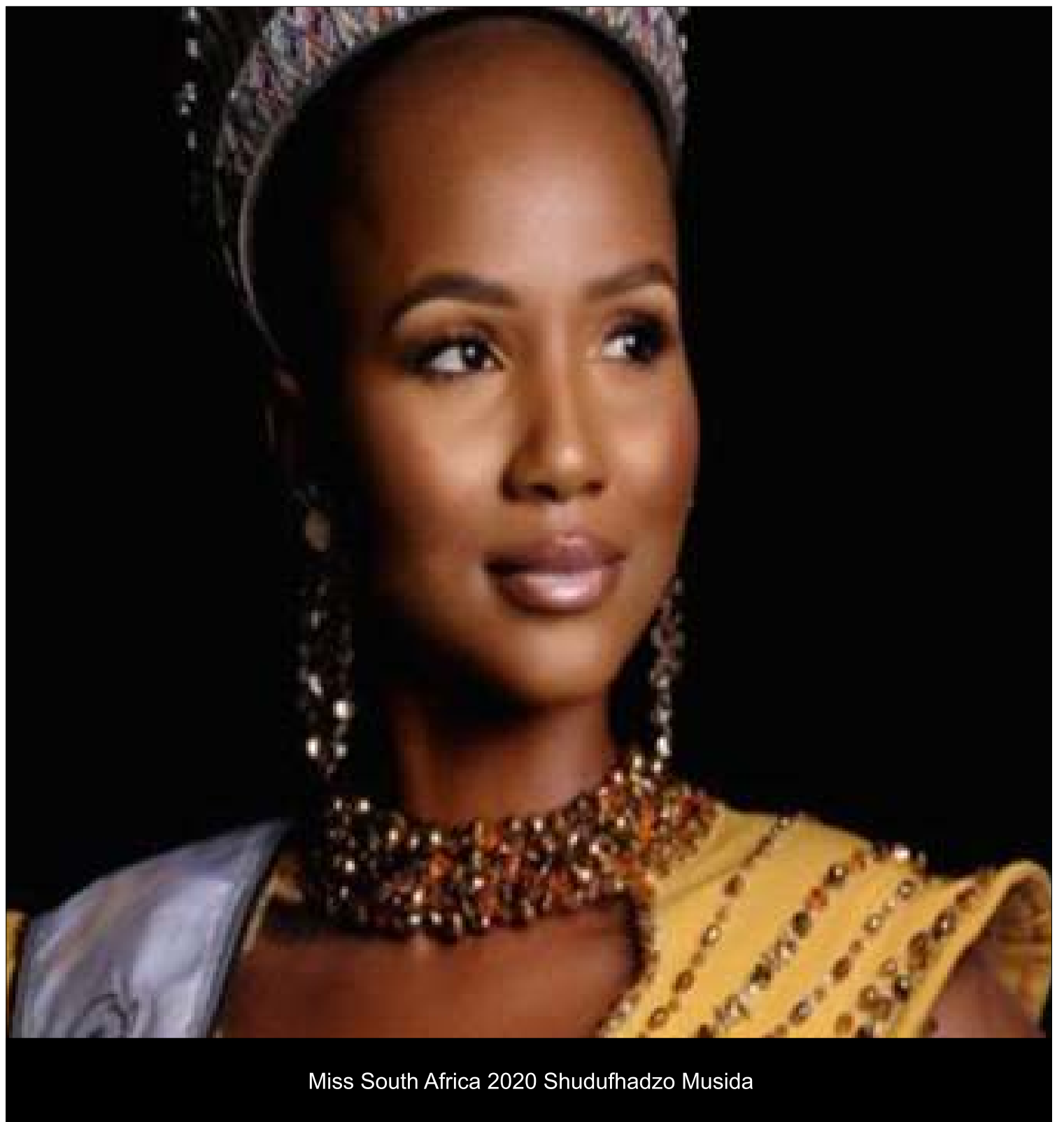
Miss South Africa 2020 Shudufhadzo Musida launches her online mental health initiative #MindfulMondays hosted in conjunction with the South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG), launches on Shudu's Instagram platform @shudufhadzomusida on Monday, February 8, at 19h00.

Musida – who announced that she would be focusing on raising awareness around mental health when she took the Miss South Africa crown in October last year – will speak to various experts on a diverse range of topics related to the subject on Instagram on Monday evenings at 19h00.

SADAG is proud and honoured to have a platform with Miss SA to have these important conversations around mental health, and to help break the stigma around mental illness in the country. By using her powerful platform and her compassion towards mental health, we hope to debunk myths, encourage people to seek help and share practical self-help tips for people to use as part of their mental wellness.

Musida's first guest will be Clinical Psychologist and SADAG Board Member Zamo Mbele whose conversation focuses on mental health. Their discussion will include the difference between mental health and mental illness; mental health stats in South Africa; how it impacts people; what are some of the different types of mental health issues; who treats them; what resources are available and how COVID has impacted mental health.

On Monday, February 15, the focus will be on teen depression to mark Teen Suicide Prevention Week. Shudu's guest will be GP and



Miss South Africa 2020 Shudufhadzo Musida

social media influencer Dr Sindi van Zyl who will talk about teen depression, its causes and symptoms; are boys and girls affected differently; how does one identify the warning signs for suicide; how to start the conversation with a friend or child about depression or suicide and how does one get help if you, or someone you know is thinking of suicide?

A democratic Government cannot achieve its development agenda unless we achieve the overall imperatives of

building a non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous society.

A systemic attention on gender-based violence whereby women and children are the primary victims is therefore an immediate task that cannot be postponed. It is, indeed, an integral part of eradication of all forms of oppression of human beings by human beings. Public servants, especially the youthful ones, have a legal obligation to eradicate

patriarchy and other regressive practices in advancing social emancipation.

The core of your contribution is to ensure that the provincial government plays a significant role in facilitating economic growth and development. Various research findings noted that industrialisation is a key pillar for sustainable youth empowerment.

In conclusion, the Youth are the future!

LIMPOPO FLOOD VICTIMS ASSISTED BY GOVERNMENT



MEC of Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale at Madimbo Village in the Musina Municipality.

Most of families were rescued from their flooded homes after heavy rainfall in Vhembe District. A bridge connecting one of the rural area with Musina town was swept away by an overflowing river.

Mopani and Vhembe

Districts are the hardest hit by the heavy floods that were brought on by the tropical depression after cyclone Eloise hit Mozambique.

The department of Social Development jointly with disaster management officials has delivered food

parcels and other basic amenities to some victims of floods at Madimbo Village in the Musina Municipality.

MEC of Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale said this is part government's effort to assist the victims of floods

in the Vhembe and Mopani Districts where 350 households were affected by the disaster "Government will give continuous support to some of the affected families until their lives are fully restored," Nkakareng said.

DONATION OF ELECTRIC CAR TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

The Department of Social Development has handed over an electric car to the Disabled People of South Africa. The car was donated by BMW South Africa to the Department of Women, Youth and



People with Disabilities.

The environmental friendly vehicle will assist DPISA to reach out to people living with disabilities and also assist in creating an awareness about Gender Based Violence

and Femicide.

The Department of Social Development Acting HOD Desmond Mahopo officiated the handing over of the 13 BMW on behalf of MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale.

HIPPO ROAMING AROUND BOKGAGA AND GA MAAKE OUTSIDE TZANEEN



It has been raining and the rivers are overflowing even animals are running away. Bokgaga and Ga Maaake residents are advised to avoid the Ngwabu River towards

Segotswa because there is a Hippopotamus roaming around the area. Anyone who might come across the hippopotamus should contact EWT or the

Limpopo agriculture and rural development department because Hippopotamus is classified as a dangerous animal. Community should not try to be

hero by hunting for the animal as they are not trained to deal with dangerous species.

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This follows the announcement by the Department of Basic Education to delay the reopening of schools by two weeks from 27 January to 15 February 2021. This intervention is also informed by the directives and content of structural interdict by the

Gauteng North High Court against the Department of Basic Education to feed qualifying learners, whether attending school or not.

The NSNP will resume on 27 January 2021, with schools directed to get service providers to prepare hampers to the value of R273.00 per learner. The hampers should include all specified menu items, delivered in their original form and packaging. Schools that participate in the nutrition programme using the decentralised model will directly procure foodstuff for their learners.

Schools will directly communicate with parents and caregivers on when learners can come and collect hampers. Learners relying on learner transport to reach schools and also benefiting from the nutrition programme will be transported to school to receive their hampers.

District Learner Transport Coordinators have been directed to assist schools in the coordination of this process.

Schools were further directed to develop workable mechanisms of distributing hampers within the guidelines of the adopted standard operating procedure for the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in schools. These require schools to adequately take into consideration aspects of wearing of masks, social distancing, hand washing and sanitising of frequently touched surfaces.

FEEDING OF LEARNERS WHO ARE BENEFICIARIES OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME USING FOOD HAMPERS



MEC for Education Polly Boshielo

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MEC HANDS OVER SURFACE DISINFECTANTS TO THE TAXI INDUSTRY



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As part of her on-going awareness campaign on hygiene in public transport, MEC Mavhungu-Lerule Ramakhanya together with the Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, CLLR John Mpe handed over surface disinfectants to the taxi industry.

The handover took place on the 20 January 2020 at

Polokwane Taxi Rank, where surface disinfectants were given to local taxi operators, and forms part of the Department's programme to assist the taxi industry to comply with hygiene regulations to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

The MEC is targeting hotspot areas in Tzaneen, Polokwane, Fetakgomo-Tubatse, Thabazimbi, Makhado and Thohoyandou

where covid-19 cases have increased significantly.

The DTCS material being handed over to the industry includes:

90 Containers of 25 litre surface disinfectants
600 high pressure sprays
"The most important thing people need to understand is that hygiene will help us to stop the spread of Covid-19. As a Department we made a commitment that we want to keep our people

safe. We are honouring that commitment today" Ramakhanya said.

The Department of Transport and Community Safety will continue to handover disinfectants to the taxi industry across the province. From Polokwane Taxi Rank, the next stop is in Thohoyandou Spar Taxi Rank (Vhembe District) on 22 January 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF LIMPOPO OF TRANSPORT AND SAFETY LAUNCH DTCS ONLINE



Department of Transport and Community Safety (DTCS) in Limpopo launched the first online TV channel to update and brief the citizens on the progressive programmes of the Department. Communications Unit of the Department came up with the idea of broadcasting the MEC live on Zoom and Facebook platforms in a form of a questions and answer (Q & A) session elaborating on the programmes of the Department. The name of the talk show is called 'The Brief' on DTCS TV, the brainchild of Communications Unit in the Department.

The 30 minutes live broadcast ('The Brief') went on air on the 3rd February 2021 at the Department's Head Office

building at Phamako Towers in Polokwane. MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya was interviewed by the host of 'The Brief' TV programme Mr Mike Maringa who is the Media Liaison of the Department. 'The Brief' is a new platform where the MEC will be giving an account on various programmes and interventions of the Department from the previous months. The MEC will be afforded time to update the public and most importantly the media on the programmes of the Department. During the live broadcast, the programme presenter Mr Mike Maringa takes comments and questions from the Facebook viewers also from journalists on Zoom channel. Journalists who are connected on Zoom platform and on Facebook can ask any questions for the

response of the MEC during the talk show.

The first show focused on the recent programmes and interventions of the Department namely, Disinfections of Taxi Ranks, Festive season statistics and the intervention of the Department on the taxi violence in Polokwane. The MEC focused on these key issues and responded to all questions asked by journalists and the public.

The DTCS TV ('The Brief' programme) is the new kid in the block and the first government Department TV channel to go live in Limpopo. The programme has been well welcomed by the viewers after its first broadcast that got over 1000 views within few hours of the broadcast.