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**2021/2022 Vote 9  
Budget Speech—  
SUMMARISED**

Play your  
part with  
Health &  
Wellness

MEC Masemola visit Agents  
of Service Delivery

All you need to KNOW  
about COVID-19  
vaccination

MEC updates  
Stakeholders  
regarding state of  
the roads

**VISION**

A leader in the provision and management of provincial Land, Buildings and Roads Infrastructure.

**MISSION**

Optimal utilization of resource in the provision and management of sustainable social and economic infrastructure including implementation and coordination of Expanded Public Works Programme.

**VALUES**

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure prides itself on the following core values:

**Accountability**

Every officials will be held responsible for own action and ensuring single point accountability,

**Integrity**

All officials will be truthful and honest in execution of duties in their area of competence.

**Professional Ethics**

All officials will perform diligently with necessary proficiency in the execution of duties in their area of skills backed by acceptable moral code.

**EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE  
DELIVERY ‘**

All officials shall dedicate their energy and time strive to deliver as a joint and cooperate amongst themselves for service excellence,

**TRANSPARENCY**

The Department will always uphold Batho Pele Principles and deliver accordingly.

**ANSWERABILITY**

The Department will collectively take liability for poor service delivery.



VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS

Due to the increase in Covid-19 infections and adhering to adjusted Alert Level 4 regulations. No Visitors/external clients are allowed in the Building. Virtual meetings will be held where possible.



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2021 marks the 150th anniversary of struggle icon and human rights campaigner Charlotte Maxeke.

"A heroine who laid a profound revolutionary foundation for theoretical abstraction significant; for human development and social progress. Her ideological orientation disfigured the irrational posture of the colonial and apartheid forces," said MEC DM Masemola during Tabling of 2021/22 Budget Speech.

The heartland of southern Africa - development is about people!

# THE 2021/2022

## VOTE 09 BUDGET SPEECH BY MEC NAMANE DICKSON MASEMOLA SUMMARIZED

### Construction

#### Roads Infrastructure

damages to roads networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3km on road D3878 Sekororo towards Balloon at 95% completion</li> <li>24km on road D4370 from Tompi Seleka to Mogaladi to Polokwane at 65% completion</li> <li>13km on road D2922 and D2919 from Keerom to Tshikanoshi at 88% completion</li> <li>7.5km on road D3727, D879 and D1356 from Mashabato to Tshitale to Morebeng at 89% completion</li> <li>3km on road D3688 from Khubvi to Tshidzvihe at 90% completion</li> <li>5km on road D3695 from Siloam to Tshandama at 82% completion</li> <li>5km on road D4253 in GaMasemola village at 97% completion</li> <li>3km on road D3187 and D3843 from Maseva to Makhuvu 98% completion</li> <li>3km on road D3200 from Mkwakwaila to Mawa at 68% completion</li> <li>3km on road D3377 from Limburg to Matlala at 80% completion</li> <li>32km on road D3232, D15 and D3150 from Morebeng to Sekgose at 75% completion</li> <li>budget allocated for rehabilitation and design of road D192 Rantlakana to GaChere to Marken</li> <li>heavy rainfalls created damages estimated at R538 million for rebuilding collapsed bridges, patching of potholes and rehabilitation of many roads - unfortunately provincial fiscus have una allocated budget in this regard</li> </ul>	road rehabilitation and designs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>estimated at R151 million for roads D3480 joining Giyani and Phalaborwa, D3200 Lebakato Mohlabaneng, D11 GaMamaila to Kolobetona, D4150 Praktiseer, D1589 Kgobokang to GaMakgatho and D2537 Penge</li> <li>R35 million for design and rehabilitation of road R521 Polokwane to Mogwadi (Dendron) to Alldays</li> <li>budget allocated for D3277 Blouberg Health Center to Buffelhoeck Clinic, D4180 Atok Mine Sefateng, D4109 Marulaneng and Selwane, D3561 Segole 1&amp;2, D4260 Malope to Phokwane, D3669 Mavhunga Access Road, D3734 Tshatshama road, D4090 D4093 D4094 D4096 Malemati, D4199 Apel to GaNkoana to D4190, D3426 D3428 D5007 GaRamoshwane, GaRamelwane and GaRamotlwana, D3248 Thapane Cross to Nwamitwa, D1639 in Waterberg and D4283 Clen Cowie to Malaka,</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7km on Road D3556 from Gileadto Road D3564 Waterberg</li> <li>3km on Road D3671 from Musekwa to DoliDoli</li> <li>3km on Road D3810 from Thomo to Khakhala to Gawulato Mahlathi to Ndindani to Hlomelato Phalaubeni</li> <li>3km on Road D3820 from Blinkwater to Rotterdam</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R80 million secured from public-private partnership with mining companies towards of the new bridge at GaSelekana-Steelbridge.</li> <li>reconstruction of Bridge 6116 in Makuleke village, Collins Chabane - Vhembe started</li> </ul>
to be completed 2021/2022 fy	road maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sites to be handed over for roads D4 Elim to Malamulele, D4240 Masevens, D1483 Musina to Pontdrift, P51.3 Stofberg and D3653 Malamulele</li> <li>under implementation are 12.4km from Calaisto Sekororo, upgrade of Steelpoort to Ribato Kokwaneng to GaMapodile to Burgersfort, 13km from Tshikanosi to Malebetsa, 29.3 from Thomo to Hlomela, N11 Mokopane ring road and Mmapela to Mokopane, R71 Namakgale to Phalaborwa, R524 Louis Trichard to Albasinoti Tshakuma and R518 Mmapela Mokopane</li> <li>resolved the disputes for construction of 22km Road P277/1 in Masisi - contractor appointed to complete the project</li> <li>R491 000 has been set aside for maintenance of 25 road maintenance projects including D856 Dennilton to Moteti, D3840 Giyani to Phalaborwa, D3873 Bokgaga to Lephephane, D3880 Lenyenye road, D11 Mamaila road (complete the whole road), D4 Elim to Malamulele (complete the whole road), D959 Makhado to Madombizha, D715 Madombizha to Kutama, D4070 Mamaalo to Seleteng to Mashite, P18/2 Kuschke to Zebediela, D3110 GaSeleka to Shongoane, D3502 Mogalakwena, D3502 Magongoa to Mosesetjane and D2219 Magnetheights to Malekana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>future plans</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>completed projects 2020/2021 fy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bridges</li> </ul>

**contractor handed over**

- Gidela Secondary School, Giyani
- Naledi ya Meso Secondary School, Dikgalaopeng
- Leduma Mahume Primary School, Phokwane
- Alldays Primary School, Blouberg
- Mahlagaume Primary School, Bothashoek
- Marude Secondary School, Thohoyandou

**health projects**

There are several health projects that are at different stages of progress with regard to implementation and designs that are laundry facilities, building works, upgrading of health facilities, Emergency Medical Services and Maphutha - Malatjie Hospital which is at 85% and will be completed this year, 2021/2022.

**storm damaged schools**

The department is busy with 52 schools which are currently at designs stage. Contractors will be appointed for a list of priority schools from the fifty-two that will be approved by Education Department for possible implementation this financial year.

**other projects**

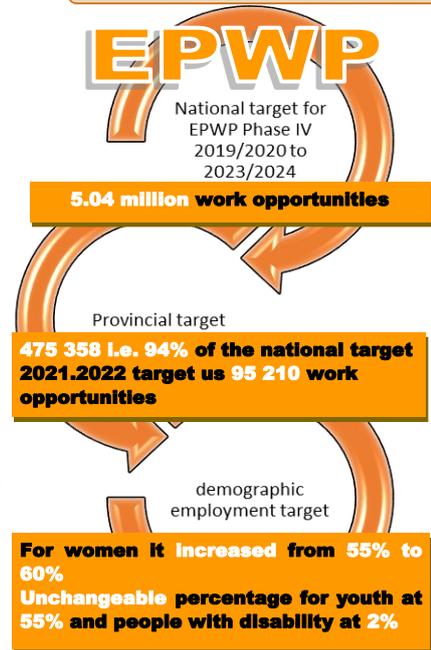
- Construction of the Agriculture Offices in Molemole at 93% to be completed during the 1st quarter of 2021/22
- Construction of accommodation facilities at the Limpopo Traffic College Phase 1 completed, phase 2 underway
- Provincial State Theatre at planning stage, detailed design will be finalised during 3rd quarter of 2021/22
- Relocation of the Provincial Government to Jane Furse - the department have secured a decision and understanding with the Royal leadership of Mamone, that Fifty hectares of land is available for this long awaited development to start.
- Maintenance and construction works to refresh the condition of four Nature Reserves of Nylsvlei, Wolkberg, Blouberg and Letaba Ranch Nature Reserves underway.
- Maintenance of access road and chalets at Makhutsi Camp in Lekgalameetse Nature Reserve.
- Construction buffalo bomas in Blouberg and Percyfive Nature reserves.
- Reconstruction of Schoemansdal Museum will commence in 2021/22

**TCO**

- Have completed the Masia and Mphaphuli Traditional Council Offices in Vhembe
- Currently working on Ditlou Manchidi in Capricorn & Mogashoa Ditlakaneng in Sekhukhune

#### Youth Development Opportunities

<p>earmarked 12 projects across the province which create 750 work opportunities to implement Presidential Employment Initiative</p>	<p>the Department has enrolled 55 young people in areas of construction, electrical &amp; mechanical, civil &amp; structure and quantity survey for comunity practice.</p>	<p>60 learners graduated in December 2020 taken through National Youth Service in collaboration with MerSETA under manufacturing, engineering and welding</p>
<p>MOU with 7 TVET colleges signed with the Departmen to train 100 young people in electrical, welding and fitting apprenticeship and diesel mechanic - to complete by 2022</p>	<p>72 learners to complete jewellery incubator programme supported by SEDA Limpopo by August 2021</p>	<p>70 young people in the internship programme implemented with Office of the Premiew for 24 months</p>
	<p>110 participants of the cleaning and hygiene project will complete training</p>	



"I am pleased to say for the first time in a long time, the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure received an **UNQUALIFIED** audit opinion," said MEC ND Masemola.

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE STATE OF ROADS



MEC ND Masemola with Cllr MF Mokwele, Mayor of Mogalakwena, during the stakeholder engagement meeting on the status of Road D192

## Thulare Bopape

**T**he 34km of the dilapidated road D192 between GaRantlakane and Jakalaskei in Mogalakwena Local Municipality will undergo major rehabilitation on the 8km portion that is currently in a bad condition. MEC Namane Dickson Masemola said the Phase II of the road will focus on portion of the road which are not tarred, therefore the remaining kilometers will receive or undergo upgrading designs at the moment until there are enough resources to finish off the remaining kilometers.

The stakeholder engagement was attended by MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Hon. Namane Masemola together with the Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality Cllr. Malesela Frans Mokwele and various stakeholders such as Royal Authorities, Community Forums and community members at the Bakenburg Traditional offices.

MEC Masemola apologized on behalf of the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure to the community and all the stakeholders involved given the delay

in the road



Community of Bakenberg stakeholder engagement on state of road D192.

construction that led to a bad relationship between the department and the community.

“The road is going to be fixed as promised,” MEC Masemola emphasized on working together as one team which will help in finishing the project on time with good quality. He further showed that in many communities, projects are delayed by scandals and unrests between the community forums, community members and the constructors.

After a number of meetings which were held in trying to resolve the road issue, finally all parties could smile as they are now in agreement and the development of the road is finally going to start.

Although the department currently does not have enough budget, Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality Cllr. Malesela Frans Mokwele appreciated the department for counting Mogalakwena Local Municipality as many roads in the area need to be developed. R40 million is budgeted for the major rehabilitation which will take place during this financial year.

MEC Masemola said “As previously promised that we will come back and address the challenges of this road, as a department we set aside R40 million for a major rehabilitation for some parts of the road (from GaRantlakane to Jakalaskei)”.

**M**EC Namane Masemola together with



Lepelle Nkupi Mayor Cllr Ms. Meriam Molala held an engagement with the community of GaLedwaba regarding road D3617 with the aim of finding solutions for the department, local municipality, community members and development forums moreover work together.

This is after the community protested and blocked the road demanding that the road be constructed as they have been waiting for it for some years. A large group of community members expressed their frustrations on the delays of road.

After a tough and hard meeting with the community leaders, MEC Masemola told the community that their road is going for designs through Lepelle Nkupi Local Municipality budget as the department is now in short of financial resources. The road construction will begin when the funds are sufficient.

The MEC pleaded with the community to be patient and to unite as that will help in fast-tracking the process of bringing in the road to the community. Lepelle Nkumpi Mayor Cllr Ms. Meriam Molala Meriam explained the procedure and the role in which the municipality will take in making sure that the road is constructed.

**T**he upgrading of 3km on Road D3878 from gravel to bituminous seal that is the road from Sekororo to Ballon in Mopani District is at 95% completion despite being affected by the cyclone and heavy erosion in January.



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# MEC MASEMOLA DISTRICT VISIT PROGRAMME

## Thulare Bopape

**M**EC Masemola embarked on an important programme to visit all members of staff in the department five district offices where he engaged with them and also noted down their views, complains and impact.

The program started at Sekhukhune District office where the MEC was able to respond to issues raised by the members of staff and also from the leaders of workers unions. He further explained the relocating of Sekhukhune District offices from Lebowakgomo which is in Capricorn district to Mamune which is in Sekhukhune District.

The MEC engaged with workers



Officials at Sekhukhune District Office

with the aim to rekindle their commitment to serve the people of Limpopo with renewed energy and to make sure that their issues are resolved.

The issues brought forth to the MEC which are similar in all different districts are shortage of staff, lack of resources,

unresolved organisational structures and poor facilities. All this issues received will need to be resolved and looked into for the department to perform well with the organisational structure made and sent to DPSA for approval, the department can now be able to have more staff after the structure has been approved. This will help the department reclaim its mandate.

He reminded members of the staff that they are leaders in their own various responsibilities and they should



MEC Masemola flanked by Mopani District Director, Mr Basil Baloyi, during the district visit

unite in taking services delivery to the people of Limpopo. MEC Masemola appealed to the staff members for a collective way of working and making sure that good service delivery is delivered across the province.

The MEC congratulated the staff members on the department's unqualified audit.

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## HOW TO WEAR A MASK

ABOVE YOUR NOSE, OVER YOUR MOUTH, & UNDER YOUR CHIN



ALERT LEVEL  
**4**

**ALCOHOL sales prohibited**

**TRAVEL**

Travel in and out of Gauteng for leisure is prohibited

FROM: MON, 28 JUNE



**MASKS MANDATORY in public places**

**GATHERINGS**



All social, religious, political and other gatherings are prohibited



**NEW CURFEW HOURS 9PM TO 4AM**

**ESTABLISHMENTS:**

Restaurants may only serve food for take-away or delivery

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# COVID-19 ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC: GETTING VACCINATED

**Source:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice>

**T**he world is in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) and partners work together on the response -- tracking the pandemic, advising on critical interventions, distributing vital medical supplies to those in need--- they are racing to develop and deploy safe and effective vaccines.

**Q: What is the main aim of the vaccine?**

Vaccines save millions of lives each year. Vaccines work by training and preparing the body's natural defences – the immune system – to recognize and fight off the viruses and bacteria they target. After vaccination, if the body is later exposed to those disease-causing germs, the body is immediately ready to destroy them, preventing illness. There are several safe and effective vaccines that prevent people from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19.

This is one part of managing COVID-19, in addition to the **main preventive measures of staying at least 1 metre away from others, covering a cough or sneeze in your elbow, frequently cleaning your hands, wearing a mask and avoiding poorly ventilated rooms or opening a window.**

**Q: Which vaccines are out there?**

As of 8 April 2021, WHO has evaluated that the following vaccines against COVID-19 have met the necessary criteria for safety and efficacy:

- AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine
- Johnson and Johnson
- Moderna
- Pfizer/BionTech

Some national regulators have also assessed other COVID-19 vaccine products for use in their countries.

Take whatever vaccine made available to you first, even if you have already had COVID-19. It is important to be vaccinated as soon as possible once it's your turn and not wait. Approved COVID-19 vaccines provide a high degree of protection against getting seriously ill and dying from the disease, although no vaccine is 100% protective.

**Q: Who should get vaccinated?**

**The COVID-19 vaccines are safe for most people 18 years and older, including those with pre-existing conditions of any**

infections that are stable and controlled. If supplies are limited in your area, discuss your situation with your care provider if you:

- Have a compromised immune system
- Are pregnant (if you are already breastfeeding, you should continue after vaccination)
- Have a history of severe allergies, particularly to a vaccine (or any of the ingredients in the vaccine)
- Are severely frail

**Q: What about children?**

**Children should not be vaccinated for the moment.** There is not yet enough evidence on the use of vaccines against COVID-19 in children to make recommendations for children to be vaccinated against COVID-19. **Children and adolescents tend to have milder disease compared to adults.** However, children should continue to have the recommended childhood vaccines.

**Q: What should I do and expect after getting vaccinated?**

Stay at the place where you get vaccinated for at least 15 minutes afterwards, just in case you have an unusual reaction, so health workers can help you.

Check when you should come in for a second dose – if needed. Most of the vaccines available are two-dose vaccines. Check with your care provider whether you need to get a second dose and when you should get it. Second doses help boost the immune response and strengthen immunity.

**Q: What about side effects?**

In most cases, minor side effects are normal. **Common side effects after vaccination, which indicate that a person's body is building protection to COVID-19 infection include:**

- Arm soreness
- Mild fever
- Tiredness
- Headaches
- Muscle or joint aches

Contact your care provider if there is redness or tenderness

(pain) where you got the shot that increases after 24 hours, or if side effects do not go away after a few days.

**Q: Any Do's and Don'ts?**

**If you experience an immediate severe allergic reaction to a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, you should not receive additional doses of the vaccine.** It's extremely rare for severe health reactions to be directly caused by vaccines.

**Taking painkillers such as paracetamol before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine to prevent side effects is not recommended.**

This is because it is not known how painkillers may affect how well the vaccine works. However, you may take paracetamol or other painkillers if you do develop side effects such as pain, fever, headache or muscle aches after vaccination.

**Even after you're vaccinated, keep taking precautions**

While a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent serious illness and death, we still don't know the extent to which it keeps you from being infected and passing the virus on to others. The more we allow the virus to spread, the more opportunity the virus has to change.

**Continue to take actions to slow and eventually stop the spread of the virus:**

- Keep at least 1 metre from others
- Wear a mask, especially in crowded, closed and poorly ventilated settings.
- Clean your hands frequently
- Cover any cough or sneeze in your bent elbow
- When indoors with others, ensure good ventilation, such as by opening a window

Doing it all protects us all.

## Vaccine Rollout

**During Phase 2, all people above the age of 60 are eligible to be vaccinated.**

**You can register by:**

- Using the online registration platform available on the SA Coronavirus website
- Dialling \*134\*832# and registering via USSD
- Sending the word "register" via WhatsApp to 0600 123 456
- Calling the National Toll-Free Call Centre on 0800 029 999, where somebody will help you to register and answer any questions about the vaccination rollout

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# HOW TO MONITOR & REPORT COVID-19 VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS

Health workers play a key role in ensuring the continued safety of COVID-19 vaccines

## BEFORE VACCINATING

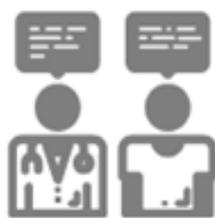


### STEP ONE **ASK**

If the person getting vaccinated has ever had a severe allergic reaction to a vaccine



If YES, refer the person to an allergy specialist or health provider, who will recommend next steps



### STEP THREE **COMMUNICATE**

common side effects after vaccination, which indicate that a person's body is building protection to COVID-19

Common side effects include:

- Arm soreness
- Mild fever
- Tiredness
- Headaches
- Muscle or joint aches



### STEP TWO **ASSESS**

any health or medical conditions listed as precautions by the vaccine manufacturer or by your local immunization programme

These conditions may include:

- Pregnancy
- Compromised immune system
- Severe frailty among older persons

*People with these conditions are eligible for vaccination, but should be offered information & counselling*

### STEP FOUR **VACCINATE**



## AFTER VACCINATING



### STEP FIVE **OBSERVE**

the vaccinated person for 15 minutes – tell them how & where to report severe reactions

- Observe people with a past vaccine allergy for 30 minutes, after they have been approved by a specialist (step 1)

### STEP SIX **INFORM**

your supervisor immediately of any unexpected or severe reactions during the observation period or reported later

- Complete an electronic or paper Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) form, available online at [investigation.gvsi-aeftools.org](https://investigation.gvsi-aeftools.org)
- Health officials will then investigate the event



It's extremely rare for severe health reactions to be directly caused by vaccines. But reporting & investigating adverse events will ensure that COVID-19 vaccines continue to meet high safety standards.



World Health  
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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS CALL FOR LIFESTYLE CHANGE

...for healthier and focused on being productive employees rather than dealing with health issues....



ANOVA deployee conducting health screening at Head Office during Employee Health and Wellness quarterly checkups

## Jennifer Mudau

**A**s the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure our vision is to become “a Leader in provision and management of provincial land, building and Infrastructure”. In order to accomplish the vision, it is important to have healthy and fit employees. The Employee Health and Wellness event recently took place under the theme “**HEALTHY EMPLOYEES, PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES**”

The event was aimed at equipping employees about the important issues

{such as TB screening, eye testing, HIV counselling and testing (HCT), STI'S, Blood pressure, Blood sugar & cholesterol and Body Mass Index (BMI)} around them in order to take care of their health.

Employees Health and Wellness screenings contribute to staff health by encouraging employees to reassess their lifestyle habits. It motivates employees to look more closely at their lifestyle, exercise and dietary choices. One of the most important benefits of employee health screenings is it picks up health issues that might otherwise not be detected or unknown.

The following external stakeholders (medical health experts) assisted in providing health screening and testing services: Department of Health, ANOVA, GEMS, Optometrist (Dr Khan), Dietician (Ms. Nchabeleng)

By knowing their health statuses; staff is encouraged to see their doctors and make lifestyle changes in order to correct the problem. The Department benefits greatly by having employees that are healthy and focused on being productive rather than dealing with health issues.

ALERT LEVEL

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## KEEPING THE ECONOMY MOVING

Alert Level 4 measures will allow most economic activity to continue

- You can still go to work, unless you are able to work remotely
- All retail stores will remain open
- Factories, mines, farms and other businesses will continue to operate
- You can travel freely within your province, subject to curfew times

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ALERT LEVEL

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## Due to a massive surge of new infections, South Africa will be placed on ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 4 FROM MONDAY, 28 JUNE



### WORKING FROM HOME:

- All employers should allow their employees to work from home unless it is absolutely necessary for them to perform work on-site

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There was a tenfold increase from 2012 to 2015 in those who “strongly agree” with same-sex marriage



**48%** 2012  
**23%** 2015

The number who “strongly disagree” with same-sex marriage has halved

### Change in attitude towards LGBTI South Africans



Two out every three people surveyed support keeping current constitutional protections against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. Just one in three does not



Graphic: JOHN McCANN Data source: THE OTHER FOUNDATION

# EHW THERE FOR ALL EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

## Khomotjo Serumula

**C** COVID-19 pandemic mandated every country in the world to put measures that affected the psychological level of the citizens. The restrictions and regulations were placed to save lives amidst daily threats of 3rd COVID-19 wave, infections and death statistics being reported in all platforms i.e. radio, television and social media.

The bereavement, isolation, quarantine, loss of income even fear and anxiety are a daily struggle for many and existence are awful. Moreover because close friends, colleagues even relatives are still unable to support the affected in fear of the infections. This on its own makes grieving, healing and sufferings in distant the order of the day, to many the new normal.

Then the question arise, in such status of new normal, where can one get emotional stability. Have a safe environment to get a session without incurring costs. Is then I found that the department has **Clydagh Margarette Lundie** and **Motshutshu Bruce Maapolele**, who are employed under Employee Health and Wellness Head Office as student Psychologists.

Their deployment could not have come at a better time where their expertise or experience are crucial to assist staff members in dealing with emotional distress that the pandemic brought.

In Maapolele's own words the COVID-19 pandemic "created a panic." He said during the pandemic, he developed a coping mechanism—"talking, sharing with

colleagues and interacting with people." He shared how some of his friends, family members jobs and lives were impacted by the pandemic "the economy created double impact" he said.

Although bereavement has always been part of human existence, they both found themselves regularly involved with deep briefing and bereavement counselling since the national lockdown in March 2020. "It is a flip side of a coin, one moment you are scared then also have to provide counselling" said Lundie. She further elaborated that "it is rewarding because you can see how you tangibly assisting during the pandemic."

According to Lundie, being a student psychologist has added to her personality growth and also her way of thinking. This she said developed by learning her boundaries and having a support system that taught her accountability and personal empowerment. She plans to continue studies in clinical psychology despite learning institution criteria, "universities are taking 6-8 students per year and criteria is very selective."

Staff members can use the services of the Employee Health and Wellness services near their areas of work and engage these two student Psychologist on all emotional distress counselling session they require, of course in the presence of their mentors within the directorate.

This is way the Department is giving back through youth development and employment opportunities.

## 6 MYTHS about the COVID-19 Vaccine

 <p><b>MYTH</b> COVID-19 vaccine alters DNA</p> <p><b>FACT</b> mRNA doesn't enter a cell's nucleus and cannot change DNA</p>	 <p><b>MYTH</b> It isn't safe because of quick rollout</p> <p><b>FACT</b> Thorough safety standards and trials were met</p>	 <p><b>MYTH</b> Food allergy, immunocompromised, breastfeeding or pregnant people can't get the vaccine</p> <p><b>FACT</b> These people can get the vaccine</p>
 <p><b>MYTH</b> I'll get COVID-19 from vaccine</p> <p><b>FACT</b> The vaccine cannot give you the virus - it protects you</p>	 <p><b>MYTH</b> I've had COVID-19 so I don't need the vaccine</p> <p><b>FACT</b> Natural immunity length is unknown - vaccine fights reinfection</p>	 <p><b>MYTH</b> No need for mask or social distancing after vaccine</p> <p><b>FACT</b> You must still take precautions to help end the pandemic</p>

## How to use Face Coverings

ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEARING A FACE COVERING

<p><b>Correct Covering</b></p> <p>Medical masks should be reserved for health workers or patients in treatment. If you have been advised to wear a medical mask, always have the coloured side showing and the metal band at the top of your nose.</p> 	<p><b>Check Your Fit</b></p> <p>Check that the face covering is made from a fabric that you are comfortable wearing.</p> <p>Check that it is easy to fit and completely covers your nose and mouth, all the way down under your chin.</p> <p>Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps. If there are strings, tie them high on top of the head to get a good fit. Do not touch or fidget with the face covering when it is on.</p> 
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## Your Guide to the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS)

citizens aged 60 years and above need to register for their COVID-19 vaccination through the EVDS self enrolment platform

6 steps to register for vaccination if you are 60 years or older:

<p><b>STEP 1</b></p>  <p>Make sure you have internet access</p>	<p><b>STEP 2</b></p>  <p>You will need a smartphone, a tablet or a computer</p>	<p><b>STEP 3</b></p>  <p>Connect to the internet and go to <a href="https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/">https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/</a></p>
<p><b>STEP 4</b></p>  <p>The welcome screen will tell you what to do next.</p>	<p><b>STEP 5</b></p>  <p>Follow the instructions Put in all the details the system asks for</p>	<p><b>STEP 6</b></p>  <p>When you are done the system will send an SMS to the phone number you provided. This SMS will tell you that you are registered. This means that the system now has you in the queue.</p>

When it is your turn to be vaccinated, the system will send you another SMS with a date and the venue for your vaccination. If you put in the correct address, you will be sent to the vaccination centre that is closest to your home

#ChooseVacciNation

Should you encounter problems during the registration process contact the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999

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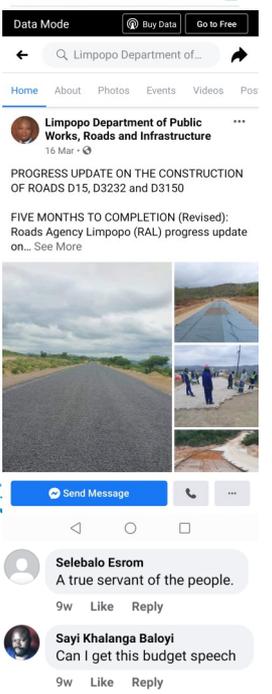
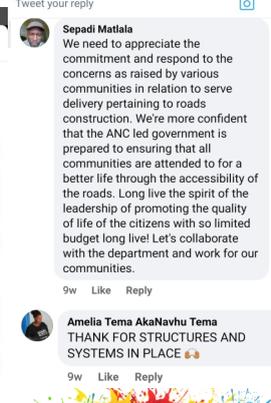
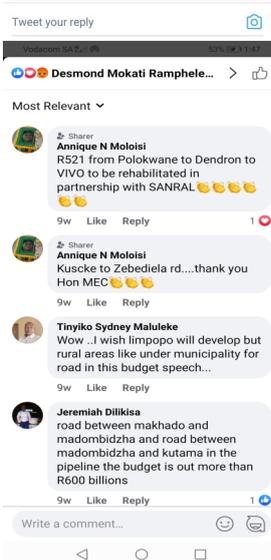
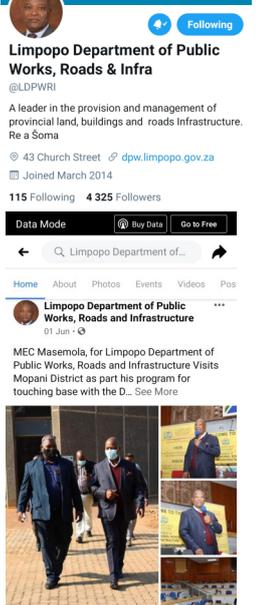
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EIGHT WEEKS TO COMPLETION: Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) progress update on the project -T630B: Road D2922 and D2919 from Keerom to Doornlaagte to Tshikanoshi in the Sekhukhune District, Limpopo. The road maintenance project is 13.55km stretch; it is now at 95% complete. #RALatWork



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#SANRAL recently awarded a project to address the Merriespruit steel-ribbed culvert on the R33 washed out due to inclement weather. We are excited by the fact that this project will improve road safety on this section of the road.

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