

# Plan to uproot thousands

*Residents of informal settlements across SA to be moved to fight Covid-19*

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DESERTED streets, empty highways and now mass evacuation plans are under way in townships across four provinces in South Africa.

The Department of Human Settlements said plans were already at an "advanced" stage to move entire townships in the Western Cape, Gauteng, the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal to safe zones in a bid to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

In the Cape, thousands of residents from two informal settlements in Khayelitsha will be temporarily removed from their homes in a bid to decongest extremely dense communities.

The residents of Taiwan and Enkanini informal settlements have been notified of the plans to have them evacuated from their homes.

The first case of Covid-19 in Khayelitsha was recorded in Enkanini last week, while Khayelitsha now has two confirmed cases.

The Western Cape currently has 418 confirmed Covid-19 infections.

National Department of Human Settlements spokesperson McIntosh Polela said the plans to relocate residents were already at an advanced stage.

"While this is urgent, it is also an initiative that requires a sensitive approach. This includes consultations," said Polela.

While Polela could not confirm the number of people who it is planned will be removed from their homes, he said consultations would need to take place as many have historically refused to leave places they regard as their homes.

"Historically, our communities have resisted being moved. As such, we are careful that they be consulted and assured that they are going to be moved not far from the current place of their residence. We also cannot communicate some aspects of this initiative because of the ongoing consultations," he said.

Several communities in four provinces of the country have been identified for the temporary relocations. The measure is aimed at mitigating the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak. The Department of Human Settlements is, however, not giving out the names of the identified communities, "because we do not want to cause unnecessary panic.

We recognise that moving people from their homes can be stressful, hence we will allow for consultations to take place before giving this information publicly," added Polela.

Land parcels have been transferred from the Department of Public Works and other state entities.

Ward 18 councillor Ntomboxolo Kopman said residents of the Taiwan informal settlement were ready and eager to be moved to a new location.

"Though we don't know where they would be moved to and we are not yet certain of the budget either, we are happy with the move. People have been engaged about the move and they have welcomed it because they currently live on a wetland," she said.

Enkanini informal settlement community leader, Sinthemba Ntantiso, said people in the area were reluctant to move.

"We were informed that people would be evacuated to create space within the settlement, but we don't know how many people will be removed from their homes and we don't know when they will be moved. But the biggest problem is that people do not want to leave their houses," he said.

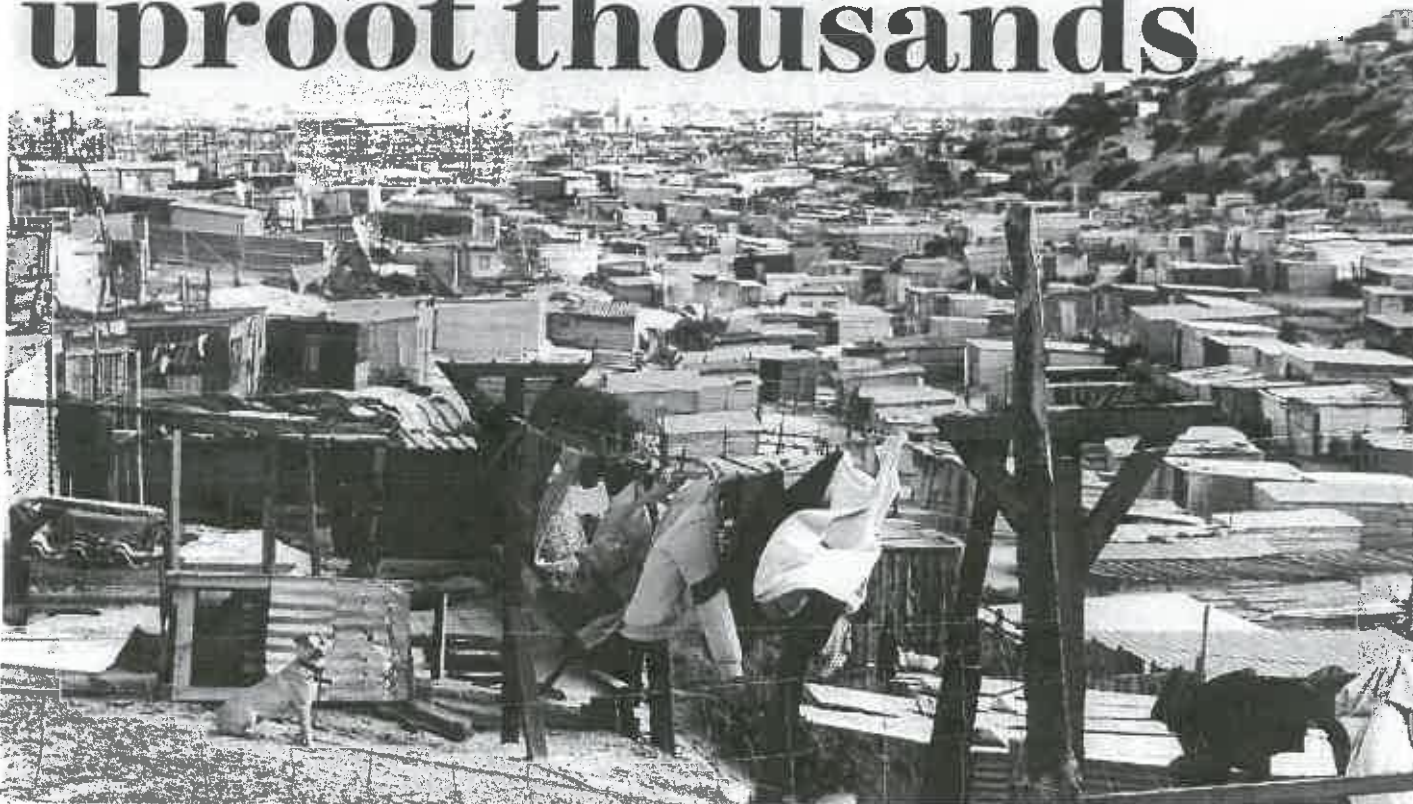
Mayco member for human settlements Malusi Boo! said the department had budgetary problems so it had not been able to move people from overcrowded informal settlements.

"Our prayer is that we don't get any infections there. Currently, we are unable to proceed with TRAs (temporary relocation areas)," said Boo!

Similarly, it is planned that 2 000 people will be evacuated from Duncan Village in the Eastern Cape as part of the department's de-congestion plan. According to reports, the money to pay for the Duncan Village operation will come from the R340m urban development settlements grant that Buffalo City Municipality received from the Human Settlements Department at the weekend.

The Buffalo City Municipality has completed its plans on how to de-densify Duncan Village, which had not been upgraded over the years.

According to statistics, there are there are around 146 000 households in 437 informal settlement pockets in Cape Town. | Additional reporting by Shanice Naidoo



A MASS evacuation plan is in place for some high-density townships across the country to curb the spread of the coronavirus. | TRACEY ADAMS African News Agency (ANA)

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# Residents threaten patient

*Warn her not to return home*

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LACK of understanding and knowledge of the coronavirus has placed the life of an administration clerk living in an informal settlement in danger.

Last week, the woman became the first person in Khayelitsha to test positive for Covid-19, and following her admission to Khayelitsha District Hospital, fearful residents of Enkanini township, the part of Khayelitsha where she lives, said they did not want her to return to the township when she was discharged.

The residents have not only threatened the patient, but her landlord, who they ordered to evict her, falling which they vowed to "take matters into their own hands".

When the young woman, a mother, was admitted to the hospital, nurses were initially fearful of testing her or attending to her due to lack of training and resources at the hospital.

A family spokesperson, who did not wish to be named due to fear of further victimisation, said the woman, in isolation at Khayelitsha District Hospital, was likely to recover, and the family wanted to find her another place to live. "She cannot go back there; the people in that area made it clear, even to her landlord, that she is no longer welcome there. But that is not something for us to worry about right now," she said.

"She did not show signs or symptoms, she only complained of a

headache and when it would not go away, she decided to seek medical assistance. She was tested and given medication; a week later, her results came back positive, and the department of health came and removed her from her home and put her in isolation at the Khayelitsha District Hospital."

The family spokesperson said people in the community needed to be educated about the virus so myths around it could be dispelled.

This week, Premier Alan Winde confirmed there were 418 confirmed cases in the province, with two in Khayelitsha and seven in neighbouring Mitchells Plain. "We are also seeing an increase in the number of local transmissions and increasing admissions to hospital. As of yesterday, 25 people in the Western Cape have been admitted to hospital, with seven in intensive care facilities," he said.

Ndibongo Mzanywa, chairperson of Khayelitsha Health Forum, told Weekend Argus the forum was "trying to get people of Khayelitsha to adhere to the (lockdown) regulations", as "many people are still wandering around".

"We understand that people do not have sufficient information about the virus and thus got agitated when they first heard of the first case in the area. But now things have calmed down, and the people who were in contact with the woman have been tested and they are all negative," Mzanywa said.

■ METRO

## Complaints of SANDF, SAPS abuse

*MEC promises to investigate*

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THE INDEPENDENT Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid) is investigating 38 cases involving assault, rape by police officials, discharge of an official firearm and corruption as reported since March 26.

Since lockdown began, a number of videos have gone viral on social media which show SAPS and SANDF forces using unnecessary force to ensure citizens adhere to the regulations.

A Gugulethu woman who wished to go only by her first name, Tiny, said she had been unable to collect her son's disability grant because police

offices had refused to allow her to go to the bank.

"I was going to the ATM to collect my son's grant when we got stopped by the police. I kept telling them that his grant is paid via Standard Bank but they flat out told me to go back home unless I can provide a Sassa card as proof that I am going to collect social grant. One of them even went as far as tell me that I was lying about collecting my son's disability money. I was so upset but decided to turn back because they were starting to become agitated. These people do not know how to do their jobs and they need to be trained on how to deal with people in a civilised manner."



AN SANDF member looks on as shoppers pass by with much-needed food items.

Siyabonga Mlamli, a Khayelitsha resident, was allegedly beaten by SAPS and SANDF members on Sunday evening, but did not lodge a complaint.

"This is nothing new, it happens in the township all the time so why bother reporting it? They beat me and some friends, we were walking at night from an ATM. We know that they are not supposed to beat us to enforce the regulations. We also know we were not supposed to be out and about, especially at that time but they had no right to beat us up," he said.

The Department of Health said between 6pm on Wednesday evening and 6am on Thursday morning, there were 50 lockdown-related arrests. A further 321 non-compliance fines were issued.

Earlier this week, MEC for Community Safety Albert Fritz condemned violent acts by the SANDF and SAPS.

"All acts of abuse under the joint command of SAPS and SANDF will be investigated by the relevant entity responsible for these investigations. I commend the City of Cape Town for the swift suspension of three law

enforcement officers following their alleged verbal abuse and harassment of residents on the Cape Flats.

I cannot be silent amidst the numerous complaints of physical abuse and humiliation against our residents. I will exercise my constitutional powers of oversight over SAPS, including Metro Police and law enforcement."

Fritz said residents in the province must adhere to the lockdown conditions and stay at home as this would ensure that many lives would be spared.

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## **VANDALISM OF WESTERN CAPE SCHOOLS CONTINUES**

There have been seven incidents of vandalism and burglaries at schools in the province, since the lockdown started. According to the Western Cape Education Department, since schools closed there had been 16 cases reported.

## Learning continuing online for pupils

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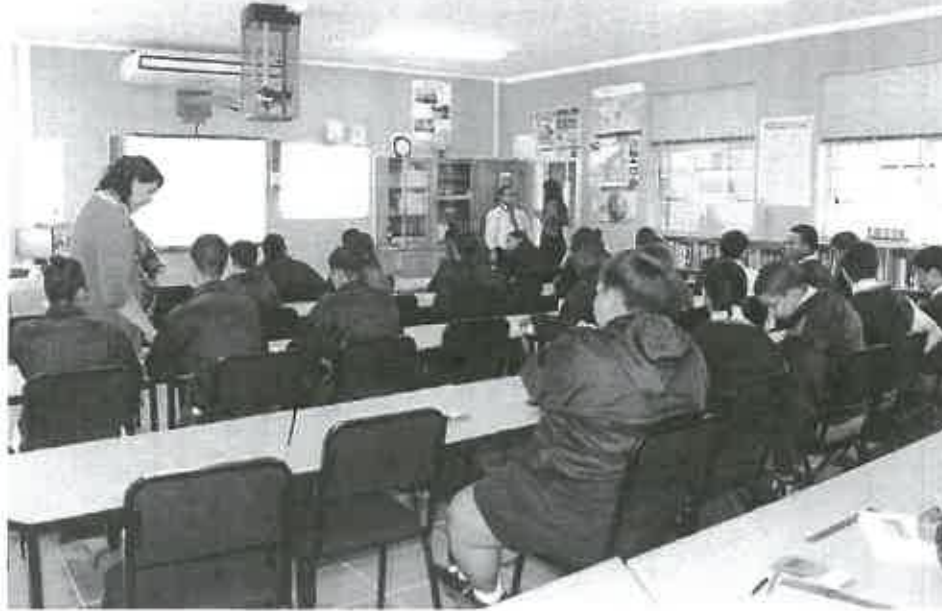
DESPITE schools being closed early and pupils getting an extended holiday break due to Covid-19, learning continues online.

Presented by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) and Stellenbosch University (Telematic services department), the Telematic Schools Project focuses on Caps content which includes online lessons, videos, workbooks and other resources for pupils from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The annual project started in February and runs until October.

Operations manager at the Centre for Learning Technologies at Stellenbosch University Zainab Suliman urged pupils to register on the website by sending their name, surname, email address, school name and province to [school@sun.ac.za](mailto:school@sun.ac.za) during the lockdown.

"Pupils will have access to past video lessons and workbooks that will help them keep up to date with topics they are struggling with. For each of the 13 subjects a workbook is designed for pupils to use during each broadcast. Our main aim is for pupils and teachers to have access to ready-to-use content."



PUPILS in a Telematic Schools Project lesson.

PICTURE: SUPPLIED

"There are 1300 equipped schools nationally. The WCED has 156 satellite schools with all of the schools in the

Western Cape having streaming access. At the end of each year the senior curriculum planners evaluate the exam

results and the topics pupils struggle with are selected to be broadcast the next year," she said.

Suliman added: "The partnership between the WCED and Stellenbosch University is a good mix of content and technology where both parties bring their expertise in order to provide pupils with an easy to use and practical solution. All parties are committed to helping pupils pass their matric exam. The presenters are dedicated experts who make time in their busy schedules to prepare lessons and content for the pupils."

Spokesperson for Education MEC Debbie Schäfer, Kerry Mauchline, said: "Even though it is officially still the school holidays, it is vital for matrics to get a head start on their exam preparations during the lockdown period. We recommend that pupils use this time to revise term one work, and to prepare for the rest of the year ahead.

"We are also putting together a programme for quality learning at home, in case the school closure continues after the holidays, including broadcast lessons, activities and reading material.

"We'll be communicating these to schools, teachers and parents very soon," she added.

MINISTER 'BLY' OOR HOE KORONA IN WES-KAAP HANTEER WORD

# Virus: 'Infeksies kan nog ontplof'

**Christiaan de Plessis**

Die klaarblyklike afplating in die infeksiekoers van Covid-19 die afgelope dae, weerspieël nie noodwendig die ware omvang van die pandemie in Suid-Afrika nie.

Só het dr. Zweli Mkhize, minister van gesondheid, gister op 'n mediakonferensie by die Khayelitsha-hospitaal in die Kaapse metro gesê toe hy bekend gemaak het dat slegs 43 nuwe positiewe gevalle van Covid-19 aangemeld is.

Nege mense is reeds dood.

Volgens Mkhize kan die afplating in die koers van infeksies deels toegeskryf word aan die inperkingsmaatreëls wat ingestel is, asook die verbod op buitelandse vlugte.

Hy het egter gister op 'n mediakonferensie deur Facebook gewaarsku dat die lae infeksiekoers dalk "die stilte voor die storm" kan wees en dat infeksies in die komende weke kan "ontplof".

Tot onlangs het die meeste mense wat in Suid-Afrika positief vir die virussiekte getoets het, onlangs na die buiteland gereis.

Maar volgens Mkhize wys wetenskaplike navorsing deur die Wes-Kaapse regering dat dié patroon verander in Covid-19 al meer binne die landsgrense oordra word.

Mkhize het gisteroggend gesê hy is bemoedig deur die werk wat die provinsiale regering in die Wes-Kaap tot dusver raken-



Die nasionale minister van gesondheid, dr. Zwelini Mkhize, en die Wes-Kaapse LUR vir gesondheid, dr. Nomafranch Mbombo (heel regs), was gister by die Khayelitsha-hospitaal.

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de die pandemie gedoen het.

Mkhize het dit gesê nadat hy met Alan Winde, Wes-Kaapse premier, en Nomafranch Mbombo, LUR vir gesondheid, gepraat het oor die provinsie se gereedheid teen die pandemie.

"Die provinsiale departement kon in 'n voorlegging die akkuraatheid wys waarmee hy die uitbreking volg, asook die spesifieke gebiede wat geraak word. Ek is bly, want dan kan ons daarvolgens reageer," het Mkhize gesê.

Hy het vroeër in 'n verklaring, wat die nasionale gesond-

heidsdepartement namens hom uitgereik het, gesê "voordat ons nie weet wat in townships aangaan nie, kan ons nie selfvoldaan raak nie".

"Ons het nou wetenskaplike bewyse dat die interne oordrag (tussen mense binne die land) van die virus hoër is, wat my punt staaf dat ons die stilte voor die storm beleef en dat ons in die volgende weke 'n ontplofing in gevalle kan sien," sê Mkhize.

Volgens hom is dit belangrik dat al die provinsiale departemente 'n gesamentlike strategie

volg om die maatskaplike en ekonomiese impak van die pandemie te verklein.

Mbombo het by die mediakonferensie gesê van Maandag af sal daar plekke in elk van die agt distrikte van die Kaapstad-metro wees waar mense vir die virus getoets sal kan word.

Mense sal ook in ander gebiede van die provinsie getoets kan word.

Ondertussen het die Wes-Kaapse regering aangedui dat hulle pres. Cyril Ramaphosa gaan nader om duidelikheid te gee oor van die inperkingsmaat-

reëls – onder meer oor die verkoop van sigarette – nadat 'n storm ontketen is toe die provinsie die verbod op sigarette opgehef het.

Bheki Cele, minister van polisie, het die provinsie Donderdagaand gewaarsku dat die polisie sal toeslaan op ondernemings wat sigarette verkoop.

Dit volg nadat die Wes-Kaap gesê het dat hy die verkoop van sigarette sal toelaat as dit saam met noodsaaklike items gekoop word. (Sien ook berig op bl. 2)

Barbara Creecy, minister van omgewingsake, vissery en bosbou, het gistermiddag tydens 'n inligtingsessie deur kabinetsministers oor Covid-19 gesê die voedselbedryf is noodsaaklike dienste.

Creecy het besonderhede verstrekkend oor die maatreëls wat ingestel is om kommersiële, klein-skaal- en tydelike vissermanne in veral die Wes- en Noord-Kaap toe te laat om snoek te kan vang.

Vissermagt tussen provinsies reis om voordeel te trek uit die snoekloop.

"Hulle moet net te alle tye aan die higiëniese maatreëls voldoen," het Creecy gesê.

Daar moet ook te alle tye aan die beperking oor die aantal passasiers in voertuie voldoen word.

Akkommodasie sal nie in vissersdorpe heropen nie.

"Vissermanne moet dus op plekke gaan visvang waar hulle daaglik kan terugkeer huis toe," het Creecy gesê.

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## Toetsing in W-Kaap begin Maandag

Die regering se grootskaalse siftingsproses waar mense by hul huise in dig bewoonde gebiede besoek word, begin Maandag in die Wes-Kaap.

Die Wes-Kaapse gesondheidsdepartement het sewe gemeenskappe geormerk, naamlik twee uitbreidings in Khayelitsha, Happy Valley, Bishop Lavis, Philippi, Mbekweni en Kwanonqaba by Mosselbaai. Alan Winde, premier van die Wes-Kaap, sê bykomende streke sal bekend gemaak word namate die proses vorder.

Die werkers wat in die gemeenskap sal uitgaan, sal identifiseerbare uniforms en identiteitskaarte dra. Die publiek word aangeraai om mense se akkreditasie na te gaan vir veiligheid.

Nomafrench Mbombo, Wes-Kaapse LUR vir gesondheid, het 'n beroep gedoen op professionele gesondheidswerkers in die private sektor om hul dienste aan te bied om die druk te verminder wat oor die volgende weke en maande op die gesondheidstelsel geplaas kan word. Diegene wat belang stel, kan op die webblad by [www.westerncape.gov.za/department-of-health/volunteer-recruitment-questionnaire](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/department-of-health/volunteer-recruitment-questionnaire) kyk wat hulle te doen staan. – **Marelize Barnard**

# W-Kaapse boere skenk tonne vars produkte

Wes-Kaapse landbouprodusente het die afgelope week tonne vars produkte aan FoodForward SA geskenk wat die kwesbaarste gemeenskappe help wat 'n voedsel-nood tydens die Covid-19-inperkings tyd ondervind.

Vars produkte is tot dusver versprei na versorgingsgeriewe vir bejaardes, kinders, geriewe vir kwesbare kinders en mense met MIV/vigs en TB.

“Landbou-produsente het begrip vir die humanitêre krisis wat in dié tydperk kan ontstaan,” het Jannie Strydom, uitvoerende hoof van Agri Wes-Kaap, gesê.

“Baie gesinne in die land sal gedurende die volgende paar weke nie weet waar hulle volgende bord kos vandaan gaan kom nie.

“Die skenking van vars produkte is ons bydrae om ons gemeenskappe in hierdie baie moeilike tyd by te staan en om 'n verskil in mense se lewens te maak,” het hy gesê.

Strydom het boere en plaaswerkers bedank wat tydens die staat van inperking steeds voortgaan om kos te produseer. Hy het ook die Wes-Kaap se departement van omgewingsake en ontwikkelingsbeplanning bedank vir die rol wat hulle speel om voedselskenkings en hulpprojekte te koördineer.

Andy du Plessis, besturende di-



**Groenboontjies wat deur 'n produsent van Stellenbosch geskenk is, word opgezaai.** Foto: VERSKAF

rekteur van FoodForward SA, sê hulle is geweldig dankbaar vir die ruim skenkings van vars produkte, wat die voedingswaarde van die voedselsteun wat hulle bied, aansienlik verhoog.

“Dit is baie nodig in 'n tyd waarin mense nie 'n daaglikse inkomste kan verdien nie,” het hy gesê.

“As een van die belangrikste belanghebbers in die Wes-Kaap aanvaar die landbousektor sy krietieke rol in die welstand van die provinsie en al sy inwoners,” het Strydom gesê.



# Inentings teen griep vir dié in Wes-Kaap

Die gewone inentings teen griep (nie Covid-19 nie) gaan toegedien word aan inwoners in die hoërisiko-groep in die Wes-Kaap.

Die Wes-Kaapse departement van gesondheid het vier groepe geïdentifiseer wat in aanmerking kom vir inentings by primêre gesondheidsorggeriewe. Hulle is:

- Gesondheidswerkers wat regstreeks met pasiënte werk;
- Mense ouers as 65;
- Mense met kardiovaskulêre siektes soos chroniese hartsiektes, hoë bloeddruk, mense wat 'n beroerte gehad het, asook mense met diabetes; en
- Mense met chroniese longsiektes soos asma.

Swanger vroue en mense met MIV en vigs sal oorweeg word wanneer diegene uit die vier hoërisiko-groepe inentings gekry het.

Die departement sê dié inentings beskerm mense nie teen Covid-19 nie, maar sal help dat mense wat dit kry se immuunstelsel nie verswak weens griep nie.

Die Wes-Kaap het vanjaar 105 000 inentings gekry. Die inligting oor mense wat in hoërisikogroepe val, is by die departement op rekord en hulle sal eerste gehelp word.

Om te verseker dat mense steeds 'n veilige afstand van mekaar hou, sal gesondheidswerkers die inentings by ouetehuse gaan aflewer saam met ander chroniese medikasie. Mense met afsprake by die departement se primêre gesondheidsorggeriewe sal hul inentings kry wanneer hulle opdaag vir hul afsprake.

Griep-inentings is getoets en veilig verklaar, selfs vir mense in hoërisikogroepe, wat swanger vroue en mense met MIV insluit.

Die inentings kan nie daartoe lei dat mense griep kry nie, omdat daar geen lewende virusse in die entstof is nie. Sommige mense ontwikkel 'n ligte koors en die plek waar hulle ingespuit is, kan seer raak.

Die departement het gesê griep-inentings het in die algemeen 'n uitstekende veiligheidsrekord.

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## Wes-Kaap voed reeds 100 000 kwesbare mense vóór inperking

### Warda Meyer

Die Wes-Kaap het reeds voor die staat van inperking aan sowat 100 000 kwesbare inwoners kos voorsien en doen dit steeds.

Sharna Fernandez, Wes-Kaapse LUR vir maatskaplike ontwikkeling, sê haar departement bied verskeie programme aan wat voedsel verskaf aan mense wat nie voedselsekerheid het nie.

“Na verwagting sal die behoefte toeneem weens die staat van inperking, aangesien baie mense in stedelike en landelike gebiede nie in staat is om te werk en ’n inkomste te verdien nie.”

Fernandez sê haar departement is in gesprek met plaaslike en nasionale amptenare van die

Suid-Afrikaanse agentskap vir maatskaplike sekerheid (Sassa), waarvan die kantore tans gesluit is.

Hulle vra Sassa om sy begroting vir voeding te benut om die ekstra kospakkies wat nodig is weens die onverwagte toename in behoeftiges, te finansier.

“Ons is ook in gesprek met ander departemente en nieregerings- en burgerlike organisasies om te help met die uitbreiding van die veiligheidsnet vir kwesbare mense.”

Daar is tans 72 persele met 6 700 begunstigdes waar geteikende voedingsprogramme vyf dae per week ingestel is en buite die departement van gesondheid se voedingsprogram val.

## **7 wetstoepassers in Kaapstad oor geweld op Kaapse Vlakte geskors**

**Warda Meyer**

Sewe wetstoepassers in Kaapstad is vandeeweek geskors oor beweerde polisiegeweld nadat hulle glo inwoners op die Kaapse Vlakte aangerand en geïntimideer het tydens die staat van inperking.

Richard Bosman, uitvoerende bestuurder vir veiligheid en sekuriteit in Kaapstad, sê die metro het verskeie klagtes ontvang, wat video-opnames van die gevalle insluit, oor beamptes wat inwoners mishandel.

“Drie beamptes van Capricorn Park is geskors, een vrouebeampte van Groenpunt, en drie van Mitchells Plain,” sê Bosman.

Hy het die beamptes se beweerde daade skerp veroordeel.

Albert Fritz, LUR vir gemeenskapsveiligheid, sê hy veroordeel enige magsmisbruik deur die po-

lisie, metropolisie, stadswetstoepassers en soldate skerp.

“Ek kan nie stilbly te midde van die talle klagtes oor brutaliteit, mishandeling en vernedering wat deur ons inwoners aangemeld is nie,” sê Fritz.

Hy het beklemtoon dat die nasionale ramptoestand wat afgekondig is, inwoners nie van hul reg op waardigheid ontnem nie.

“Alle daade van mishandeling onder die gesamentlike bevel van die SAPD en die SANW sal deur die betrokke entiteit ondersoek word.”

Fritz het inwoners versoek om enige klagtes by die Wes-Kaapse polisieombudsman aan te meld. Klagtes oor die polisie of militêre polisie kan ook by die onafhanklike polisieondersoekdirektoraat (Opod), of by die militêre ombudsman aangemeld word.

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## **Skole in Wes-Kaap loop deur onder vandale tydens inperking**

### **Nazley Wilschutt**

Agt skole in die Wes-Kaap het reeds sedert die staat van inperking in werking getree het, onder vandale deurge-loop.

Bronagh Hammond, woordvoerder van die provinsiale onderwysdepartement, het gister gesê daar is op 29 of 30 Maart by die Chumisa Primary School in Khayelitsha ingebreek. Rekenaars is gesteel en van die klaskamers is erg vandaliseer. Die presiese waarde van die skade moet nog vasgestel word.

“Daar was ook sewe ander voorvalle van inbrake en vandalisme by skole vanaf 31 Maart,” sê Hammond.

Sy sê sedert die skole op 20 Maart gesluit het, is daar 16 gevalle van inbrake en vandalisme aangemeld. Die 16 sluit die eerste sewe gevalle in, maar nie die voorval by Chumisa nie.

“Ons doen weer eens ’n beroep op alle gemeenskappe om enige verdagte optrede in en om ons skole aan te meld. Daar is tans geen rede vir enigiemand om by ons skole te wees nie, tensy dit ’n opsigter of onderwyser is wat op die skoolterrein woon,” sê Hammond.

Sy sê die meeste gevalle het bedags plaasgevind, en nie snags nie. Bykomende veiligheidsmaatreëls is by die betrokke skole geïmplementeer.

SÓ HELP MUNISIPALITEITE

# Kerndienste in Wes-Kaap gaan voort

**Warda Meyer**

Munisipaliteite oor die hele Wes-Kaap het breë ingrypings aangekondig om die impak van die Covid-19-pandemie op hul gemeenskappe te verminder.

Anton Bredell, Wes-Kaapse LUR vir plaaslike regering, omgewingsake en ontwikkelingsbeplanning, sê die belangrikste verantwoordelikheid van munisipaliteite is om te sorg dat die basiese dienste voortgaan. Kerndienste, waaronder tegniese dienste en water-, riool-, elektrisiteits- en afvalbestuur, word oor die provinsie heen voortgesit. Water- en elektrisiteitsbeperkings is opgehef in gebiede waar dit tot voor die staat van inperking van krag was.

Bredell sê munisipaliteite werk almal saam met die polisie diens en die weermag om die veiligheid van gemeenskappe te verseker.

"Distriksmunisipaliteite lewer noodsaaklike dienste soos brandbestryding, padinstandhouding en omgewingsgesondheidsdienste. Ons rampbestuursentrums is sewe dae per week 24 uur per dag oop en werk hard om die krisis te bekamp," sê Bredell.

Van die bykomende maatreëls:

- Die **Stellenbosch-munisipaliteit** skort die betaling van munisipale gelde vir drie maande op. Hawelose mense in Franschoek, Stellenbosch en Klapmuts word in tydelike blyplek gehuisves.

■ Ondernemings in die Over-



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strand-munisipaliteit wat onder finansiële druk verkeer en nie hul munisipale rekeninge in Maart of April kan betaal nie, kan 'n verlengde betalingsooreenkoms aangaan om dit oor ses maande af te betaal. Inwoners wat sukkel, kan dieselfde ooreenkoms sluit.

■ In die **Hessequa-munisipaliteit** is geld aan alle wyksraadslede beskikbaar gestel om waar nodig kospakkies uit te deel.

■ Die **Swartland-munisipaliteit** werk saam met die private sektor aan voedingskemas vir hawelose mense. Die munisipaliteit oorweeg nog 'n maandelike betaalvankansie vir eiendomsbelasting sowel as om die rente op agterstallige rekeninge af te skryf.

■ Die **Witzenberg-munisipaliteit** gaan nie streng kredietbeheer toe pas tydens die staat van inperking nie. Alle voorafbetaal-elektrisiteitsmeters wat weens niebetaling van munisipale rekeninge geblok is, is weer gekoppel.

■ Die **Saldanha-baai-munisipaliteit** het kredietbeheermaatreëls en -prosedures tot einde April opgeskort. Voorafbetaal-elektrisiteitsmeters sal nie geblok word nie.

■ Die **Drakenstein-munisipaliteit** het water en elektrisiteit wat geblok was, herstel. Skuilplek word aan hawelose mense voorsien.

■ Die **Breedevaal-munisipaliteit** het bykomende waterpunte en toilette in informele nedersettings geïnstalleer.

■ Die **Mosselbaai-munisipaliteit** bied finansiële hulp aan almal wat eiendomme van die munisipaliteit huur.

■ Die **Oudtshoorn-munisipaliteit** se maatreëls sluit in dat geen rente van Maart tot Junie gehef gaan word op alle agterstallige rekeninge nie.

■ Die **Theewaterskloof-munisipaliteit** het beperkings op water en elektrisiteit opgehef. Hy werk saam met nieregeringsorganisasies om kospakkies uit te deel.

■ In die **Bergvliet-munisipaliteit** het diegene wat net beperkte wattertoevoer gehad het, nou ten volle toegang tot water.

■ Die **George-munisipaliteit** gaan geen rente op diensrekenings vir April hef nie. Bykomende sanitasiesiegeriewe en waterpunte word in 'n aantal informele nedersettings verskaf.

Wes-Kapenaars met navrae oor die inperkingstydperk word versoek om die webwerf [www.westerncape.gov.za/coronavirus](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/coronavirus) te besoek.

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## MANAGEMENT PLAN

# Strategy to turn stadiums into hospitals

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IF THE spread of Covid-19 increases at a rapid rate, the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape government will convert Cape Town Stadium, Athlone Stadium, the Bellville Velodrome and other sports grounds into satellite hospitals.

Both provincial and local government officials confirmed that this was part of the disaster management plan should the infection rate rapidly increase.

Health officials would move swiftly and within 24 hours be able to convert

stadiums, community halls and civic centres into medical facilities or isolation and quarantine wards if the need arose.

Mayoral committee member for safety and security Alderman JP Smith said: "All of our halls, community halls are overflow medical spaces and also isolation spaces."

Smith said that mayoral committee member for community services and health councillor Zahid Badroodien was spearheading the municipality's response and that provincial health was leading the way in planning.

Ideally, community halls would not treat Covid-19 patients because it would

be too costly to transform these halls into specialised hospitals.

Badroodien said: "There are a number of vital services that are offered by clinic facilities, and these include antenatal care, immunisations and chronic medications."

"And so, while we sit with that reality, the other reality we have is also that in the not-too-distant future we may see more and more patients becoming (Covid-19) positive... as a result of local transmission."

The councillor said they had to be realistic and make the correct preparations.

This week, as temporary shelters

such as tents were erected for street people in the city centre and at the Strandfontein Sports Grounds, the City of Cape Town was criticised for not opening community halls for the homeless.

"People are unhappy that we haven't opened up halls for the homeless, but we can't. These facilities will all be used for management, isolation and treatment," said Badroodien.

The exact manner in which stadiums would be transformed into off-site hospitals has not yet been clarified; nor has the budget for such a move been confirmed by the provincial government.

# Trying time for pregnant women

*Expectant mothers urged to consult doctors*

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THE PAST few weeks of Carla Wichman-Wedel's pregnancy have been nerve-racking.

She is 26 weeks pregnant and is due on April 15, within the 21-day national lockdown.

She is scheduled for a caesarean section at Mediclinic Constantiaberg.

She is expecting a girl and already has a name, Charly-May.

The 36-year-old said she was in isolation since March 16. But had a scare as her husband is a teacher and one of his pupils' parents tested positive for the coronavirus.

"I barely left the house," she said.

Wichman-Wedel told Weekend Argus it was an emotional roller-coaster.

"If I get sick I won't be able to take certain medication. When this all broke out I was really anxious."

Visitation restrictions at hospitals put a bit of a damper on this happy

family event.

Wichman-Wedel was even more concerned for her unborn child and the risk of exposure to the virus.

Pregnant women should consult with their doctors and midwives to ensure the continuity of care during this period, said Howard Manyonga, an obstetrician and head of The Birthing Team, private maternity care provider for women without medical aid.

Manyonga said it was not known if pregnant women were at a greater risk of getting sick from the coronavirus.

"They experience changes in their bodies that may increase the risk of some infections."

Obstetric and antenatal care, known to improve pregnancy outcomes and the overall health of newborns, were considered essential services, said Manyonga.

"We urge women who are pregnant to consult with their doctors and midwives to ensure the continuity of care during this period," he said.



THE coronavirus lockdown has been tough on pregnant women as they are advised to stay away from crowded places. | TRACEY ADAMS African News Agency (ANA)

The company is working closely with a private hospital group to launch a team in Cape Town.

Angie Manyuha is a midwife for The Birthing Team at Netcare Femina in Pretoria. She has been practising as a midwife for 19 years.

"They need to carry on taking their prescribed vitamins and iron tablets.

"Iron is a key mineral that boosts energy levels and increases resistance to stress, infection and disease," said Manyuha.

She said expectant mothers should restrict their visits to public spaces such as the grocery store or pharmacy.

"We advise pregnant women to stay

at home as much as possible during this period," she said.

The Western Cape department of health implemented various measures at hospitals to ensure no congestion, thus reducing the risk of spread of the coronavirus. It includes newborns, according to Mark van der Heever, spokesperson for the Western Cape Department of Health.

Restrictions put in place include one birth companion allowed, partners and companions are discouraged during antenatal and postnatal visits.

Expecting mothers who are concerned they may have contracted coronavirus can call 0800 029 999.

# Breekbaar in die townships in dié virustyd

■ 'Mense kan honger raak, en daar is nie geld nie.'

Jacob Roel en Julian Jansen

Voordat ons nie weet wat in die townships aangaan nie, kan ons nie selfvoldaan raak (oor die land se vordering om die verspreiding van die korona-virus te bekamp) nie, het dr. Zwelli Mkhize, minister van gesondheid, gister gewaarsku.

En uit *Rapport* se gesprekke met inwoners van townships is dit duidelik talle vind dit baie moeilik om aan die inperkingsmaatreëls gehoor te gee - om sosiale en finansiële redes.

"Mense gaan eers gehoor gee as hulle siekes rondom hulle sien sterf," verwoord 'n moedelose gemeenskapsleier in Alexandra in die noorde van Johannesburg Donderdag sy frustrasie.

David Mahlangu het oorkant die huis waar 'n begrafnisdiens in Alexandra gehou is, gestaan om nie die regulasies oor begrafnisse ('n maksimum van 50 mense) te oortree nie.

"Ons kultuur hier is dat ons vir onself moet sien. Eers as familieleden begin sterf, sal jy die mense nie op die straat gewaar nie."

In Khayelitsha in die Wes-Kaap, 'n reuse-gebied met minstens 1 miljoen inwoners, is twee inwoners reeds positief vir die siekte getoets.

Nomafrench Mbombo, Wes-Kaapse LUR vir gesondheid, het

Donderdag beloof dat die hoeveelheid toetse in die buurte waar dié twee mense gewoon het, drasties verhoog gaan word.

"Min mense besoek mediese geriewe gedurende die 21 dae van die inperking. Daarom gaan die gesondheidsowerhede na die mense."

Ry jy deur Khayelitsha, is dit opmerklik dat die goeie buurte en gebiede met subekonomiese behuising baie stiller is as die armer dele, waar daar 'n geroesemoes van mense is met talle wat om vleisbraaivure saamdrom. Hier is ook baie meer polisiepatrolliemotors.

'n Klippool van die Khayelitsha-hospitaal pak die 29-jarige kleinsakeman Samkelo Qoko (29) vroeëand hoenders op 'n vleisbraaivuur. Spineveg, waar hy sake doen, is stil vir dié tyd van die dag. Langs hom staan 'n ry verlate braaidromme van ander verkopers.

"In Suid-Afrika hou ons daarvan om op straat te koop. Hier kry jy meer hoender as by KFC," sê hy met 'n groot glimlag oor sy hoenders wat hy teen R90 stuk verkoop.

Qoko doen minder sake sedert die inperking begin het. Hy reken inwoners gee gehoor aan die inperking se streng reëls, "want die polisie vat vas!"

In die noorde lyk die prentjie soortgelyk. Teen Donderdag was daar een sterfgeval in die Setsweli-gebied in Alexandra. Die provinsiale owerhede vrees die virus kan nou vinnig versprei in die Gauteng-provinsie met die meeste mense wat positief getoets is.

Die grootste kommer onder inwoners is nie te min kos nie, maar eerder dat hulle nie geld gaan hê om dit te koop nie. Ook sanitasie is 'n onverwagte probleem. Omdat meer mense tuis is, is die druk op die beperkte getal buitetoilette groter.



Chris Ngonyama (links) en Steven Thamaga is betogend oor sanitasiegeriewe in Alexandra.



Minder klante - polisie vat vas!

Samkelo Qoko (29) sê sy braai-onderneming in Spineveg, Khayelitsha, doen minder sake tydens die inperking. | FOTO: EDREA DU TOIT

Steven Thamaga, een van die inwoners, sê hoewel die 26 buitetoilette (wat sowat 1 000 mense bedien) drie keer per week gedien word, is dit onvoldoende.

"Dan is daar die haweloses wat nie werk nie en nie geld het om kos te koop nie. Ons kollekteer maar by mense en gee aan hulle wat niks het nie."

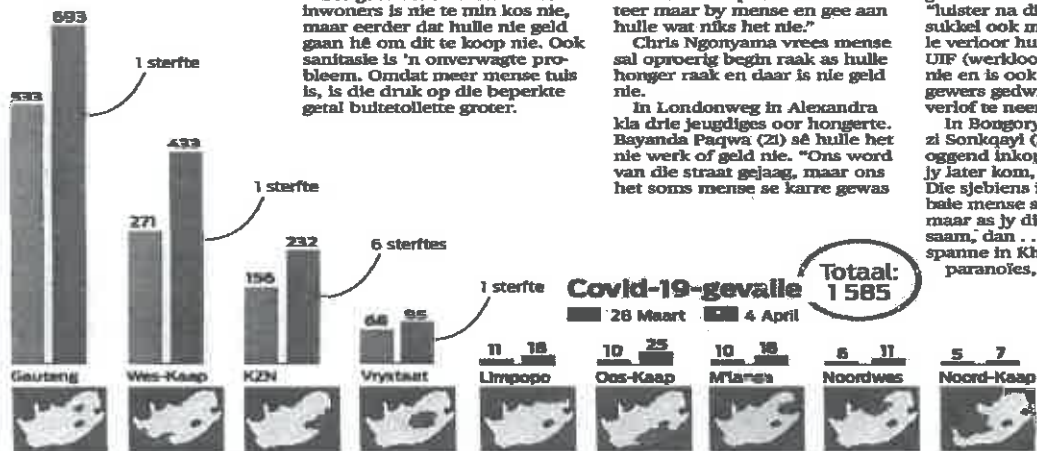
Chris Ngonyama vrees mense sal oproerig begin raak as hulle honger raak en daar is nie geld nie.

In Londonweg in Alexandra kla drie jeugdiges oor hongerte. Bayanda Paqwa (21) sê hulle het nie werk of geld nie. "Ons word van die straat gejaag, maar ons het soms mense se karre gewas

om kosgeld te kry." Van hulle het ook gehelp waar daar bouwerk was. "As dit nog 20 dae aanhou, weet ons nie wat gaan gebeur nie. Dié week is alreeds moeilik."

Terug in Khayelitsha in Steve Biko-rylaan in Kaapstad sê George Mnonose (64) die inwoners "luister na die president. Hulle sukkel ook maar en is bang hulle verloor hul werk. Baie het nie UIF (werkloosheidsversekering) nie en is ook nou deur hul werkgevers gedwing om onbetaalde verlof te neem."

In Bongorylaan sê Thembaka-zi Sonkqayi (32) sy gaan vroeëoggend inkopies doen, "want as jy later kom, is die rye chaoties. Die sjebiens is toegemaak en baie mense smag na drank, maar as jy die wet verontagsaam, dan... Die lewe is gespanne in Khayelitsha. Ons is so paranoïes, breekbaar."



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# Provinces brace for 'thinning' of settlements

High-density areas in four provinces eyed for Covid relocations

By JEFF WICKS and ALEX PATRICK

Several provinces have begun identifying densely populated areas for the relocation of tens of thousands of residents from their homes in a bid to slow the spread of Covid-19.

But as the coronavirus that causes the disease begins to surface in townships – with infections in Alexandra, KwaMashu, Khayelitsha and Umlazi – two experts have warned against the government's plan, which was announced last month by minister of human settlements, water & sanitation Lindwe Sisulu.

The plan to decrease the head count in 29 critically overcrowded informal settlements across Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, the Western Cape and Eastern Cape is at an "advanced stage", the department said this week.

The elderly, disabled and shack dwellers will likely be the first to be evacuated and housed in emergency accommodation, the department has said.

The national department was hesitant to give much detail due to the "sensitivity" of the relocations, but the affected provinces confirmed details of the plan.

Western Cape human settlements MEC Tertius Simmers said settlements in Dunoon and Phillipi in Cape Town would be the first port of call.

In KwaZulu-Natal, the settlements in focus are Kennedy Road and Amaoti in Durban.

"The focus would be on freeing up some space by removing existing units, be they shacks or standing houses. It is estimated that a quarter of residents in each settlement may need to relocate," said KwaZulu-Natal human settlements spokesperson Mbulole Baloyi.

Eastern Cape spokesperson Masiza Mazizi said the provincial department has identified 21 settlements for evacuation. Plans include moving 2,000 people from the settlement of Duncan Village in East London, home to as many as 100,000 people.

In Gauteng, spokesperson Castro Ngobese said the Housing Development Agency is finalising the procurement process for temporary shelters. The Sunday Times has learnt that areas affected in Gauteng will include Stijwelta in Sandton and Moolplaats in Pretoria.

Human settlements national director-general Neville Chalnee said there is no time frame for when families will be asked to move.

"The relocation of households is dependent on a number of factors and these include susceptibility to the danger of a virulent spread of Covid-19, makeup of households and consent of households to be relocated," he said.

"There is no set figure to the number of households to be relocated."

Human settlements ministry spokesperson McIntosh Polela said that though the relocation is urgent, it requires a sensitive approach.

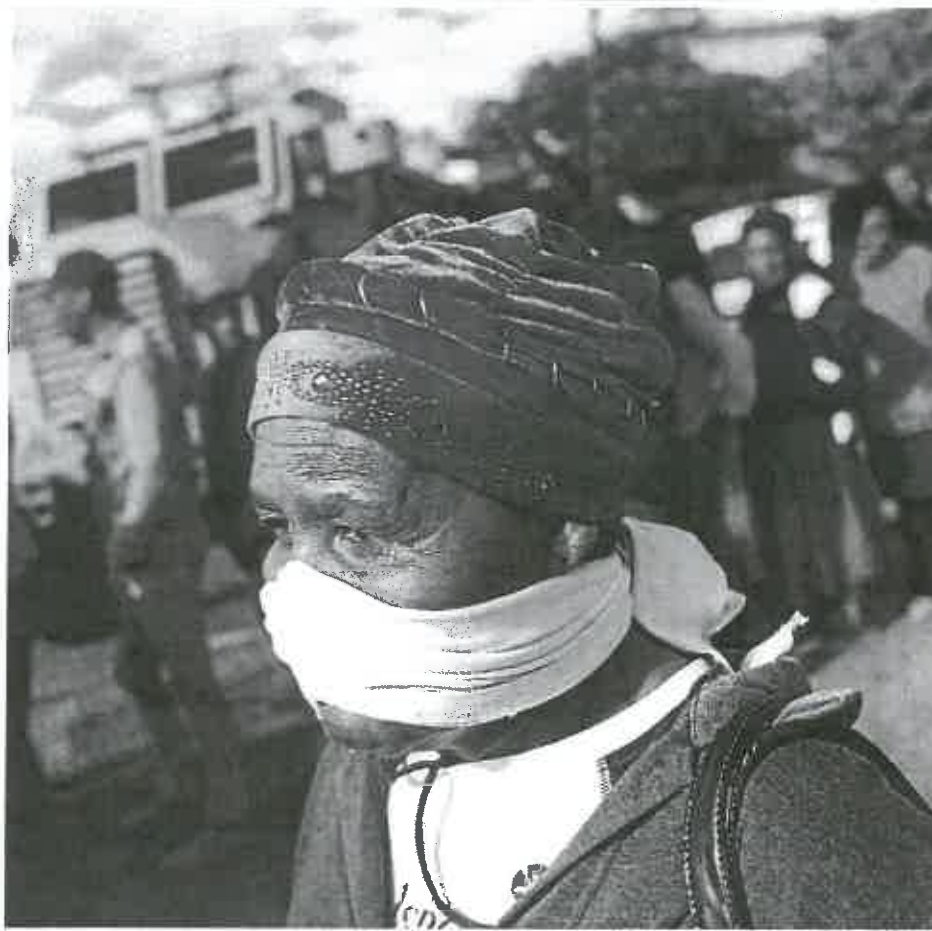
"Historically, our communities have resisted being moved. As such, we are careful that they be consulted and assured that they are going to be moved not far from the current place of their residence."

Sisulu last week announced that 17 land parcels have been identified for the "de-densification" project.

Departmental spokesperson Xolani Xundu said this week the department is reluctant to provide too much information on the land parcels so as to avoid land occupation before the sites are ready to be lived on.

Of the 17 land parcels, about four are owned by private companies and individuals and the rest by municipalities. Xundu would not say how much the department was planning to spend on purchasing the land.

People in the affected areas who spoke to the Sunday Times this week were either unaware of the plans or said they had heard



An elderly, unidentifiable woman covers her face with a makeshift mask as people queue to collect social grants and shop during the 21-day nationwide lockdown in Khayelitsha township near Cape Town. Picture: Reuters

**29**

THE NUMBER

of informal settlements across SA from which people may be moved

**2,000**

THE NUMBER

of people who may be moved out of East London's Duncan Village

**1,505**

THE NUMBER

of Covid-19 infections in SA

talk, but no details from the government.

In Alexandra, Johannesburg, with a population of 700,000, grandmother Nancy Myaka's home has been a refuge for her daughter and grandchildren during lockdown.

"If it would help people then I wouldn't mind relocating for a little while. But Alex is full of desperate people and I may just come back to an empty house," said Myaka.

The prospect is also fraught for Jacqueline Makongolo, who has lived in her Alexandra home for more than two decades.

"I have six children and kitty who live with me. We are complying with the lockdown, but I can't move and leave the cat behind," she said.

Michael Setloboko lives in a room at the back of a dwelling close to the Alex police station. He survives on donations and piece jobs. "Lockdown is so depressing, but I wouldn't relocate even for a short while. I can't leave my stuff behind, I have worked very hard for the things I have," he said.

In the Western Cape, Nyanga community policing forum chair Martin Makazi said there is confusion about the message the government is sending out.

Professor Sandra Liebenberg, chair of human rights law at Stellenbosch University, said emergency legislation gives ministers sweeping powers, but warned they must consider critical aspects of forced relocations.

"What guarantees will be in place to enable communities to return to their homes after the pandemic threat has subsided?"

Loren Landau of the African Centre for Migration and Society said those targeted are likely to be the poor, politically marginalised, linguistic minorities, or groups that local authorities or residents have long wanted to remove.

He said township spatial planning has been ignored for decades, and now people will pay the price. — Additional reporting by Shambile Cole

# GEVAARLIK DAAR BUIITE

**O**NS is in gevaar en vrek bang.” Dit is hoe sommige essensiële werkers voel wat noodsaaklike dienste tydens die 21 dae lange corona-virus-lockdown verrig.

Volgens Letticia Slabb (37), 'n gesondheidswerker van Elsie-rivier, is dit hul plig om te werk en na die siekes om te sien, ondanks die gevaar.

In Suid-Afrika het die getal mense wat die virus opgedoen het begin styg en die verwagting is dit gaan skerp styg, juis noudat meer toetse beskikbaar is vir mense – veral in kwesbare gebiede.

Die Wes-Kaap is naas Gauteng die ergste sover getref en die getalle wat binnekort na intensiewe sorg oorgeplaas gaan word, is iets om erg oor bekommerd te wees.

Maar dan kry 'n mens die engele wat steeds vreesloos moet werk om die land aan die gang te hou.

Dis juis met hulle wat *Son* op *Sondag* gaan gesels het.

## Die mense vertel van struggles

**BASILAFRIKA**  
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Die minister van gemeenskapsveiligheid, Albert Fritz, het 'n beroep op die inwoners van die Wes-Kaap gedoen om die werkers wat noodsaaklike dienste verrig, te respekteer en te eerbiedig omdat hulle hul eie lewe op die spel plaas om hul medemens te help.

Fritz het inwoners aangemoedig om die landsvlag buite hul huis te hang tydens die lockdown as teken van waardering vir die werkers wat tydens die lockdown moet werk.

Fritz sê: “Gedurende die lockdown maak ons staat op die gesondheidsdienste, wetstoepassers en ander noodsaaklike werkers om die corona-virus te help keer.

“Die ander mense wat by hul huise is, moet ook hul bydrae doen en in hul huise bly.

“Dit is belangrik dat hulle gesonde higiëne toepas om gesond te bly.

“Dit kan die lewe van duisende ander inwoners red deur tuis te bly, veral die lewe van die weerloses met verswakte immunitietstelsels.

“Die verpleegsters en dokters werk hard in die hospitale om ons veiligheid te verseker.”

Slabb sê: “Ons lewe is daagliks in gevaar.

“Asof dit nie genoeg is nie, beroof gangsters ons as ons die mense se pille gaan aflewer, want hulle gebruik dit as drugs.

“Ek voel onveilig in die oggende as ek werk toe gaan.

“Dit is gevaarlik, oor die paaie stil en leeg is. Ons verrig 'n noodsaaklike diens, daarom moet ek werk.

### Koswinkel

“Ek sorg dat ek altyd veilig is, deur my masker én handskoene te dra.”

Nóg 'n noodsaaklike werker, Thakiena Kamaar, 'n rakpakkery by 'n koswinkel in Bonteheuwel, sê: “Ek is bang, sommer vrek bang.

“Ek het kinders tuis en moet werk om kos op die tafel te sit.

“Ons werk elke dag met verskillende mense en hoop en bid maar dat ons nie die virus optel nie.”

AO Joseph Swartbooi van die Bishop Lavis-polisie sê: “Dit is deel van my normale pligte wat ek moet uitvoer. Daar is uitdagings met die gemeenskap wat soms nie aan die reëls wil voldoen nie.

“In die meeste gevalle praat ons met hulle, dan luister die mense en gaan in hul huise.

“Dit is belangrik dat ek myself



**MOET WERK:** Nigel Abrahams, 'n taxi bestuurder, het geen keuse as om te werk om kos op sy tafel te sit nie.



**DIS MY PLIG:** Letticia Slabb vertel hulle trotseer beslis baie in die gemeenskappe.

beskerm vir my familie, want ons weet nie wie die virus het nie.”

Nigel Abrahams, 'n taxi bestuurder, sê: “Die gaan baie sleg, want ons inkomste is met meer as die helfte gesny.

“Ons kan net vyf mense in die taxi laai en dit dek nie eens ons petrolgeld vir die dag nie.

“Ons is geworry oor die corona-virus, maar ons het ook families wat ons moet onderhou.

“Ons het *hand sanitisers* en maskers om ons veilig te hou.

“As ons nie die reëls gehoorsaam nie, kry ons groot boetes.”

Intussen is die hoeveelheid passasiers rondom taxi's verslap, maar steeds gaan dit die bedryf net 'n bietjie help.

Volgens Fritz is verskeie mense reeds gearresteer wat die maatreëls vir die lockdown verontagsaam.

Inwoners is aangeraai om net hul huis te verlaat as hulle kruideniersware of medisyne gaan koop, of mediese hulp benodig of hul maatskaplike toelaag gaan haal.

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Ek sorg dat ek altyd veilig is



**OP DIENS:** AO Joseph Swartbooi neem die polisie-ees wat hy afgelê het, baie ernstig op. Foto's: JONATHAN LESTRADE

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