

GAUTENG PLAN FOR LOCKDOWN

Need two-pronged plan that deals with

- 1. Health and infection issues and**
- 2. With vulnerable people like people without food, homeless, aged, vulnerable children and ill people so that the lockdown and disaster does not make their lives much worse**

HEALTH

- Secured enough equipment masks etc for a week ahead in all hospitals
- Got only 5 patients in ICU
- Secured many beds and extra ICU beds in private hospitals
- Intensify tracing teams, using an app to trace contacts of people who test positive and get them tested. Thousands of community health workers trained

FOOD SUPPORT

- Schools being roped in to help as distribution centres and centres for homeless

Homeless people

- Got many boarding schools to agree to make hostels available
- Teams on ground now persuading homeless to come and stay and get food, beds and medical support

Informal settlements

- 235 food distribution centres that provide weekly for poor households will be equipped to provide monthly grocery packs

Children at risk

- School nutrition recipients – school nutrition programme is converting to grocery supply through same homeless and food distribution centres. Using SDev data base
- Adding sanitisers and gloves to dignity packs that will be distributed

People who are sick at home

- 3 800 CDWs take groceries, water , etc to people who need it
- People can call 0800 4288 364 to get support

Soup kitchen recipients

- Soup kitchens will be strengthened and given take aways and supplies rather than soup. Will do morning and afternoon shifts to reach more people

Abused women and children

- Abuse may increase
- Extra support to 24 shelters
- Call hotline below if you need help

ANYONE ELSE WHO NEEDS SUPPORT CALL 08004288364

- ALL NGOS, churches etc who want to donate food and supplies can call the 0800 4288 364 number and government will pick up supplies

EDUCATION

- Will put in place catch up programme so that there are no break in June – negotiating with teacher unions
- TV channels will start on 1 April, also all cell phone companies will give free online lesson support
- Radio for grade 12 subjects all public radio

INFRASTRUCTURE

- All maintenance staff and service staff at health fully operational
- Setting up 2000 extra health and quarantine beds by Friday to cater for each region in buildings that are available. Currently have just 600
- Increased Masakhane Cook and Freeze programme to service extra hospitals
- Boarding schools being repurposed where needed
- Water in areas that need help

POPULARISING MESSAGE

- Creative industry and sport icons helping educate, uplift, entertain and motivate people to keep up the fight and be disciplined – will use social media, radio, internet with song, comedy, drama, tweets, video etc to spread the message.

MUNICIPALITIES

- Deal with grassroots issues that are not covered by province or national and support all national and provincial initiatives
- Secure services to all communities
- Have a council meeting to pass emergency budget and continue all essential services
- Most service workers will be essential workers – water, sanitation, power, fire, safety, etc.
- All service hotspots identified for water
- Funds made available to supply extra
- Waste management must go ahead
- Customer service centres remain open

MORE INFO LATER ON SECURITY AND TRANSPORT