# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M B Hicklin (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What concrete measures has the Government taken to prioritise the (a) dissemination of information regarding the necessity to be vaccinated (details furnished) and (b) vaccination of poorer, older persons living in rural communities;

(2) what number of persons living in the rural areas have received vaccines?

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**REPLY:**

1. The National Department of Health (NDoH) and the GCIS has worked together on a national information dissemination strategy, supported by a range of non-government partners. The strategy is informed through analysis of national and sub-national surveys and social listening, analysed by the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Committee of the NDoH and the multi-sectoral Demand Acceleration Task Team mandated by the NDoH. Together these structures have produced a variety of communication outputs, including:

* Mass dissemination of over 25 million information brochures in all 11 languages (distribution with the support of the PEPKOR group)
* Distribution of 300,000 posters in 14 languages through health facilities, retail stores and 40,000 spaza shops;
* Production and broadcast of radio public service announcements on 11 public radio stations and talk-shows and live reads on over 60 community radio stations;
* Production of videos for people with hearing disability and pamphlets in large print and Braille for people with visual impairment;
* Extensive use of social media through the use of both banners and voice clips in all 11 languages.

The use of this material has been mediated through partnership with trade unions, faith-based organisations, traditional and Khoi-San leadership, the business sector and community-based organisations. This is facilitated through the National Communications Partnership convened by GCIS. In addition, a number of other social partners have facilitated large-scale public communication and social mobilisation strategies, including the ‘Roll Up Your Sleeves” campaign and UNICEF outreach vehicles.

Working with these partners, the private sector and clinical operators of outreach programmes at SASSA queues, provincial departments of health have extended services to poorer, older people living in rural communities. It is particularly gratifying that the highest vaccination first dose coverage for people aged 60 years and older is in Limpopo (77%), closely followed by the Western Cape (70%), Eastern Cape (68%), Free State (67%) and KwaZulu-Natal (61%) respectively. It is of concern to the Department that the highest number of unvaccinated older people in fact reside in Gauteng, with over half a million people aged sixty years and older still to be vaccinated. This illustrates the fact that urban informal settlements and inner city areas should equally be regarded as national priorities.

The National toll-free COVID hotline is promoted in all communication as an accessible channel through which the public discuss/can get answers to questions and concerns re vaccination, registration/booking, side effects etc. In addition, Govt leads specific communication and engagement campaigns to maximise key moment uptake, or focus on key groups i.e. Vooma Vaccination weekend launched in October,  and Vooma III week scheduled for 3 to 10 December, linking pop up sites with Vooma media (community radio imbizos and talkshows and on the ground activation of community networks and stakeholders for imbizos and one to one discussions, Festive Season Noku Mashaba communication campaign launching on 13 December, through multiple communication channels: commuter TV, billboards, community and national radio PSAs,  digital banners, digital videos, posters and social media.

Zwakala #takeyourshot youth focused campaign led by community youth influencers, across multiple mass media channels and rapidly extending into community activations and micro level co-ordination around vaccination drives, TheTruck community engagement campaigns in collaboration with provincial departments of health, district health services and UNICEF,  a multimedia truck broadcasting local stories in local languages has visited multiple high risk areas in all provinces, to focus attention of local communities on real stories of COVID 19, and encourage them to engage with ground support teams and services around COVID prevention and vaccination  This adds to existing community engagement and door to door work conducted by provinces.

The national Vax Champs programme launched in November, invites everyone living in South Africa to sign up to become an ambassador for vaccination against Covid-19by by encouraging friends, family and neighbours to vaccinate. This will grow a network of local champions to lead the way to higher vaccination rates.

**Vaccination of poorer, older persons living in rural communities:**

* R200 Vooma Voucher (Checkers/Shoprite/USave) for every person over 50 who vaccinates for the first time during November/December
* Pop up vaccination sites activated through Vooma campaigns, in December will focus on shopping malls, taxi ranks and recreational areas, in addition to existing vaccination sites.
* NDoH campaign for youth to get older family members vaccinated.
* Young people in communities volunteering to assisting older persons to register/access vaccination e.g. Grandkids4Gogos.
* Involving the elderly tell their stories of vaccination in the stories broadcast on theTruck.

1. The following table reflects the details in this regard.

| **Province** | **District** | **Subdistrict** | **Total No of Individuals Vaccinated** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Eastern Cape | Alfred Nzo | Matatiele LM | 56117 |
| Eastern Cape | Alfred Nzo | Umzimvubu LM | 57755 |
| Eastern Cape | Amathole | Amahlathi LM | 37925 |
| Eastern Cape | Amathole | Great Kei LM | 10287 |
| Eastern Cape | Amathole | Mnquma LM | 68125 |
| Eastern Cape | Amathole | Ngqushwa LM | 19193 |
| Eastern Cape | Amathole | Raymond Mhlaba LM | 54348 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Emalahleni LM | 35617 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Engcobo LM | 40251 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Enoch Mgijima LM | 80015 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Intsika Yethu LM | 35129 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Inxuba Yethemba LM | 21098 |
| Eastern Cape | Chris Hani | Sakhisizwe LM | 17292 |
| Eastern Cape | Joe Gqabi | Elundini LM | 36567 |
| Eastern Cape | Joe Gqabi | Senqu LM | 43327 |
| Eastern Cape | Joe Gqabi | Walter Sisulu LM | 25860 |
| Eastern Cape | OR Tambo | Mhlontlo LM | 48888 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Blue Crane Route LM | 13550 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Dr B Naude LM | 25911 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Kouga LM | 34558 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Kou-Kamma LM | 10512 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Makana LM | 46295 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Ndlambe LM | 16273 |
| Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman | Sundays River Valley LM | 19808 |
| Free State | Fezile Dabi | Mafube LM | 10470 |
| Free State | Fezile Dabi | Moqhaka LM | 41052 |
| Free State | Fezile Dabi | Ngwathe LM | 28278 |
| Free State | Lejweleputswa | Masilonyana LM | 14156 |
| Free State | Lejweleputswa | Matjhabeng LM | 165221 |
| Free State | Lejweleputswa | Nala LM | 17612 |
| Free State | Lejweleputswa | Tswelopele LM | 17908 |
| Free State | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Dihlabeng LM | 98363 |
| Free State | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Mantsopa LM | 17315 |
| Free State | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Nketoana LM | 11677 |
| Free State | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Phumelela LM | 10440 |
| Free State | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Setsoto LM | 26445 |
| Free State | Xhariep | Kopanong LM | 24237 |
| Free State | Xhariep | Letsemeng LM | 9441 |
| Free State | Xhariep | Mohokare LM | 8126 |
| Free State | Mangaung | Botshabelo SD | 43328 |
| Free State | Mangaung | Thaba N'chu SD | 26697 |
| Gauteng | Sedibeng | Lesedi LM | 30662 |
| Gauteng | Sedibeng | Midvaal LM | 34739 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Amajuba | Dannhauser LM | 15412 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Amajuba | Emadlangeni LM | 5385 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Harry Gwala | Dr N Dlamini Zuma LM | 31651 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Harry Gwala | Gr Kokstad LM | 21176 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Harry Gwala | Ubuhlebezwe LM | 28615 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | King Cetshwayo | Mthonjaneni LM | 11360 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | King Cetshwayo | Nkandla LM | 25250 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | Impendle LM | 8758 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | Mkhambathini LM | 13862 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | Mpofana LM | 11545 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | Richmond LM | 20912 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | uMngeni LM | 37759 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | uMgungundlovu | uMshwathi LM | 19527 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umkhanyakude | Big 5 Hlabisa LM | 45860 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umkhanyakude | Jozini LM | 39606 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umkhanyakude | uMhlabuyalingana LM | 42313 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umzinyathi | Endumeni LM | 30232 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umzinyathi | Msinga LM | 29791 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Umzinyathi | Umvoti LM | 25456 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Uthukela | Inkosi Langalibalele LM | 45722 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Uthukela | Okhahlamba LM | 22102 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Zululand | AbaQulusi LM | 45325 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Zululand | eDumbe LM | 15334 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Zululand | Ulundi LM | 33722 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Zululand | uPhongolo LM | 25392 |
| Limpopo | Capricorn | Blouberg LM | 56965 |
| Limpopo | Capricorn | Lepelle-Nkumpi LM | 67007 |
| Limpopo | Capricorn | Molemole LM | 34635 |
| Limpopo | Mopani | Ba-Phalaborwa LM | 44320 |
| Limpopo | Mopani | Greater Giyani LM | 74173 |
| Limpopo | Mopani | Maruleng LM | 44626 |
| Limpopo | Sekhukhune | E Motsoaledi LM | 82495 |
| Limpopo | Sekhukhune | Ephraim Mogale LM | 27245 |
| Limpopo | Vhembe | Collins Chabane LM | 61997 |
| Limpopo | Vhembe | Makhado LM | 139444 |
| Limpopo | Vhembe | Musina LM | 35627 |
| Limpopo | Waterberg | Bela-Bela LM | 24078 |
| Limpopo | Waterberg | Lephalale LM | 50594 |
| Limpopo | Waterberg | Mogalakwena LM | 111255 |
| Limpopo | Waterberg | Mookgophong/Modimolle LM | 42416 |
| Limpopo | Waterberg | Thabazimbi LM | 56965 |
| Mpumalanga | Ehlanzeni | Bushbuckridge LM | 150730 |
| Mpumalanga | Ehlanzeni | Thaba Chweu LM | 39159 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Chief Albert Luthuli LM | 39955 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Dipaleseng LM | 7464 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme LM | 12970 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Lekwa LM | 30997 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Mkhondo LM | 17138 |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande | Msukaligwa LM | 46778 |
| Mpumalanga | Nkangala | Emakhazeni LM | 17010 |
| Mpumalanga | Nkangala | Steve Tshwete LM | 67574 |
| Mpumalanga | Nkangala | Victor Khanye LM | 18563 |
| North West | Bojanala | Kgetlengrivier LM | 15879 |
| North West | Bojanala | Moses Kotane LM | 64412 |
| North West | Dr Kenneth Kaunda | JB Marks LM | 80366 |
| North West | Dr Kenneth Kaunda | Maquassi Hills LM | 23957 |
| North West | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Greater Taung LM | 36109 |
| North West | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Kagisano-Molopo LM | 24018 |
| North West | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Lekwa-Teemane LM | 14557 |
| North West | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Mamusa LM | 16013 |
| North West | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Naledi LM | 36651 |
| North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema | Ditsobotla LM | 60547 |
| North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema | R Moiloa LM | 53031 |
| North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema | Ratlou LM | 30624 |
| North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema | Tswaing LM | 26478 |
| Northern Cape | Frances Baard | Dikgatlong LM | 11806 |
| Northern Cape | Frances Baard | Magareng LM | 5917 |
| Northern Cape | Frances Baard | Phokwane LM | 19391 |
| Northern Cape | John Taolo Gaetsewe | Gamagara LM | 19338 |
| Northern Cape | John Taolo Gaetsewe | Ga-Segonyana LM | 43067 |
| Northern Cape | John Taolo Gaetsewe | Joe Morolong LM | 3410 |
| Northern Cape | Namakwa | Hantam LM | 9113 |
| Northern Cape | Namakwa | Kamiesberg LM | 3536 |
| Northern Cape | Namakwa | Khai-Ma LM | 6452 |
| Northern Cape | Namakwa | Nama Khoi LM | 19393 |
| Northern Cape | Namakwa | Richtersveld LM | 2749 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Emthanjeni LM | 16908 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Renosterberg LM | 350 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Siyancuma LM | 7222 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Siyathemba LM | 9357 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Ubuntu LM | 6798 |
| Northern Cape | Pixley ka Seme | Umsobomvu LM | 9032 |
| Northern Cape | ZF Mgcawu | !Kheis LM | 221 |
| Northern Cape | ZF Mgcawu | Dawid Kruiper LM | 34303 |
| Northern Cape | ZF Mgcawu | Kai !Garib LM | 33835 |
| Northern Cape | ZF Mgcawu | Tsantsabane LM | 17278 |
| Western Cape | Cape Winelands | Breede Valley LM | 71510 |
| Western Cape | Cape Winelands | Langeberg LM | 35492 |
| Western Cape | Cape Winelands | Witzenberg LM | 48771 |
| Western Cape | Central Karoo | Beaufort West LM | 13220 |
| Western Cape | Central Karoo | Laingsburg LM | 2470 |
| Western Cape | Central Karoo | Prince Albert LM | 2950 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Bitou LM | 17872 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | George LM | 72928 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Hessequa LM | 19894 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Kannaland LM | 8067 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Knysna LM | 31696 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Mossel Bay LM | 40162 |
| Western Cape | Garden Route | Oudtshoorn LM | 28566 |
| Western Cape | Overberg | Cape Agulhas LM | 13656 |
| Western Cape | Overberg | Overstrand LM | 44048 |
| Western Cape | Overberg | Swellendam LM | 13671 |
| Western Cape | Overberg | Theewaterskloof LM | 50439 |
| Western Cape | West Coast | Bergrivier LM | 23371 |
| Western Cape | West Coast | Cederberg LM | 26012 |
| Western Cape | West Coast | Matzikama LM | 20566 |
| Western Cape | West Coast | Saldanha Bay LM | 37267 |
| Western Cape | West Coast | Swartland LM | 39939 |
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