



## ECDoH intensifies phase two vaccination in rural areas

With Phase Two of the Covid-19 vaccination in full swing, the department continues to criss-cross the communities taking the jab to the far flung rural parts of the province with the aim to get closer to the targeted group.

The Alfred Nzo's Umzimvubu Sub-district on June 22, 2021 took the life saving jab to Maxhegwini A/A where a large crowd of elderly people had gathered eagerly waiting to be inoculated.

Community Health Workers, Outreach Teams and School Health took to communities where a total of 132 elderly people were vaccinated as a means to try and mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

The outreach programme forms part of the month long plan by the sub-district to reach the elderly that are situated far from the vaccination sites that are attached in health facilities.

Nomonde Jakalase, 63 of Zigadini locality says she was sceptical at first about wanting to get vaccinated, "I didn't want it, but as soon as the myths around it were eradicated I started looking forward to it" Mama Nomonde said.

"We're very happy that the government came to our village, we feel honoured not to have to travel for it", she added.

The Sub-district has joined hands by visiting villages to conduct registration and vaccination campaigns in the area.

Another visibly excited Mzuvukile Njani, 70 of Maxhegwini said he has been looking forward to the jab since the day it arrived, "I feel like a new person, and I'm hopeful together we will be able to fight off this enemy", he said.

To date about 262 000 elderly people have been so far inoculated as part of phase two of vaccination, with the vaccine of school staff started in 67 vaccination sites this week in the province.

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