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**Did You Know?**

One of the cheapest, easiest, and most important ways to prevent the spread of the coronavirus is handwashing with soap and water. But for many children and families, basic water and hygiene facilities are not available. Forty per cent of the world’s population lacks access to soap and water at home, while 900 million children lack soap and water at their school.

As of 30 April, UNICEF reached more than 11.5 million people with safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. And they are also sharing information on how to create a Tippy Tap. The best thing about Tippy Taps, is that they use less water at a time than an ordinary tap. And there are many different ways to make one, here’s one version that is really easy to put together: UNICEF Tippy Tap Instructions.

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- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu

Source: Aljazeera

**Ayeshah Ralekgetho (Aganang FM)**

**Question:** "Since this pandemic is increasing rapidly, are we going to be able to go back to school or are we just going to stay at home?"

**Response:** The Minister of Basic Education put out a statement on the 19th of May, 2020 announcing that schools are to reopen on the 1st of June, 2020. Grades 7 and 12, as well as small schools will be the first to return, with other grades following in due course. All the learners, educators and support staff will receive orientation and training at the start of the schools’ reopening. Every school must adhere to and observe the health and safety protocols that will be put in place. The first consignments have arrived in some schools and more deliveries will be made as time progresses. The items regarded as essential are sanitizers, masks, water and sanitation, and the schools are currently being cleaned. The forced closure of schools to slow down the spread of the coronavirus was a necessary step to take. It remains an important step that was taken to contain the virus as quickly as possible and to save lives.

Source: SA Department Of Basic Education

**Mbuso Masingu (AFLX FM)**

**Question:** What is the role of the non-profit sector in preventing the spread of the virus during the lockdown?

**Response:** Non-profit organizations (NPOs) are created to provide public services to communities where they operate. They also act as the middleman between everyday citizens and authorities. Under normal circumstances, NPOs deal with many challenges within society, and sometimes have to work with limited budgets for their activities and to pay their staff. During a pandemic, or a lockdown, the NPO sector will be stretched even further as the need for their services will often increase. The people working within NPOs may also have to follow the safety measures of physical distancing and staying at home during the COVID-19 restrictions. But most NPOs remain open, adjusting their services in order to continue offering support and accurate information to the communities who need it most. The role of the NPO sector is especially important at this time, as they need to work hand-in-hand with the government, and other authorities, to design solutions for relief and recovery from the impact of the pandemic.

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**Samkelo Hlongwane (AFLX FM)**

**Question:** "What measures has the government taken in terms of online learning for those students located in rural areas suffering from network issues?"

**Response:** The SABC and the Department of Basic Education have launched a multi-media learner support initiative under the name: COVID-19 Learner Support. The programme started on the 9th of April, 2020 and offers educational support across 3 SABC TV channels as well as 13 Radio stations. The series will offer students with curriculum support lessons for Grade 10, 11 and 12, as well as Early Childhood Development. Some of the subjects covered include Maths, Physical Sciences, English FAL, Life Sciences and Accounting. A variety of African languages are also covered under the Early Childhood Development programme. Learners are encouraged to look out for local listings of the daily resources that will be available on these channels, for the exact slots for radio programming. The TV Schedule is as follows: SABC 1: Mon - Sun 09h00 - 06h00, SABC 2: Mon - Fri and 09h30 - 11h00 and SABC 3: Mon - Fri 06h00 - 07h00

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**Response:** The informal settlements are known to have challenges with accessing basic needs such as water, toilets, waste collection, drainage and working sewers. They also face issues of limited space, overcrowding and violence which will make safety measures like physical distancing and quarantine hard to practice. Any response to the COVID-19 crisis within informal settlements needs to take these difficulties into consideration.

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