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Cofimvaba community members encouraged to protect themselves against COVID-19

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Eastern Cape has recently seen a spike in Corona Virus infections in some of the province. It is for this reason that the officials from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Chris Hani District Municipality (CHDM) carried out an awareness campaign on COVID-19 to community members of Maya Village, Cofimvaba.

Ms Nonzukiso Tofu, an Environmental Health Practitioner (EHP) from CHDM said it is important to heighten the awareness of the reality of the deadly virus among the communities. She said the practice of washing hands properly with soap and water should be intensified. “This is a time when people should take the practice of washing hands very seriously. Washing hands and sanitising your hands is very crucial this as we are now seeing the increase of infections among our people. We further urge you to continue wearing face masks at public spaces and maintain social distancing at all times”, said Ms Tofu.

Community members interacted with government officials and raised points that affect them. Mziwendoda Tshingila asked the officials on the procedure that needs to be followed when burying their loved ones. He asked why government is not allowing many people to see the deceased and limit the number at attendees at the funeral.

Xolelwa Mpofo from CHDM responded by saying that it is government’s regulations that guide funeral parlours. He said that those regulations need to be strictly adhered to.

DWS officials distributed hand sanitisers and soap to groups of community members. They were also reminded on the importance of following 8 steps of washing hands, in order to prevent contracting COVID-19.

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