

ABOUT THIS SERIES:

The intention of Voices of the People is to create a platform for members of the community to interact with the city's administration and for management to directly hear the views of residents on a variety of issues.

MAKING SERVICES EASILY ACCESSIBLE



Mangaung Metro Speaker of Council, Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane spearheaded a two-day vaccination and ID campaign at the Mangaung Outdoor Sports Centre last week. The aim of the drive was to encourage residents to get their COVID-19 jab and apply and collect their smart cards so that they are able to vote in the upcoming local government elections. The Communications Unit engaged with a few residents to their views on the drive and whether it has been beneficial to them. This is what they had to say:

Community member, Tatudi Mohloki said he has had his green ID book for decades and it is no longer in good condition. "I was not able to go to Home Affairs because I didn't have the means; so, when I heard that there will be Home Affairs trucks here to assist, I was very happy. I decided to come and apply for my smart card," said Mohloki.

He added that this is a good initiative by the municipality because it makes it easier for residents to have access to services. "There are a lot of people here and that just shows residents have been waiting for an opportunity like this, even school children are here to apply for their smart cards," said Mohloki.



Kegomoditshwe Moremi said they were called by their principals as matriculants and he informed that the Department of Home Affairs will be at the Outdoor Sports Centre and encouraged them to go apply for their identity documents. "I have not started with my university applications because I don't have an ID. I am hoping that I will receive my ID in time to be able to make my university applications," said Moremi.

Benedict Dumane said he is just happy that he finally got his jab. "I was here very early, and everything went smoothly, I got the J&J vaccine and I feel good. I would like to encourage other people to come and get vaccinated while the services are still in our backyard," concluded Dumane.

