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JULY AT WOZA MOYA

This past month KwaZulu-Natal and parts of Gauteng were severely affected by widespread looting and rioting. Sadly, Ixopo was not spared. Shops, businesses, ATMs and malls were looted, vandalised and many were burned down. The wake of destruction has left many community members unemployed and with only one supermarket remaining, access to food and necessities is proving to be a challenge. Woza Moya was forced to close its office for the week to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff. We are very fortunate and grateful that some of our donors responded to the situation so positively by donating food parcels which we have been delivering to families in need. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones during this period of senseless violence.

COVID VACCINES

Woza Moya has been working with the Department of Health to ensure that the community members of the Ufafa Valley are vaccinated. This past month more than 100 elderly community members and Woza Moya team members (front line workers) received their first dose. Woza Moya is continuing to urge our community members to practice social distancing, sanitize regularly, avoid social gatherings and to stay safe during these difficult times. We do this through our monthly Support Group Meetings in the four hubs of the Ufafa Valley. It was a privilege to have the Department of Health on site and we hope to continue this great partnership moving forward.

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Woza Moya launched the **Student Support Programme**, a MAMAS ALLIANCE initiative, assisting matric and post matric students to further their studies. To ensure that the programme achieves its objectives two student support specialists were appointed from the Woza Moya team, Khanyisani and Sandile. After receiving support and coaching from MAMAS they in turn will coach and mentor students as they transit from high schools to higher learning institutions. 18 students from local schools in Grade 11 and 12 and



post matric, were selected. They attended a workshop at Woza Moya that introduced them to a wide range of careers, courses and institutions, entrance procedures and eligibility criteria. They also learned about educational milestones and qualifications. Students were curious to find out about potential career opportunities and how they could maximise their success in their chosen career path. We loved seeing the excitement this new knowledge brought to the youth.

VACCINE TRAINING

On Thursday the 29th of July, our community care givers received Vaccine training from **MRC**. The training looks at what vaccines are and how they work as well as vaccine effectiveness and benefits. They also looked at what Covid-19 is, how it is transmitted, how the spread of the virus can be prevented and myths about Covid-19 vaccinations.

ALSO IN JULY

- The Finance Sub-committee met virtually to review the financial conditions of Woza Moya as we start our new financial year on the first of July, and to prepare for our Board meeting.
- Jakob Adolf from **Deichmann Foundation** visited Woza Moya and shared innovative ideas regarding water, which we appreciate. We have a long term and good relationship with our German supporters.
- Woza Moya Board of Directors met via Zoom and spent extra time discussing the recent rioting and looting and how Woza Moya will cope with the aftermath, emotionally, socially, economically and politically.



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