

Webinar on Psycho, Socio-Economic Aspects of Covid-19

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Speakers Bio and Topics

Dr Phophi Ramathuba Department of Health MEC

Dr Phophi Ramathuba is a Member of the Executive Council for Limpopo Provincial Department of Health. She is a member of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature. Dr Ramathuba is medical doctor by profession. She obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery degrees from Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, formerly known as MEDUNSA. She also holds a master's degree in Medical Pharmacology from the University of Pretoria



On photo: Dr Phophi Ramathuba

Prof Puleng Segalo

Topic: Undoing age-old traditions: COVID-19 and the psychosocial disequilibrium

Puleng Segalo is the Chief Albert Luthuli Research Chair at the University of South Africa. She holds 2 Master's degrees from Unisa and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She also holds an award winning Doctoral degree in Psychology from the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She further holds a doctoral certificate in Women Studies from the same university. Her PhD was awarded the Koonja Mitchell Prize, and she was later awarded the Unisa Principal prize for excellence in Research. She is also the recipient of the National Department of Science and Technology award for the 2014 young woman scientist of the



year. Her areas of specialization include Community Psychology, Social Psychology and Gender and Feminism in Psychology. Her research work and publications cover a wide range of areas including gendered experiences of women in various aspects of life, Historical trauma, Critical Participatory Research Practices and Decolonization. She is a member of the South African Young Academy of Sciences and the current president of the Forum of African Psychology. Prof Segalo is also an NRF rated scholar.

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Speaker Profiles

Mrs. Langanane Lucy

Catherine Malamba

Topic: The state of community mental health post COVID- 19 PTSD Experience

Mrs. Langanane Lucy Catherine Malamba, fondly known as Langi, is an experienced social worker with over 30 years working expe-

rience in different social work settings. She gained immense experience and knowledge in gender violence prevention, mental health programmes and social messaging using radio and TV drama. She is also a seasoned training consultant who specialises in customised training solutions and social mobilization. She further gained experience from working for international NGOs mainstreaming gender, HIV and disability and raising awareness about the deinstitutionalization agenda within child protection services.

Langi has served on a number of corporate boards in water & sanitation and health & welfare. She obtained a BA (SW) Degree from University of Limpopo. She is a UNICAF scholarship recipient who recently completed her studies for a Master of Business Administration (MBA) qualification with the University of South Wales.

Langi is the 1st Black African female, 5th Registrar of the South African Council for Social Service Professions appointed since August 2017. She is a qualified herbalist and healer who uses songs and dance to heal the soul. She loves arts and culture, music therapy, writing and reading, and experimenting with different recipes.



On photo: Mrs Langanane Lucy Catherine Malamba



On photo: Ms Zambia-Lorraine Bam

Ms. Zambia-Lorraine Bam

Topic: Persons with Disabilities and COVID-19: Psychosocial, socio-economic perspectives from South Africa

Zambia-Lorraine Bam is a woman with disability who holds a Master's degree in Social Work and a short course in Managing the Employment Process from the University of South Africa, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Social Policy) from the University of the Witwatersrand. She began her career working for the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (NICRO). She has also worked for the Northern Cape Provincial Government as Assistant Manager in the Department of Community Safety (responsible for Research, Monitoring, Oversight and Quality Assurance), a Foster Care Placement Social Worker in the Provincial Department of Social Development, and a Social Work Policy Manager in the National Department of Social Development. From September 2020 to July 2021, she worked as a part-time social worker, advisor, researcher and fundraiser for the Disabled Children's Action Group (DICAG).

She is a registered Social Worker in Private Practice. A co-founder and now the sole owner and Managing Director of Yimani Sifunde Ngemali (specialists in financial consciousness and management). Additionally, she is an affiliate member of the Southern African Policy and Development Nexus (SAPDN) and a researcher at the Dr. Zola Skweyiya African Social Policy Innovation (ZSAS-PI) housed under the Institute for Democracy and Public Policy in Africa at the University of Cape Town. She is currently a PhD Candidate at the University of Cape Town. Her areas of specialisation are disability, gender, policy and research.

Dr Nontembeko Joyce Bila

Topic: The COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on socio-economic and mental health aspects.

Senior Lecturer Nontembeko Joyce Bila is a South African Social Work Academic and researcher based at the University of Pretoria. Her research niche focuses on mental health, Covid-19 and mental health, disability, and child health. She has published opinion pieces in various media platforms on Covid-19 and mental health. She has been interviewed by various media house regarding Covid-19 and mental health. She has 10 publications in peer reviewed and accredited sources.



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Mr. Victor Mavhidula

Topic: The Impact of COVID-19 on the Enjoyment of Human Rights

Mr. Victor Mavhidula is currently a Provincial Head South African Human Rights Commission- Limpopo Province. He holds a BProc, LLB (post) from the then University of Durban-Westville now known as University of Kwazulu Natal. He also acquired English for Legal Practitioner from Durban University of Technology formerly known as Sultan-Technikon. Mr. Mavhidula was admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa. He is a Curator Ad litem Appointed by High Court of South Africa Limpopo Division and Accredited Mediator. He serves as a member of South African Institute of Directors. Mr. Mavhidula worked as Assistant Provincial Head IPID Northern Cape, CGE- Provincial Coordinator Free State Provincial Office, Senior Complaints Officer-Head Office and HOD Legal Department – Head of Office.



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