

CORONAVIRUS CIVACTS CAMPAIGN

South Africa moves to a new lockdown process on May 1 with the introduction of a five-level risk scale which will now determine the restrictions in place. Safety and social distancing guidelines remain in place and South Africans have been advised to start wearing masks whenever in public places.

Last week, we introduced 7 key statements that President Cyril Ramaphosa made on April 9. We'll be tracking these promises over the next few weeks as the government ramps up its response to the Covid-19 epidemic. Today we look at promise #7: "Homeless people have been accommodated at 154 shelters around the country."



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The provincial government in Limpopo has set up six shelters to accommodate homeless people.

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The Strandfontein shelter was built in Cape Town. It currently is housing around 1500 people and could house up to 2000 people.

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In Gauteng, over 200 facilities were identified and visits to some facilities were conducted to assess health standards compliance.

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The City of Tshwane had initially set up a large scale, high occupancy relocation camp at the Caledonian Stadium but later decided to change their approach and open smaller, less congested shelters. The Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality is also following a similar model.



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There has also been a continued effort from existing shelters and non-profits around the country (such as The Denis Hurley Centre and Mould Empower Serve (MES) to house as many people as possible.

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

Are evictions in farm dwellings allowed during the lockdown?

No. Evictions are illegal regardless of whether it is a formal, informal residence or a farm dwelling.

Who can I contact for legal advice about an eviction issue?

The legal hotline on +27 66 076 8845