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Local farmer receives farm inputs from the Minister of Agriculture, as part of a joint United Nations Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO) initiative in which farm inputs worth over E1 million (USD 60,000) were donated to the Ministry of Agriculture and National Maize Corporation (NMC).

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Eswatini resilient in the face adversity



Ms. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh UN Resident Coordinator

It is without a doubt that 2021 has been challenging and painful at times, yet it has reaped immense rewards and successes.

As I reflect on the momentous year that we have had so far, I am encouraged by the resilience of the people of Eswatini and the commitment, perseverance and determination of the Government, our partners and the UN Family in Eswatini.

Despite the disturbance of peace that we have experienced in our nation, the spirit of unity, reflected in our celebration of Africa Day, continues to bind us. As the great African proverb says; “sticks in a bundle are unbreakable”.

Our efforts to implement the United Nations Sustainable Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025, in pursuit of enabling a “just, prosperous and resilient Eswatini” in which nobody is left behind, have resulted in incredible

successes, as we have seen 102,749 EmaSwati being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of 16th August 2021.

A renewed focus has been placed on agriculture; an essential sector in the nation’s recovery from COVID-19, as demonstrated in the donation of E 1 million-worth of farm inputs to 25 farmers, by the United Nations Development System (UNDS) in Eswatini. Climate action and protection continue to be significant priorities for the nation, with the UN Family and partners celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity, World Environment Day and Global Road Safety Week.

Our network of partners continues to grow from strength-to-strength; demonstrated in our impactful relationship with church leaders in the integration of teenage mothers back into school, as well as that of our essential relationship with Eswatini’s media. This year’s celebration

of World Press Freedom Day with the Eswatini Editors’ Forum, proved an incredible opportunity to build on the UN Family’s relationship with the local media, ensuring that it is based on a foundation of trust, transparency and accountability.

In efforts to protect and ensure the health and well-being of UN staff and personnel, as well as their dependents, the UN Wellness/Isolation Care Facility has been fully established and opened to the UN Family. This historical moment reflects the vision of the UN Secretary-General, Mr António Guterres, and his predecessors: such that reflects ONE unified UN.

The UNDS continues to stand in solidarity with the Government, development partners and indeed, the people of Eswatini, in their efforts to ensure a “just, prosperous and resilient Eswatini” in which nobody is left behind, and ultimately, achieve Agenda 2030.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to invite you to read the second edition of the ‘Sisonkhe’ newsletter for 2021. Take care of yourselves and happy reading!



No challenge is insurmountable when we work together



Dr. Cornelia Atsyor WHO Representative

Once again, on behalf of the UN Communications Group (UNCG), I am delighted and grateful to be sharing a message in this second edition of our flagship publication as a UN Development System in Eswatini.

As the name of the publication suggests, Sisonkhe (*‘We are together’*) is a reflection of how UN agencies, funds and programmes cooperate to deliver support to the Government and the people of Eswatini. This is the second of three editions we have planned to publish in 2021.

I take this opportunity to thank all heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes for the financial contributions made to the UNCG annual work plan as presented to the UN Country Team (UNCT) earlier this year. The available funds continue to facilitate the smooth implementation of joint UN communications and advocacy activities. Among the main activities this

year is the development of the Joint UN Communications and Advocacy Strategy in line with the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF 2021-2025), which came into effect on the 1st of January 2021. I am happy that the process is underway and will be completed by September 2021.

Just like 2020, this year has also been the most challenging, especially for communication. The experience we have gained while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that no challenge is insurmountable when we work together in solidarity. Even in 2021, the COVID-19 continues to pose serious challenges for our programming approaches and has called for increased efforts in risk communication and community engagement.

Despite that the pandemic continues to ravage our communities, it is always difficult for people to sustain preventive behaviours to avoid infection. I therefore

appreciate the continued efforts of the technical working groups on COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement for ensuring that messages for preventing infection continue, including for encouraging Emaswati to take the vaccines which are now widely available. We all need to work together to dispel any fears and misconceptions from the public to ensure that a majority of the population is vaccinated against coronavirus.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 which have prolonged our teleworking arrangement, a lot has happened since the last publication in April 2021. While the main themes have been health and climate action in the last quarter, I take note of a major task entrusted the UNCG this year; which is to organize journalism excellence awards linked to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). I would like to recognize the role, support and vision of the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh, in ensuring that the UNCT and the media have good rapport and a very healthy relationship through her engagement with the Eswatini Editors Forum.

The UN days commemorated in this quarter have given us the opportunity to advocate for various issues, including human rights, road safety, food security, climate action and many others. We also look forward to the commemoration of UN Day in October which gives us an opportunity to reflect on our mandate as well as mobilize staff participation community outreach activities.

As we draw closer to the last quarter of the year, I encourage everyone to push harder for the implementation of their plans while ensuring they stay safe from COVID-19 by taking all precautionary and preventive measures, including avoiding crowds, wearing a facemask, washing hands as well as vaccinating.

Enjoy your read.

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Biodiversity conservation key to tackling climate change

UN, Government and partners celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity by planting trees at Mantenga Village in Ezulwini

On the 27th of May 2021, the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh joined Government and partners in celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity by planting trees at Mantenga Village in Ezulwini.

The commemoration, led by the Eswatini Youth Biodiversity Network, was hosted by the Ezulwini Municipality and was graced by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Mr. Moses Vilakati and the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Mr. Harries Bulunga.

The event was attended by several other members of diplomatic missions in the country, including the US Ambassador, Ms. Jeanne Maloney, EU Ambassador, Ms. Esmeralda Hernandez Aragonés and the Indian High Commissioner.

The theme *“we’re part of the solution, #ForNature”* was chosen by the United Nations as a means

to understand biodiversity issues plaguing the world today, and to build on the momentum of the 2020 celebration under the theme *“Our solutions are in nature”*, which sought to encourage the world to turn to biodiversity as a solution to many of the current global sustainable development challenges.

The celebration started with an awareness walk from the Gables shopping mall, proceeding to Mantenga for tree planting by the guests.

The UN Development System in Eswatini has identified biodiversity conservation as a key element of tackling climate change and pursuing sustainable economic growth in the country, and remains committed to supporting the Government of Eswatini in this endeavor.

In her remarks, the UN Resident Coordinator noted that biodiversity is not just about food for the people of Eswatini, but many sectors of the

country are also dependent on these ecosystems.

She noted that the country has expanded protected area systems from 3.9 per cent to 5.2 per cent over the past 5 years with support from the UN. *“These efforts are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, goals under our recently signed UNSDCF 2021-2025 and are aligned to the Government of Eswatini’s National Development Strategy,”* she stated.

The EU Ambassador also observed that biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse are the biggest challenges facing humanity as a result of unsustainable human activity.

The US Ambassador applauded the Eswatini Youth Biodiversity Network (EYBN) for their advocacy work; *“With over 100 youth volunteers and a growing network, EYBN and similar groups are inspiring change from the community level,”* she said.





Ecosystem restoration

Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.



UN, Ministers plant 5 water restoration trees to prevent wetlands from drying out at Ekuphileni Community Primary School in Bulunga in the Manzini Region

On the 4th of June 2021, the United Nations joined the Government and partners to plant trees at a rural school as part of the commemoration of the World Environmental Day and the Desertification and Drought Day.

The celebration, which took place at Bulunga, Nlandlameni Ekuphileni Community Primary School, in the Manzini Region, was graced by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jabulani Mabuza and Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Hon. Moses Vilakati and the CEO of Eswatini Environmental Authority, Ms. Linda Nxumalo. The theme of this year's World Environment Day was Ecosystem

Restoration, "Reimagine. Recreate. Restore."

Ecosystem restoration entails preventing, halting, and reversing this damage – shifting from exploiting to healing nature. Ecosystems are defined as the interaction between living organisms - plants, animals, people- with their surroundings. This includes nature, but also human-made systems such as cities or farms. Healthy ecosystems can enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change and stop the collapse of biodiversity.

During the celebration, five water restoration trees were planted to prevent the wetlands from drying out. The trees planted were *loslina*, *tincozi*, *umhlume*,

ummgwenya, and *umtfolo*. These trees were planted around the wetland S most of the vegetation was cleared out by either the local community or animals grazing in that area.

The Minister of Agriculture expressed confidence that Eswatini can recover faster and restore its ecosystems by uniting as a country, planting trees where they are needed, and educating our children about the importance of protecting our ecosystem; "The world Environmental Day and Desertification and Drought Day are very critical to each one of us. It is not only important to the Ministry of Tourism, Environmental Affairs or the United Nations but to every one of us," he stated.



Local community, the government of Eswatini, Minister of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Eswatini Environmental Authority, and UN family leaving the wetland site.

He challenged Eswatini to take individual and collective action to "grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers." He noted that; "we are the generation that can make peace with nature" and urged people to get active and bring change in lifestyle. "I call upon all of us to join #GenerationRestoration," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator, FAO Assistant Representative, Ms. Khanyisile Mabuza, noted that humans have been exploiting and destroying the planet's ecosystems for a long time. She emphasized the need to focus on ecosystem restoration. "Half the world's GDP depends, at least moderately, on a form of ecosystem service," she said. "The degradation of these services creates significant risk for business: from lower returns and the risk of defaults to rising insurance liabilities. Therefore the ecosystem collapse will result in economic collapse. Ecosystem loss is depriving the world of carbon sinks such as forests and wetlands at a time we can least afford it: global greenhouse gas emissions have risen for three consecutive years."

Former Minister of Agriculture, now Member of Parliament for the community, Mr. Roy Fanourakis appreciated the Government and partners for celebrating Environmental Day in his area, saying it was important to teach children about the importance of conservation; "We have forgotten that the soil beneath us, represents us on who we are and what we should be standing for. We should protect our environment and again teach our children about the importance of it."



Ms. Khanyisile Mabuza planting trees along with the community of Nlandlamane.



Mrs. Khanyisile Mabuza stated that "For too long, we have been exploiting and destroying our planet's ecosystems."





Mr. Zuka Bhembe has planted over 800 banana trees.

Success in agroforestry

Minister of Agriculture, UN Resident Coordinator visit successful agroforestry farmer in Manzini

On the 3rd of June 2021, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jabulani Manzini and the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh, visited a smallholder farmer who has demonstrated success in agroforestry in Lwandle area, a rural community on the outskirts of Manzini.

The visit sought to witness the success of the Swaziland Agricultural Development Programme (SADP), an initiative supported by the European Union and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2009 aimed at improving food security of rural households and to foster equitable economic growth and development.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, and FAO were part of the visit.

Mr. Zuka Bhembe has planted over 2000 pawpaw trees, 800 banana plants, a sizeable number of mango and orange plant, and has recently started bee-keeping. In 2010, and due to the drought conditions prevailing at that time, he was enlisted by the Ministry of Agriculture and FAO to attempt Agroforestry as an alternative to farming. He received 20 fruit tree seedlings, 5 banana plants, 5 mango plants, 5 pawpaw plants and 5 orange plants as well as training.

Mr. Bhembe expressed thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture and the UN Family for assisting him with the project and for coming to see his progress: *“As I am always in my farm fields with my wife and children, working very hard with no time to rest, the community has thought we are anti-social and un-willing to work for them,”* he said.

The Minister thanked Bhembe and his family for their resilience and determination to see their farming succeed: *“If many Emaswati did what Mr Bhembe and his family are doing, Eswatini would have progressed much further as a country,”* he said. He related his personal story of how agriculture shaped him into the man he is today. He said he was raised by farmers, and the money earned paid his school fees.

He urged young people in particular to take agriculture a career choice. *“Agriculture is one of the most important sectors of the economy that does not become overcrowded, and there are always job opportunities in it,”* he said. *“The issue of youth unemployment will not be resolved until they change their perception of agriculture, which provides plenty of job opportunities. People should have a positive outlook on farming. What we eat and wear is agriculture.”*

Stop claiming that there is no money in agriculture.”

The UN Resident Coordinator noted that Bhembe’s project demonstrates the potential of agroforestry and tree-based systems in contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): *“It is incredible how Mr. Bhembe and his wife have transformed this farm into the viable enterprise that it is today,”* she said. *“Sustainably managed agriculture, trees and forests, including their production systems, are key sectors for greening economies and efficiently transitioning to a service-based economy. This example shows how smallholders fit into that system.”*

The Resident Coordinator said that based on the success achieved by this farmer, the country was on course to stop importing from other countries what they can produce themselves.



Mr. Bhembe expressed thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture and the UN Family for assisting him with the project and for showing up to see his progress.



A nurse from FLAS demonstrating some of the available family planning commodities.



Temlandvo Maziya, one of the young entrepreneurs attending the workshop.



Dr Bongani Dlamini from UNFPA making remarks.

Marrying reproductive health and entrepreneurship to create a healthy business-minded breed of youth in Eswatini

In pursuit of helping Eswatini youth reach their full potential, UNFPA supported the Junior Achievement in training youth entrepreneurs in the four regions of Eswatini under the Angel Investor program. The two-day training was held in Matsapha from the 1st to 2nd of June 2021. In attendance were 50 youth in business selected from the four regions of Eswatini.

The training, mainly aimed at capacitating youth business plan writing skills, was a comprehensive approach to business as it focused on enhancing business acumen and providing sexual reproductive health information for the youth.

The training forms part of a selection process, with the top 10 youth standing a chance to participate in a national expo and the best five each receiving a E10,000 seed capital.

“Sexual reproductive health and entrepreneurship cannot be separated,” stated UNFPA Sexual and Reproductive Health Specialist Dr Bongani Dlamini, emphasising the importance of bridging the gap between health and business.

“UNFPA’s goal is to see Eswatini’s 700,000 youth realise their full potential. That is possible with such investments which meet both the entrepreneurship needs and health of youth.”

Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS) Senior Nurse encouraged the aspiring entrepreneurs to prioritize their health by visiting health facilities regularly: *“When it comes to curing sexually transmitted infections, early detection and treatment is key. Health facilities in Eswatini provide adolescent friendly services to ensure that young people are feel free to access these essential services.”*

Temlandvo Maziya (26 years old), reflecting on how attending a business skills workshop changed her mindset, stated: *“I had some reservations on working as a group in the past. With the good understanding of crowd farming that I have now, I am no longer hesitant.”*

Ms. Maziya is among the hundreds of unemployed youth in Eswatini, who identified entrepreneurship as a solution to some of the challenges faced by youth.

Maziya, who is also an Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management graduate, runs a mushroom production business named Ngekwetfu Enterprises, which commenced operations in 2020. However, for Ms. Maziya, just like many young entrepreneurs, access to funding to expand her business is a significant challenge.

She explained that *“Financing for start-ups is scarce. I’ve struggled to get funding to grow my business to be able to meet its market demand”.*

Information received through the training has inspired young entrepreneurs such as Temlandvo Maziya to explore other avenues, including group farming as potential solutions to the lack of funds and

inability to meet market demands.

Sizolwethu Maphanga (21 years old), aspires to be an agriculture technology service provider, as she believes businesses and professions are not gender defined. Maphanga, who is also a Junior Achievement Alumni, seeks to transform the agriculture sector with her ambition of starting an IT company to develop software and equipment for farmers. *“The goal is to make people more productive in their agricultural activities through the use of my technology products,”* stated the entrepreneur.

“The services will range from security like tracking devices for livestock, digital marketing and IT equipment production,” she continued. Attending the training exposed her to a pool of other entrepreneurs in need of her IT skills to grow their businesses.

Eswatini has a youthful population with about 70 percent of the population aged below 35 years.

Ideally, this could translate to high economic activity; however, the youth unemployment rate remains very high at 47.7 percent.

Sabelo Dlamini, Business Development Manager, encouraged the youth to be creative in crafting business ideas. He shared some ideas about business generation including current trends, society needs and research. *“One way to see if your business is viable, is to make sure it solves a specific problem you see in your community,”* Dlamini concluded.



Strengthening the livelihoods and health of women smallholder farmers in Eswatini through a gender transformative approach



Intsaba yekubonelela Multipurpose Cooperative in Maphalaleni, Hhohho region pose for a picture after their training.

WFP Eswatini has partnered with the Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) with the aim to transform livelihoods of rural smallholder farmers, especially women.

The two institutions have identified several collaborative areas which include the development of clusters or producer groups, market development and linkages, and access to finance and resources.

The Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) is a semi-autonomous wing of the Ministry of Finance in the Kingdom of Eswatini which is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) 2017-2022 and the Financial Inclusion and Cluster Development (FINCLUDE) project.

Smallholder agriculture remains the backbone of rural livelihoods in the country with over 70 percent of the country's population (60 percent of whom are women), rely on subsistence farming.

Due to structural inequalities, woman-

headed households are more likely to be poor and have restricted access to productive assets, employment opportunities, education and health services. This project aims to address the gap in gender and financial equality; WFP has collaborated with UNFPA to conduct trainings of smallholder women farmers (SHWF) on gender issues (i.e. equality vs equity, GBV, and abuse).

This initiative has come at a pertinent time in the country as WFP seeks to scale up the homegrown school feeding programme nationally, which aims to create sustainable market linkages for smallholder farmers whilst providing diverse and nutritious meals to school going children.

This partnership promotes progress towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 on No Poverty, No Hunger and Gender Equality through harnessing multiple stakeholders

approaches to ensure inclusive economic growth. To align itself to the #decadeofaction, WFP and FINCLUDE have set out clear responsibilities that will be undertaken during the course of the year, which amongst others include the development of a food system base that will track demand and supply of specific commodities and interest.

Implementation

WFP and FINCLUDE will identify existing and new clusters across the country, and develop an action plan to avoid duplications. The market-ready clusters will be linked to identified markets and supported holistically to ensure high performance in agronomic practices, financial management and value addition.



UNFPA gender specialist conducting a training session on gender issues.

The FINCLUDE project will work with local and international producer groups to identify appropriate markets. To ensure access to finance and resources, WFP is working with several financial institutions to develop appropriate financial products for smallholder farmers. These products allow unbanked persons to access finance and in turn, production. FINCLUDE and WFP will recommend producer groups to financial institutions for funding.

Trainings for financial literacy have begun in the Hhohho and Manzini regions. Thandi Shongwe, Chairperson from Intsaba yekubonelela Multipurpose Cooperative (Maphalaleni Inkhundla), says: "I am truly

grateful for the workshop on financial literacy. When I got home, I engaged the whole family on how we plan to grow our money from the next harvesting season through the HGSF programme. I was really surprised at the contributions my children made during this exchange. Now that they will fully be involved in the production process, and they already know that the land brings wealth when used proficiently, I will be leaving them with a legacy that has multiple streams of income."





UN, partners promote #Love 30 campaign



UN Staff Associations and the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), joined partners to commemorate the 6th UN Global Road Safety Week

6th UN global Road Safety Week observed in Eswatini

On the 21st of May 2021, the UN in Eswatini, in collaboration with the Federation of UN Staff Associations and the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), joined partners to commemorate the 6th UN Global Road Safety Week by calling on motorists to reduce speed to 30kmh where people walk, live and play.

Eswatini Road Safety Council, Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) and the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) joined hands with the UN in Eswatini to visit schools in busy cross-sections in Mbabane and Ezulwini. The outreach culminated in a panel discussion where the partners discussed the main causes of road accidents in Eswatini and how they can be reduced. Students from the participating schools, Materdolorosa in Mbabane and Ezulwini Catholic Primary, joined partners in creating awareness about the issue, by holding information placards to passing motorists with

messages to reduce speed.

The 6th UN global Safety Week was commemorated between the 17th and 23rd May worldwide to urge motorists to reduce their speed to save lives. Approximately 1.35 million people lose their lives in road accidents across the world, equating to 3,700 people per day. An additional 20-50 million people suffer non-fatal injuries, often resulting in long-term disabilities.

UN Resident Coordinator (UNRC) and Designated Official for Safety and Security, Ms. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh, called for more investments in road safety: "Poor road infrastructure and management; non-road worthy vehicles; unenforced traffic laws; unsafe road user behaviours and inadequate post-crash care, are the lead factors in road accidents, fatalities and injuries," she stated.

She added that it was imperative that investments in road safety are made not only to protect drivers and passengers

but also vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists as more than half of all road tragic deaths are among these vulnerable road users.

Ms Ndongo-Seh called for solidarity among stakeholders, including Government, private sector, civil society and internal agencies in ensuring road safety. "Road safety requires immense commitment and participation by people with different expertise, including road engineers, law enforcement officers, motor vehicle engineers, the media, educators, community leaders and individual road users," she said. She called for impact-driven, strong and bold awareness campaigns "to create an in-depth understanding of the issue of road safety across all entities, creating a chain of action from governments to persons at greatest risk of being left behind."

The UN Staff Federation President Mduzuzi Shongwe, stated that the Road Safety Awareness Week came at a time the country was having many road



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accidents. Factors that contribute to road accidents in the country include: speeding, driving under the intoxication of drugs and alcohol, the use of cellphones while driving, forgetting to put on safety gears such as seat belts and helmets, poor infrastructure and badly maintained roads.

Mr Lusito Dlamini, who spoke on behalf of the National Commissioner of Police, noted that people who contribute to the economy are largely those who lose their

lives to road accidents. He challenged drivers to remain vigilant and be safe whilst on the roads.

Phumlile Dlamini, a road accident survivor, shared her story of how her car overturned when a bus lost its brakes and hit her car on the Malagwane Hill. She encouraged EmaSwati to drive safely and ensure that their cars are roadworthy.

Mr Dumisa Dlamini, from the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA), highlighted

that funds to compensate people who have been involved in accidents are decreasing and may not be sufficient in time. He motivated people to kill their speed before they kill a person.



UN Communications and Advocacy Officer, Sibusiso Mngadi, and Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) Stakeholder Management Officer, Dumisa Dlamini, with awareness placards at Materdolorosa Primary School in Mbabane.





Eswatini Delegation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and regional Integration in Ghana

Strengthening the government of Eswatini's capacity to engage the diaspora for social and economic development

As part of the Diaspora Project Implementation, IOM and The Government of Eswatini, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation organized a week study tour to Ghana from 5th to 13th June 2021, on diaspora engagement for the members of the technical working group (TWG).

Eswatini to enhance their engagement with the diaspora; and (2) promoting regular communication between the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Emaswati diaspora to increase the diaspora community's interest to participate actively in the social and economic development of the country.

Government of Eswatini through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Eswatini, to engage with Emaswati diaspora for social and economic development of the country, through funding from the IOM Development Fund (IDF) and in pursuit of Agenda 2030.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is supporting the

The Eswatini Technical Working Group was led by Ms Jennifer Neves, Under Secretary – Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the diaspora project Technical Working group (TWG).

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate, enable and encourage meaningful communication between the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Emaswati diaspora, with the aim of promoting diaspora engagement in the national development agenda.

This will be achieved by promoting two keys approaches:
(1) building the capacity of the Government of the Kingdom of



THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

Do it All



I will get vaccinated to protect myself and my loved ones from COVID-19.

I will continue to:



Wash my hands



Social distance



Wear my mask

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