

SPECIAL REPORT

April 2020 Report on SAYAS (members) response to the corona virus

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The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented global challenge. In their own personal capacities, various SAYAS members also wrote informative articles on the impact of the virus and engage in various other ways. Do see below:

Prof Alex Broadbent, Director of the Institute for the Future of Knowledge and Professor of Philosophy, University of Johannesburg, explores why a one-size-fits-all approach to COVID-19 could have lethal consequences - <https://bit.ly/39imJig>

Prof Alex Broadbent was also part of a group of researchers who ask the pertinent question: What does #CoronaVirus lockdown mean for the world's poor? Watch the video 'COVID on the breadline' here: <https://bit.ly/2xlWrPy>

A/Prof Willie Chinyamurindi, Associate Professor within the Department of Business Management at the University of Fort Hare writes on Five ways academics can manage COVID-19 shutdowns - <https://bit.ly/3bnH0EB>

A/Prof John Ataguba, Associate Professor and Director of the Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town, writes on understanding the economic impacts of COVID-19 on African countries - <https://rdcu.be/b3p2W>

Dr Lungiswa Nkonki, Senior Lecturer, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, Department of Global Health, Stellenbosch University, explored the need for strong leadership and an intersectoral response to COVID-19 - <https://bit.ly/2UQJ4iY>

A/Prof Tolullah Oni, urban epidemiologist at the Medical Research Council Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge, writes on the need for re-thinking emergency urban health foresight in the midst of crises and the role of investors, developers and philanthropists - <https://bit.ly/34UHGPL> and <https://bit.ly/3atSDcm>

A/Prof Tolullah Oni in her capacity as Future Earth, Advisory Committee member participated as one of the speakers in a Webinar on 22 April on exploring the links between the current COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing environmental crises around the globe.

A/Prof Jo Vearey, Associate Professor with the African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand, was part of a collective which initiated a COVID-19, migration and mobility in Africa media monitoring project as migration and mobility were missing from the DoH response.

See article: <https://www.mahpsa.org/why-xenophobia-is-bad-for-the-health-of-all-in-south-africa/>

Listen to a TV interview on SABC: <https://www.mahpsa.org/video-unfiltered-coronavirus/>

Listen to a Podcast: <https://www.mahpsa.org/podcast-winter-is-coming/>

In a bid to engage with local communities and address the 'Science for Society' objective, **Dr Nosiphiwe Ngqwala** Senior Lecturer, Pharmacy Department at Rhodes University, also initiated a series of discussions and online workshops on COVID-19 on community radio stations in the Eastern cape. Platforms used were Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) and Umhlobo Wenene FM. The aim was to share information as widely as possible using a local language" Isixhosa" in this case. It is hoped that these discussions, tips,

interviews, tools and resources will help with community activation and possibly develop strategic partnership and better coping mechanisms.

Nosiphiwe Mahlaba Ngqwala 13 Apr at 13:32

Sibambe kwinkqubo "Impilo ngexesha leCOVID19" kuRMR (lono.fm/s/70) ngo 14h00 ngomso (14 April) kunye nodwendwe lethu:

1. Prof Fanelwa Ajayi, SAYAS Co-Chairs and is a senior lecturer at the Chemistry Department and a research leader at the Enzyme Sensor Laboratory, SensorLab at the University of the Western Cape (UWC).
2. Prof Mzukisi Njotini is an Associate Professor in the Department of Private Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg



Nosiphiwe Mahlaba Ngqwala 15 Apr at 09:17

Sibambe kwinkqubo "Impilo ngexesha leCOVID19" kuRMR (lono.fm/s/70) ngo 14h00 namhlanje kunye nodwendwe lethu:

Ncedo Mngqibisa is an ethnographic researcher and community development facilitator practicing at University of Cape Town kunye nabahlali; Nonkazimulo Mdidimba, Zukolwethu Ntlakaza kunye noLwando Maqwelane.

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Nosiphiwe Mahlaba Ngqwala 17 Apr at 13:39

Sibambe kwinkqubo "Impilo ngexesha leCOVID19" kuRMR (lono.fm/s/70) ngo 14h30 namhlanje kunye nodwendwe lethu:

Prof Tshidi Mohapeloa : Prof in business school and entrepreneurship, coordinator for the Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Management (PDEM) and community engagement for the RBS.

Mnu Siyabonga Bashe : Entrepreneur

Isihloko sithi: impembelelo zeKoronavayirasi kwezoqoqosho ne zamashishini



Prof Puleng Segalo, Head of Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Human Sciences at the University of South Africa, shared some advice about mental health during the lockdown because of COVID-19. She noted that since South Africa is a complex society, the lockdown is not going to affect people in similar ways. Therefore, it was important to look at it from a multidimensional perspective, and reflect on how possible solutions could filter into different experiences that people are having with the lockdown. Access link: <https://bit.ly/2XV6pSG>

Prof Marietjie Venter, Head: Zoonotic Arbo and Respiratory virus program, Center for Viral Zoonosis, Department Medical Virology, University of Pretoria, was interviewed on Kyk Net on 14 April and on SABC3 on 20 April on unpacking COVID-19 science questions and the importance of getting the Influenza vaccine during the COVID19 pandemic - <https://bit.ly/3aQeXNE>

It was good to note that the initial work done by SAYAS members in translating COVID-19 health messaging into local languages in SA was picked up by the **Uganda National Young Academy** who did similar work.

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Thanks to initiative by @SAYAS_SA the members of the

@UgandaNYA have translated some infographics on #COVID19UG - BIG thanks to members @writerbligue for the #Rutooro, @patricemawa for the Lugbarati, to @FrancMwesigye for the Runyankore, & to James Egonyu for the Ateso versions!



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