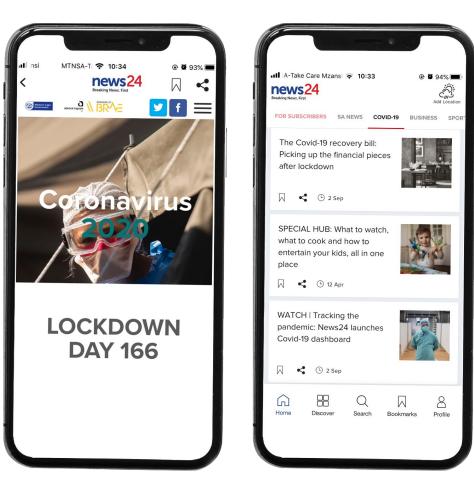
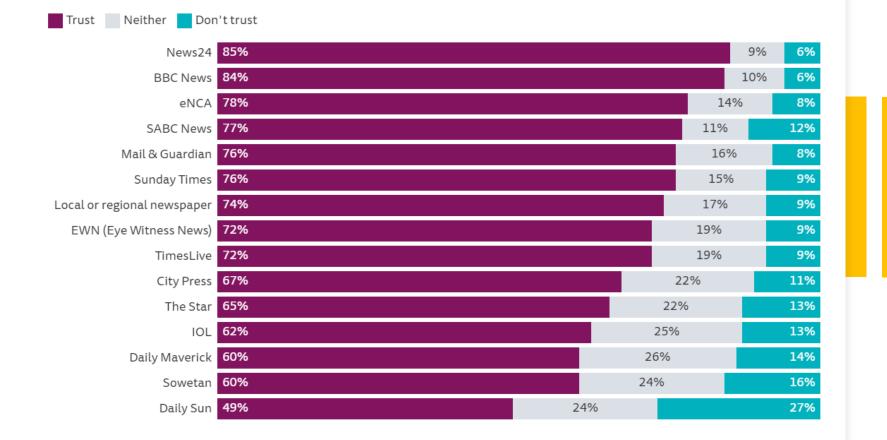


Telling the human story of Covid-19 in South Africa



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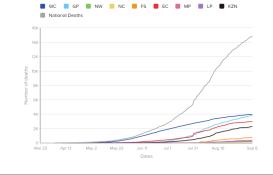
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Deaths overview

There were a reported 100 new deaths in the past 24-hours. This brings the number of official, reported deaths to 14 893. The most deaths have been recorded in the Western Cape and Gauteng, with 3 961 and 3 813 deaths respectively. On average for the past week, 123 deaths were reported per day.



Covid-19 by numbers

7 Day Average: National Daily Tests: Public & Private

For the past seven days an average of 16 367 tests were done every day, the lowest testing level seen since late May.





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Madeleine van Wyk Picture: Facebook

Western Cape woman's coronavirus death 'second big loss for her father this year'

We don't know where she got it, says husband of Covid-19 victim



Citizen reporter



Madeleine van Wyk. Picture: LinkedIn

The country has started a 21-day lockdown to try to limit the spread of the virus, which is thought to kill between 1% and 4% of those it infects.

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Paying tribute to those we've lost.



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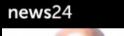


James Visagie James Visagie, 57, was an inspiration to everyone who knew him and is fondly remembered and missed by everyone at Fairfield Butchery in Parow, Cape Town.





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Zakhele Kunene

loved and cared for.

Zakhele Kunene, 54, from Protea Glen, Soweto, died on 11 July 2020. He was a loving family man, a father of two, and the dedicated deputy principal at Kwadedangendlale Secondary School. He will be loved and missed by many he



























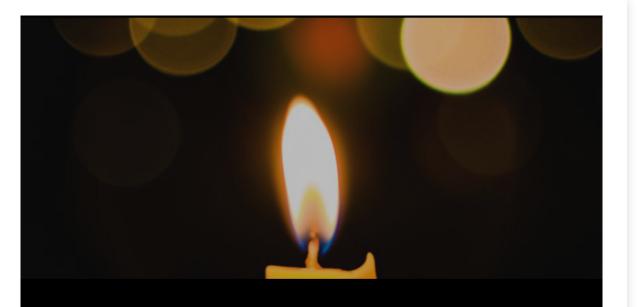












Like a thief in the night, Covid-19 hit our shores in early March and has affected every part of our lives since. The virus has taken something from each of us: our freedom, our income, our health. Some paid the ultimate price. News24 wants to honour their stories.

Have you lost someone to the coronavirus? Send us their name, age, where they're from and picture along with a short obituary to feedback@news24.com.

Call to action

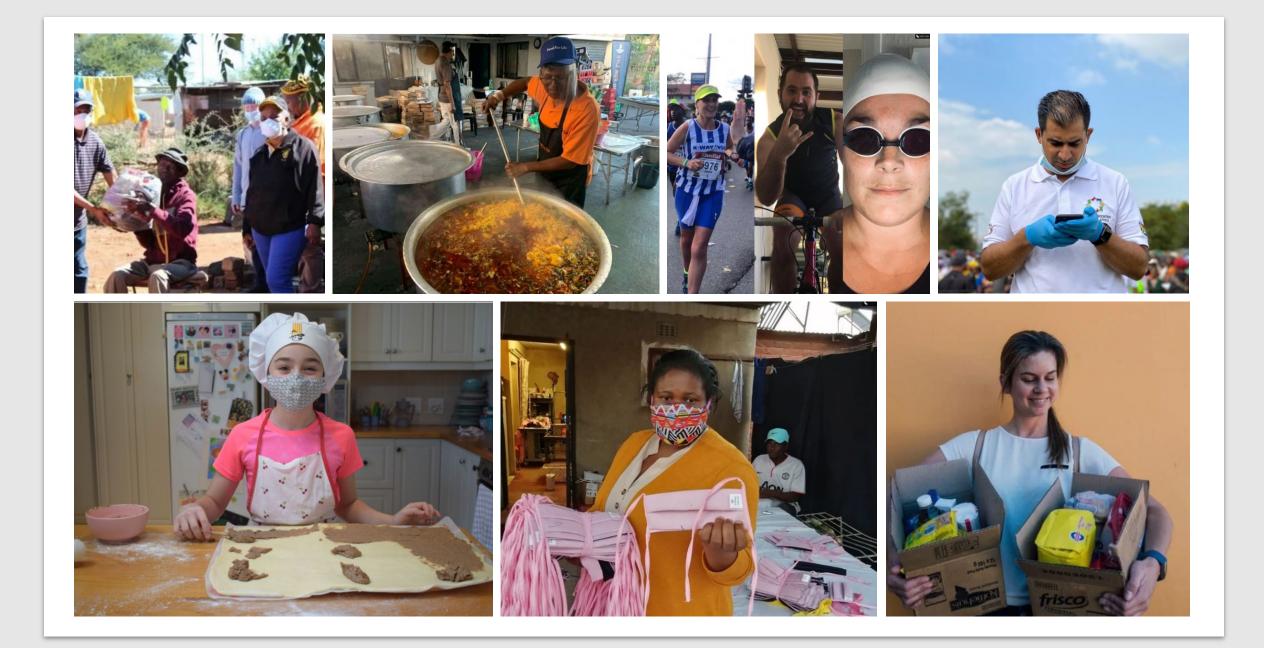


Faces of lockdown



As the world continues to battle Covid-19, South Africans have once again shown resilience, leadership, compassion, creativity and vision in the face of great adversity. Many have stepped up to help their own communities and others in need. Some, like Jane Johns from Cape Town, ran marathons in their gardens to raise money to feed the needy. Others, like 27-year-old Moeletji Mphahlele used their businesses to collect and donate masks and food. These South Africans are our everyday heroes, and today, on Mandela Day, we are celebrating them.







Takeaways

- Human stories let you build relationships with your audience
- It's the most impactful way to convey the message of the pandemic
- Embrace 'crowdsourcing'