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M.E.C.S. PARTNERS WITH ILLA'S 'DONATE A BREAD'

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MOHALE Emmanuel Consulting Services (MECS) has joined others by partnering with Illa penboy on the Donate a Bread campaign.

M.E.C.S MD George Mamaila said they believed in contributing to communities, which is why they partnered with Illa Penboy as well as the Manzini City Council and donated some masks, beans and bread to a makeshift kitchen in Manzini that feeds about 135 children at Zakhele Care Point. “Having seen the work Illa is doing, it made perfect sense to partner with him and the Manzini Council was a good start as the number of COVID-19 infections was high so that we can make a difference through the provision of masks and provide nutritious meals through beans and bread,” he said. He further disclosed that they bought 200kg of beans from the National Maize Corporation (NMC) and branded 100 masks through Bornwin Printers, a small business based in Manzini. “These items were given to communities. We went further and donated masks for volunteers to Prevention of Mother to Child Transmissions (PMTCT) who could not do their much-needed work as they did not have masks required during this COVID-19 outbreak. These volunteers care for about 200 people in the Zakhele area under the Manzini Municipality,” he said. Mamaila also encouraged corporates to support small businesses that deliver quality products and services, adding that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) should

also be properly set up and ready so that corporates can trust them to deliver on their projects. “They should be willing to partner with each other, especially in these unprecedented times. This requires a shift and a change in mindset. We have come across small businesses that are not willing to partner with colleagues in their own sectors, which is sad really. How does one deliver on big projects if they cannot partner with like-minded businesses in their own industry or partnering with companies whose products and services compliment yours?” he added. Making his remarks on the collaboration, Illa Penboy said that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it, different challenges across the globe and has changed the way businesses are run, people’s behavior and generally society’s way of functioning. “Governments across the globe have in some instances tried untested approaches, back tracked and moved forward again as many have been facing uncharted territories. Eswatini has not been spared from this global challenge,” he said. He further stated that the partial lockdown has resulted in most of the economy being closed in March affecting a lot of people countrywide.