

### You can now obtain your social grant from Jeena shops

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Find attached details of an interview carried out with pensioners shopping at one of our merchant stores.

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# Isiholelwa nasezitolo kwaJeena imali yeqolo

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mala opinushwa yangunianganianga, URi ipipuja lakwaleum ili lakhale akanta abangunianga, alah berahali matali mananan. Siyabunga lakhale wedhale lum sifian sengahili wedhale lum sifian sengahili matali mat

#### Please note English translation verbatim English Copy:

A new centre for obtaining social grants is now operational at a well-known shop in Sipingo near Mlazi township.

The women who obtain social grants and who stay in the vicinity of the Jeena shop, now have less trouble since they can obtain their grant at a nearby shop and they can also do their shopping at the same place. As a result they save on transport costs since they can do all their shopping at a nearby shop.

One person that we have interviewed and who would like to remain anonymous said he/she is very pleased with the fact that they can now obtain their social grants from the shop.

He/She further said that "this arrangement is far better than the previous centre where people cut in gueues, where there's a lot of squabbles and others pay a bribe of R10,00 to be ahead of the queue, whereas here there is no such trouble, so I am grateful for getting my grant from Jeena."

Zandile Mkhize who stays at V emlazi says she now walks to the social grant centre and she can do her shopping closer to home.

Those who obtain their social grants from Jeena also say that the centre is not too full as other centers and the queue moves quicker, so you don't have to wait long before you get your grant.

This arrangement will prove to be an ideal solution, as generally people who obtain social grants have to stand in long queues for their grants.

Moreover, many social grant centers tend to be in isolated areas.

Thembalethu Mkhwanazi, 65, who previously obtained social grants for her grandchildren from D section in Mlazi, says at one stage she was hurt as a result of pushing and shoving by the young girls cutting in gueues.

She says the Jeena security guard keeps a close eye on the people who cut in gueues, because the young girls who cut in queues do not show respect to older people. "We are happy to be obtaining grants from this centre and we hope that the crimes that are taking place at other centers will not take place here and that this centre remains peaceful," concludes the old woman who seems delighted to obtain the social grant from the centre.