

MEC Visits TB Patients



Health MEC, Mrs Nkonyeni visited the ward to give hope to TB patients



Mrs Nkonyeni (Health MEC), Mr Mndebele (District Manager) talking to TB patient at her home.

Umsinga community members came in numbers at Umsinga Pack House on the Saturday 16th October 2006. This Imbizo was called by the Health MEC, Mrs NP Nkonyeni to address the community about MDR and XDR-TB. On her arrival the Minister visited the hospital to give hope to patients and staff in TB ward. She also had a briefing session with Amakhosi, Izinduna and Mayors to request their interference in TB awareness campaigns and also to spread a word about this disease.

Mrs Nkonyeni was accompanied by Dr SSS Buthelezi and other KZN health officials. In her speech the Minister requested

and pleaded to the community to support those affected by TB. She also emphasized that TB is curable should one take medication as instructed.

The Minister together with her team visited Umsinga taxi ranks and Esikebheni shopping centre where she told the community about TB and MDR and XDR. She also visited families of those people who are affected and infected by TB. She offered them food parcels and requested them to continue with their medication even if they feel better.

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The Minister donated wheel-chairs, food parcels, walking sticks, plant seeds, soccer kits and many other things to the community members. According to Cllr J Sikhakhane who is the Mayor of Umsinga, the community has been living in fear ever since the issue of XDR TD came up. He thanked the minister for addressing the community concerns and promised to work with the department of Health to combat the disease.

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It looks hard but Mrs Nkonyeni made an effort to reach homes of the TB victims.



Melusi Zikalala* (not his real name) sharing his story with Health MEC Mrs Nkonyeni



MEC Mrs Nkonyeni with Dr Zungu



Dr SSS Buthelezi was accompanying the minister



She also handed wheelchairs to disabled patients

For more information on TB Call Nonhlanhla Msomi on 044 493 0004 ext 3039 Uzozizakala!!!!!!!!!!!!



Patients were in high spirits when they saw Linda Sibiya (Mr Magic) of Ukhozi FM and Ukhozi FM crew visiting them in the wards. This visit occurred on Wednesday 01st of November 2006. The aim of this visit was broadcast the Drive Home Show Live in Umsinga and to enlighten the community about MDR-XDR TB. Linda Sibiya was accompanied by Mr Lindelani Ngema who is the producer of the Drive Home Show. This show was then broadcasted live at COSH sports fields and the community joined in numbers to see this well-known celebrity.

On his arrival Mr Magic started by visiting Male Medical, Paeds, Male TB, Female TB, Surgical, OPD and gateway Clinic where he talked to patients, sharing his joke and deposit smile on their



Lindelani Ngema and Linda Sibiya were accompanied fans on their arrival.

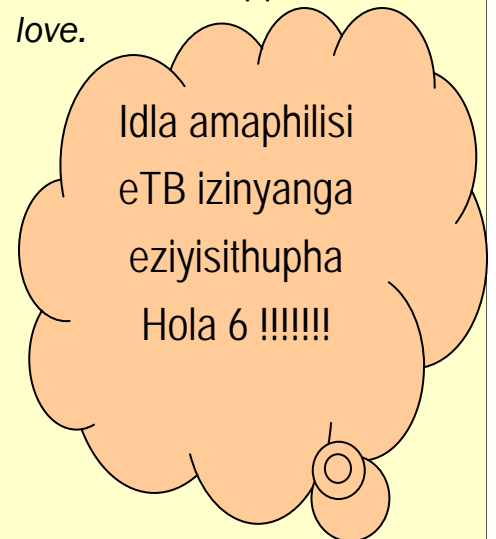
faces. One would hear sounds of joy from far as people warm welcoming their dearly loved Linda Sibiya.

Programme coordinators were also given an opportunity to promote their programmes. Nonhlanhla Msomi (TB coordinator), Thule Qali (ARV Coordinator), Nontobeko Mpontshana (Dietician) informed the community TB and MRD causes and prevention methods, HIV

AIDS and ARV drugs and good diet when one is on medication.

Patients, staff and community members were offered a chance to send their dedications to friends and family members. Some received T-shirts as mementos for the day.

The CEO Mr HJ Human, patients and the community would like to thank Ukhozi FM for their support and love.



Thule Qali in the mobile studio with Linda Sibiya



Linda Sibiya with Mr Smith and his wife (not their real names) holding hands

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Farewells

Gugu Nzuza—Occupational Therapist

Phumza Cele—Chief Prof Nurse

Ntuza Zikalala—Medical Technologist

Philani Mntungwa — Supply Officer

Deaths

Mr Bonginkosi R Malinga known as “Thwi”. Thwi worked for Stores and Transport Department as a driver

May His Soul Rest In Peace

Sports News

Trip to DEFY in Ladysmith has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. COSHIANS will be notified of a new date.

COSHIANS are reminded to apply for passports for the trip to Swaziland and Mozambique. Isuka muva likholwa izagila!!!!



Nkundla Walaza (Chief Prof Nurse) was also part of the show



Standing: Sphelele Shange, Themba Mokoena, Jabulani Zungu, Nkundla Walaza, Dudu Malibane, Buyi Zulu, Musa Bthelezi, Nonhlanhla Sokhela, Phumza Danisa.

Front row: Sboniso, Lingi Dumakude and Dwaks Dwakaza

Dress to Kill!!!!. When was the last time you see this old fashioned clothes. This was the dressing code for Old Fashion Party organized by PRO Sindy Sibiya and Khethiwe Khumalo. The aim was to remind youth about old goodies. It was a very enjoyable party and inqephu idla umunyu!!!! This party happened on the 19th October 2006 at COSH nursing college. There was also a fashion show where small prizes was won by the best dressed Siyabonga Zwane.

Gone are those days!!!!!!



Jabulani Zwane, Nkundla Walaza, Themba Mokoena, Dwaks Dwakaza, Siyabonga Zwane and Musa Buthelezi



Themba Mokoena and Sphelele Shange in their old fashion wear