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CEO's INPUT



Mr. PN Sangweni: CEO

Welcome to another issue of Siyacobevelana. We started the year, 2020 with a bang. The highlights was the hosting of the opening prayer to ask God to assist us as workers as we carry out our obligations and that was followed by a lavish Staff Service Excellence Awards where most staff who went an extra mile were officially recognized. Management will endeavor to continue to host such functions to encourage staff to excel in rendering quality services to the communities.

Unyaka siwuqale kahle nakuba siwuqale lapho izwe nomhlaba jikelele uhlaselwe ubhubhane lwe COVID –19. Siyathemba futhi ukuthi konke lokhu kuzodlula kungabanga nawo umthelela omubi kakhulu ezimpilweni zemiphakathi yethu.

Imiphakathi ikhathazekile kakhulu ngisho ezinkundleni zokuxhumana ngezibalo zabantu esebewuhabulile lomkhuhlane nokuthi kanti uvelephi. Sizoqhubeka senze esikwenzile ezikhathini ezedlule ukuthi sigcizelele ekutheni singawuvimba kanjani ukuze siphumelele.

Siqhubeke sigeze izandla zethu ngamanzi anen-sipho noma sisebenzise isibulali magciwane esaziwa ngokuthi isanitizer, sigcine ibanga elanele phakathi kwethu nabanye abantu siphin-de sisukumele izimpawu zaso lesisifo njen-gokunyuka kwezinga lokushisa komzimba, uku-khwehlela, ubuhlungu bomuzimba.

Siyaqhubeka nokusebenzisana nabanye abad-inga ukubamba iqhaza ekulweni nalesisifo njengezinyunyane ezimele abasebenzi, uMSF osilekelela kakhulu ngenqalasisinda kanye neminye iminyango kahulumeni noMaspala wethu uMlalazi esihlanganyela nabo ekuce-bisaneni ngezindlela zokuthiba lolubhubhane emiphakathini yethu. Victory is certain if we ob-serve all preventative measures against this pan-demic.

We were also fortunate that our Head Office Infra-structure Section funded the upgrading of our Hos-pital Boardroom and soon it will be operational.

We will continue to maintain our infrastructure and continue to be the hospital of choice in our region.

Kuze kube okulandelayo.



COVID 19 –Activation Campaigns

After President's declaration of COVID-19 as a national disaster, Eshowe Hospital team ensured to cascade information and raised awareness in the communities. Professional nurses, OTL's and Community Health workers (CHWs) started by visiting tribal authorities and gave health education on preventative measures of Covid-19. The activation campaigns proceeded to the taxi ranks i.e. Ndlangubo taxi rank, King DinuZulu taxi rank, kwaKhoza rank and Eshowe main rank. Vendors and commuters were given health education, IEC material on Covid-19 and reminded that handwashing is still the simplest and most effective way of preventing the spread of infection. Social grants pay points were not left out as they carry a large number of communities, mostly being elderly people who are deemed to be high risk to Covid-19 infection and it is important for them to comply with social distancing and all other precautionary measures. CHWs together with volunteers from MSF were there to assist the community and had mobile hand washing utensils.



Sr. Buthelezi giving health education to a public member



OTL's interacting with vendors



Dr. FN Dube Mathonsi: Deputy Manager Nursing and Sr. KM Mchunu and the rest of the team with the mothers

Eshowe Obstetrics and Gynae clinic held awareness campaigns on pregnancy and STI/Condom week from the 10-16 February 2020. Education was given on different topics namely: early clinic attendance, dangers of using isihlambezo, actions to be taken when facing social problems and importance of using condoms and keeping free from STI's. Social workers shared crucial information on teenage pregnancy which is still a major challenge to our communities, Social problems i.e sexual assaults, and lack of sexual consent are major contributors to teenage pregnancy. Additionally ChildLine gave education on correct procedures to follow when being subjected to sexual assault, the importance of reporting sexual offense within 72 hours so they can be able to get post exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

Physiotherapists also shared some few safe exercises that can be done during pregnancy and dietician gave education on healthy diet as its crucial to practice healthy lifestyle even during pregnancy.



Wearing blue ,Ms. P Zulu : Deputy Director Quality Assurance on her right its Mrs .N Owabe: Hospital Board (Chairperson) with hospital staff

Facility Service Excellence Awards (FASEA) is an annual at Eshowe District Hospital. For 2020 the event was held on the 20 February under the theme “Unleashing potential for excellence”. This occasion was aimed at recognizing workers for their continued dedication to work and upholding BATHO PELE principles. The vent was steered by Mrs. J Ngubane: Deputy Director Quality Services.

Bishop Mbatha: Sub district Chaplain blessed the vent and read the book of Mathew 28 verse 18 where he spoke of health workers being sent by God to render services to the people and therefore they must always treat people holistically and with courtesy. Bishop went on to remind everyone that challenges will come but its important to know that God is the creator of the universe ,he is Emmanuel and always with us.he ended the sermon by encouraging everyone that even if they don't get an award in 2019/20 there is always a chance in the coming year.

The hospital CEO: Mr PN Sangweni mentioned that hosting such an important event was in keeping up with Principle 9 of BATHO PELE i.e. “Encouraging Innovation and Recognizing Excellence”. He did not differ when he was welcoming the guests and referred to workers as engines of service delivery further thanked the hospital staff for their tireless efforts on rendering quality services to community at large. Eshowe staff was motivated by the wise words from Ms. Phumelele Zulu: Deputy Director Quality Assurance (guest speaker) when she spoke of the staff as cadets of health care and it is important that they also excel in what they do.

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She commended Eshowe Exco for adhering to BATHO PELE and ensuring that staff is continuously recognized for their good deeds and further congratulated Eshowe Hospital as trendsetters when it comes to quality issues.

Ekugcineni Unksz Ngubane wagquguzela bonke abasebenzi, abatholile imiklomelo nalabo abangatholanga wabakhumbuza ukuthi njengomsebenzi kubalulekile ukuthi wenze lokhu okulandelayo: Test yourself: do self introspection, listen to compliments, be courageous, set goals and be able to accept your failures. When doing this you are enabling yourself to grow as a person and be able to release your potential .

The hospital was honored by the presence of district office, hospital board members and neighboring hospital. Management wishes to give gratitude to events committee for this prestigious function and the sponsors that made success of the event : Kadulele Cleaning Services, Metropolitan Life, Old Mutual and Isuzu Motors.

Covid-19 Preparedness Drill

As an assurance that Eshowe Hospital staff is aware of the steps to be followed for every patient entering the hospital during the lockdown period, the hospital held a mock drill on the 01 April 2020. The drill was conducted between Casualty and Pedestrian gate which are the 2 entrances used by the patients. Purpose of the drill was to ensure that staff is familiar with their roles and responsibilities during an outbreak of Covid-19 , to ensure that staff knows how to do donning and doffing of the PPE .

Scenario was two patients brought in by private transport to the hospital, the first patient was presenting with fever , cough and severe respiratory distress and second patient presented with fever and sore throat. Both patients were assessed and triaged correctly, patient 1 was admitted and second patient was discharged to self isolate at home.



Dr. Kavuala taking a specimen from a patient

The exercise was fruitful and it enabled COVID –19 JOC team to identify gaps and to implement improvement plans. MSF also assisted with building material to finalize entrance ramps to the proposed COVID –19 Ward.

Gallery for Mock Drill



Covid-19 Mass Screening



Eshowe Tracer Team

In response to the National call by the Minister of Health Dr. Zweli Mkhize for the hospitals to conduct COVID-19 mass screening and testing in the communities, EDH team and partners like MSF responded with a plan to flatten the curve working together with traditional leadership, SAPS and RTI. The mass screening started on the 14 April 2020 at Gcininhliziyoo area and Health Workers were well received in this area and it was pleasing to learn that this community is well informed about precautionary measures for COVID-19.

As mass screening continued at Fasimba, Mathibelana, Mpehlela and Mandawe area, it was noted that some of the families were not keen to have screening conducted in their families and this is solely based on the fake news that was trending on the social media that testing kits were also infected with COVID-19. In spite of this challenge the team continues to give health education to the communities and IEC material on COVID-19.



OM S. Tembe leading the tracer team while visiting Mkhize family

Mass screening will continue in the community, retail stores and government departments around Eshowe and beyond.



Picture Gallery: FASEA



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