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WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION AT LOSKOP



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DISCLOSURE TO CHILDREN IS STILL A CHALLENGE

Dr. M.T. Zulu, District Director for Uthukela Health District said that she is dismayed that the issue of disclosure of HIV status to children remains a challenge. Parents wait until it's too late and as a result these children grow up with anger and at times default treatment or even worse try to commit suicide. Those were the remarks by Dr. Zulu during World Aids Day event which was held at Loskop area kwaGeza Hall on the 01 December 2020. The event was honoured by the presence of the Honourable MEC for Finance Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Uthukela District

Mayor Cllr. A.S. Mazibuko, Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality Mayor Cllr. J.M. Mbhele.

The event started with the march led by the principals from the main road to the venue and demonstrators chanting slogans against gender based violence (GBV). MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube urged the attendees to play their role in the fight against gender based violence and expressed concern over surge in a number of GBV cases in KZN. MEC Dube then led the candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of all those that are living with the virus and those that have lost the battle against HIV/AIDS. In her closing remarks, she pleaded with the community not to discriminate but to support those living with the virus in the fight against HIV/AIDS.



Dr. Zulu ensuring that principals sanitize their hands before a candle lighting ceremony

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PRAYER TO HONOUR STAFF MEMBERS

Estcourt hospital closing had its closing prayer on the 10 December 2020 to give glory to God for seeing them through 2020 which has been a tough year for healthcare workers as the country is still faced with Covid19 pandemic. Pastor Mhlanga was in attendance and he shared the word of God.



The important part of the programme was Siyabakhumbula in remembrance of all staff members that passed away in 2020. The institution was unable to honour some of them due to Covid-19 regulation set out by government. It was an emotional moment when their names were called and photos projected for everyone to see all the employees that have been called to rest in 2020. Mr. M. Bekenya, hospital CEO said “2020 has been a challenging year for all us. While we were doing our utmost to protect our employees from contracting Covid19, staff members passed away due to accidents and natural causes. Even worse some passed away in line of duty. We salute our fallen heroes and heroines and we will forever hold them in our hearts.”



ESTCOURT HOSPITAL SUPPORTS CASUAL DAY



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LAUNCH OF DAPLAP MEDS

It was noted with concern by the department of health that most of the clinics are always full and had to come up with a turnaround strategy hence the CCMDD programme was introduced mainly to alleviate pressure on PHC facilities. The programme has been successful nevertheless few challenges with the programme presented an opportunity for the introduction of a better programme called Dablap meds.

Dablapmeds programme was launched on the 20 November 2020 at Connor Street clinic. It seeks to strengthen adherence clubs, make use pick up points, put Cipla containers, strengthening relations with local pharmacy and have also included bicycles in an effort of further decanting PHC facilities. Requirements remains the same but patients will now have an option to choose any pick up points of their choice within the province so far and hopefully nationally in the near future. The launch was attended by all the OM's of the PHC facilities, pharmacy staff and other stakeholders. Ms. Zinhle Tlou urged them to market dablapmeds programme for us to collectively relieve pressure from our facilities.



Ms. N. Selepe giving attendees some goodies



Ms. Z. Tlou doing a presentation on dablapmeds



Attendees listening to different presentations during dablapmeds launch at Connor Street clinic

HANDING WASHING CAMPAIGN TAKEN TO SCHOOLS



Teacher doing handwashing demonstration to her learners.

The old adage is true: 'Inkunzi isematholeni' and Estcourt hospital outreach team and Infection Prevention and Control Co ordinator (IPC) did exactly that by taking handwashing campaign to Thembaletu Primary School to teach these young dynamites about the importance of washing hands and most importantly on how to do it. This was necessary as the country is still battling with Covid19 and washing of hands being one of preventative measures . The campaign was held on the 15 October 2020 which is a Global Handwashing Day.

Demonstration on handwashing was done and surprisingly all kids managed to do it right . Teachers were also not left behind for them to able to wash their hands properly.



Sr. Ndlela emphasizing proper hand washing to Thembaletu Primary school learners

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