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# GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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# NEWS

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## GREYTOWN HOSPITAL TEAMS SUPPORTED THE SOCIAL COHESION EVENT AT NHLALAKAHE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL UNDER UMVOTI SUBDISTRICT



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Ms PP Zungu, CEO for Greytown District Hospital.

# REMARKS BY CEO

for our staff members before they could go to the Easter weekend in the month of April.

Our Mobile teams were also present in a number of community outreach events under our sub district, such as the Social Cohesion Event by Provincial Government which is covered in this newsletter. The Client Experience of Care is one of the department's key goals and we are doing well as a facility in this regard, this is evident in the number of compliments we receive versus our complaints.

The MEC during the budget speech spoke about the "Bika Sikusize" APP to make the department more accessible to the public, we look forward to adopting this as our mechanism in reaching our communities and our diverse stakeholders of our facility.

We send our deepest condolence to the families of the victims of the fatal

accident that occurred on the R33 Dundee road just before Ngome in the Ingcakin area were a mini bus taxi had a head on collision with a polo and both vehicles caught fire during this accident. I appreciate the manner in which we handled this disaster.

Some of our people who were involved in the accident are still receiving care in our facility. We wish them a speedy recovery. In closing I would like us to continue our journey into achieving the mandate of the department with what we have.

I am proud of each and every one of you as team members! And remember, a journey of a thousand miles, starts with the first step!

Continue to shine!  
Your hard work is not going unnoticed!

Until next time,  
**Ms. PP Zungu**  
**Greytown Hospital**

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter, I hope you will find this publication informative and newsworthy. I once again thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome and the embrace you have shown to me, as I had taken up the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Greytown District Hospital. A wise man once said, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with taking the first step'.

I am proud that our journey towards achieving the Departments strategic goals of Universal Health Coverage, Improving Client Experience of Care and Reducing Morbidity and Mortality are bearing fruits in different programs of our facility. One of the Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Health initiatives is the Men's clinic initiative that we fully support at the Greytown hospital, which was first piloted at the Pine Street clinic, our Medical Male Circumcision program is also pushing and

raising the bar. Tuberculosis (TB) still remains a challenge in our communities, I am pleased that our people benefited in an outreach program to commemorate TB day at the rural village of ENSeleni in ward 5 under our sub district, in this event scores of beneficiaries received health screening on the day. I am excited of the commitment of our MEC to fight TB in our communities, during the budget vote 7 (budget speech for the Department of Health KZN) she added that the department will invest in TB trucks that will aid in the diagnosis of TB.

We had a lengthy campaign of Measles and Human Papillomavirus vaccinations from the 06th February to the 31st March 2023. We thank all foot soldiers that are constantly in combat in our communities. I am thankful to the Human Resource department who organized a Pass over Prayer

**TEN TAKE AWAY POINTS**

1. Building of new 11 Clinics, One per District including two CHCs in Mtubatuba and eThekweni Mbumbulu side.
2. E-Health system has started in a phased-in approach, first in 25 of the 42 hospitals that were selected across the Province.
3. More People Benefit from "Ikhemisi Eduze Nawe"
4. KZN Health Steams Ahead with Plans to Upgrade 4 Rural District Hospitals to offer Specialised Care
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6. A Call to Fight Stigma and end discrimination against already vulnerable people.
7. KZN Surpasses 1.5 million mark for medical male circumcision
8. KZN Health to Partner with KZN DoE in fight against Teen Pregnancy ("The Time to Sweep Sexual Matters Under the Carpet is Over")
9. KZN Health Continues To Create More Men-Friendly Spaces
10. KZN Health MEC Issues Stern Warning Against Hubby-Bubbly/Hookah Bar

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# MMC PROGRAM IN GREYTOWN HOSPITAL

*1.5 million mark reached in Medical male circumcision.*

The MMC program headed by Clinical Nurse Practitioner, Sir TS Khanyile, has circumcised a total number of 401 beneficiaries during the reporting quarter. During the Budget Vote 7 of 2023, the Member of Executive Council (MEC) Nomagugu Simelane- Zulu mentioned that the KwaZulu Natal Department of Health (KZN DoH) reached the

1,5 million mark for Medical Male Circumcision (MMC). The MEC added during the budget vote that MMC has found to be an effective method for Human Immune Virus (HIV) prevention, as it reduces the risk of HIV infection for men by up to 60%. The MEC thanked all stakeholders involved in this milestone in the Province. Under Umvoti Subdistrict

camp are being held weekly on Fridays. Young boys are recruited all across the sub district by the MMC recruiter, the team circumcise them at the nurse home hall during a Friday afternoon. The team for MMC also circumsize walk in, A total number of 60 boys are circumcised per week, the number varies according to the clients that have

confirmed and walk-ins, these boys are fetched by EMRS transport around their villages and later sent back to their villages there-after the MMC procedure. After the MMC there is also continuity of care for these beneficiaries, the team does follow up visits to clients and removes dressings, check on wounds and any other complication.



**REDUCE THE RISK OF HIV BY 60%**



# HOSPITAL HOSTS SUCSESSESFUL TB DAY AT NSELENI



Tuberculosis (TB) month is commemorated every year during the 1st to the 31st of March every year, and TB day is observed on the 24th of March. Easter came early for the rural community of Enseleni in Greytown under ward 5 in Umvoti sub-district on the 21st of March 2023, the community of Enseleni benefited in a TB health outreach awareness day, which was held at the Enseleni community hall. Health officials from the Primary Health Care (PHC) component made sure that the community was screened for various health ailments. The Men's clinic a service which was recently launched at the beginning of the year by the Greytown hospital PHC was

also on site. A total number of 06 male beneficiaries who took advantage of the health outreach and accessed services. A total number of 40 TB screenings were done on that day. A total number of 19 Pap Smears were done, Child Health saw 15 clients, while Minor ailments saw 64 clients. They were 22 beneficiaries screened for HIV, the ongoing Measles jab was administered to 10 toddlers during this outreach, MMC demand creation was done onsite and 15 beneficiaries were recruited during this campaign, a total number of 400 condoms were distributed (male and female condoms) during the event. The importance of adhering to

TB and ARV medication was also highlighted on the day. The Greytown hospital management would like to thank all the members of staff that participated during this selfless outreach at Enseleni. And also to extend gratitude and appreciate the individuals and companies that made the day a huge success by sponsoring items needed on the day, all thanks to Assupol, Metropolitan, aQuelle, Mini Cash, Soekoe Motors, Govenders Motors, Mr Dumisani Ntuli and Mr Phumlani Langa, and also to our media partners Ikhwezi FM for radio slots and Greytown Gazette for publicity and covering the

event. During the budget vote 7 of 2023, the MEC for Health alluded that the department will be getting more "TB Trucks" to aid in the diagnosis of TB.

**Here are some signs and symptoms you might have TB:**

- If you have a cough for more than 1 day and are HIV negative
- Cough of any duration if HIV positive
- Unexplained loss of weight
- Fever of 2 weeks and sweating at night
- Poor appetite

If you have any of these symptoms please visit your nearest clinic or health facility for check-up



# UMVOTI SUBDISTRICT MEASELES AND HPV CAMPAIGN

The National measles and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) campaign kicked off during the 06 February to 31st March 2023, Immunization protects young children against potentially life-threatening illnesses such as measles and HPV. The Greytown hospital and its feeder clinics immunization team administered the measles and HPV jab in the reporting quarter. Parents and caregivers, were urged to protect children by making sure that they get a jab during this year's campaign. Crèches and schools were visited by mobile teams to administer these vaccines, Primary Health Care facilities (PHC) also administered these jabs to protect our people and their families from these life-threatening but preventable illnesses.

Measles is a highly contagious and easily transmissible disease caused by measles virus. Patients with measles present with fever and with a rash. The rash looks like small, red, flat spots that start on the face/head and then spread downwards over the body. The rash does not form blisters, nor is it itchy or painful. Other signs include cough, conjunctivitis (red eyes) and coryza (running nose). Complications of measles can include diarrhoea, dehydration, middle ear infection, brain infection (encephalitis), blindness and death. Complications are more serious in those who catch measles as young infants (under 2 years of age), in children who are malnourished and people who



are immunosuppressed. Any person who is not (immune) vaccinated for measles can catch measles from an infected person. Once a person has had measles, they are immune/protected from the virus.

Vaccination is another way to become immune to measles. Vaccinated individuals are protected from severe symptoms of measles, mostly for the rest of their life. Communities become vulnerable to outbreaks of

measles when more than 5% of persons are not vaccinated. The Department of Health urges communities to heed the call to vaccinate children during catch-up campaigns currently planned by the Department.



**KZN SURPASSES 1,5 MILLION MARK FOR MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION**

Our Province recently breached the 1,5 million mark for medical male circumcision. Medical male circumcision has been scientifically found to be an effective method for HIV prevention, as it reduces the risk of HIV infection for men by up to 60%. Therefore, we would like to thank all those who have responded positively to our call to get circumcised medically.

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# WEMADODA SABELANI!

Greytown District Hospital continues to support the MEC initiatives such as the Men’s clinic program. The Umvoti sub district continues to create more men friendly facilities through the Men’s Clinic initiative at Primary Health Care facilities under the sub district. On Thursday the 23rd of February 2023, Men’s health champion Sir Celani Sibiya urged young and old men from the township of Nhlalakahle to get tested for HIV, get circumcised and get screened for TB. Sibiya was speaking during the men’s community dialogue initiative

which took place during the reporting quarter at the Nhlalakahle community hall. The officer also spoke on the men’s clinic that is in operation at Primary Health Care facilities under Umvoti sub district were men can come in on Mondays for check-ups and health screening. The officer added that when men come to the facility they can expect to be seen by a male nurse (and not a female nurse), which the men at the gathering received with great excitement. Celani also said the program of the men’s clinic is also rolled out

across the UMvoti Sub-District. The official added that there are many issues that men go through and that this forum was crucial to creating a platform where men can speak out. An ecstatic Mandla Sithole from the Nhlalakahle township said he was pleased with the Department of Health’s initiative of the men’s clinic currently at Pine street clinic and added that as men they dread going to the clinic because they would normally get helped by female nurses which Sithole noted was rather ‘awkward and

uncomfortable’, he also said the lines at the facilities are also a challenge for them and was excited that in the men’s clinic you are seen by a male nurse and there are no long queues. The men at the event were also interested on initiating on Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP). The event was hosted by Harmony retreat an Non-Government Organization (NGO) funded by the Department of Social Development, awareness on the issue of drug dependency was also touched by social workers from the NGO.

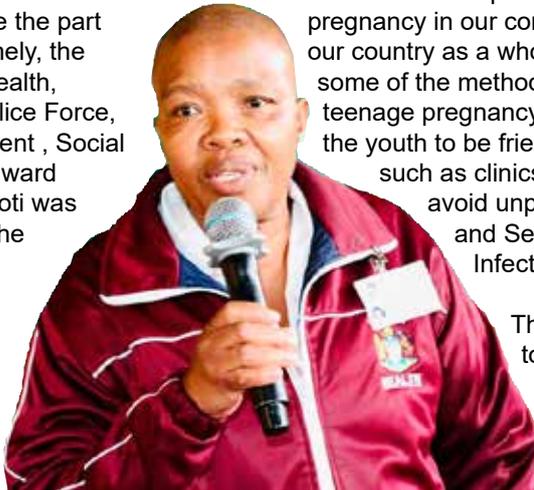
# UMVOTI SUBDISTRICT TEAMS SUPPORTED THE SOCIAL COHESION FREEDOM DAY DIALOGUE HELD IN OLD NHLALAKAHLE HALL ON THE 21ST OF APRIL 2023



The Social Cohesion event took place at Greytown Old Nhlalakahle Community Hall under Umvoti sub-district at ward 5 on the 21st of April 2023. The event started at about 10h00 to 15h00. The event was organized by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. The Greytown Hospital team supported this event, it was specifically organized for the youth of Umvoti sub-district.

The youth of Nhlalakahle came in numbers to attend this event, and also the learners from different high schools of Umvoti sub-district were part of the attendees. Different officials were invited to be the part of the event, namely, the Department of Health, Home Affairs, Police Force, Social Development, Social Workers and the ward councilor of Umvoti was also present on the day.

The theme of the event was Freedom Day and Social Cohesion.



The main speaker of the day Mr. Njokwe addressed the attendees on the purpose of the day. He said the purpose was to educate the youth about Social Cohesion, National Holidays and also National Symbols and their meanings. He mentioned that the National Symbols give the vision and objectives of the country, elevates\ inspires and also represents the heritage of South African citizens.

Sister Dike from Greytown Hospital addressed the youth and women who were present about family planning and how it works on preventing teenage pregnancy in our communities and in our country as a whole. She mentioned some of the methods of preventing teenage pregnancy. She also advised the youth to be friends with facilities such as clinics and hospitals to avoid unplanned pregnancies and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

The youth were excited to receive health services from the mobile clinic onsite. The event ended at about 15h00.



# PASS OVER PRAYER

On the 5th of April 2023 Greytown Hospital staff attended a prayer Passover session. The service was organized since the staff were heading to Good Friday Passover holidays. The Human Resources (HR) Department organized the prayer for all the staff members of Greytown Hospital. Most of the staff attended the prayer from

different sections of the hospital. The prayer was held at the Nurses Home, and started at about 12h00 and ended at about 14h00. The organizing committee prepared various preachers, who shared inspirational and encouraging words on the day.





**E-HEALTH: KZN HEALTH ENTERS EXCITING NEW PHASE**

In line with the commitment that we made when we assumed office in 2019, we have made considerable progress in the implementation of e-Health. The operationalisation of the e-Health system has started in a phased approach, first in 25 of the 42 hospitals that were selected across the Province.

The development of the system has been completed, with 36 modules having been deployed onto the web and ready for use in these 42 hospitals.

To date, a total of 2836 clinical professionals in 25 hospitals have been trained on basic computer literacy and system navigation.

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