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WELCOME REMARKS BY CEO

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers" - Ralph Nader



Dr. I.F Mbokazi
Hospital Chief Executive Officer

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of this newsletter in the new financial year 2024 / 2025. The financial year presents serious budget constraints but I am confident that we have a capable team that will make us pass the difficult phase in service delivery. The public have an expectation to receive quality service all times. It is rather unfortunate that health is not a commodity and has no second chance. We have a constitutional mandate to save lives and increase the life expectancy of our people without failure. These difficult times call all

of us to do more with little. Dr. Nelson Mandela once said, "It always looks impossible, until it's done" and such motivating words from our struggle icon should keep us going.

We come from difficult situations as a Department of Health and some staff members were affected directly and indirectly by COVID-19 before there was a vaccine, creating much anxiety. Some people lost loved ones. This type of personal loss turned the pandemic from a social phenomenon to a deeply personal experience. The permanence of losing a loved one stays with us regardless of what masks we wear, how many vaccines we have, or how much time has passed. It has been a tough, tough past few years and yet, here we are together looking back to what we have achieved as a team. Despite all these challenges, many, many good things still happened. It is the same reason why I say with confidence that we will overcome any situation from now onwards.

The community of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality relies on us to give quality health services without any compromise and we have been doing this since the government took over the hospital in November 2001 from Diocese.

I am so proud of the work that we have done, and excited for the work that lies ahead. And, you know, you can trust that KwaMagwaza Hospital Management Team will get it done!

YOUTH FRIENDLY CLINIC - "YOUTH HAPPY HOUR"



On the 25th of July 2024 was visited by learners from Kwanxusa High School to access Youth Services that is available at Melmoth Clinic. On this day young people received youth services such as health education on contraception, oral hygiene, teenage pregnancy and family planning, that are available free of charge at all of our PHC clinics. Ms N.E Fakude and Love Life Ground Breaker are the champions of youth services in the clinic and all youth services are available

at Consulting Room 03 in Melmoth Clinic, by a trained Youth friendly Nurse.

Melmoth Clinic have "Youth Happy Hour" from Monday to Friday every week between 14h30 to 15h30. This means all young people do not stand in a queue for youth services between the above mentioned times. This initiative by the department has attracted many young people who do not want to wait too long to receive services.

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Our Nurses. Our Future. The Economic Power of Care



KwaMagwaza Hospital celebrated Nurse's Day of Prayer in June 2024 with class. The event was well attended by nurses and admin staff both from the hospital and all PHC clinics. The event was opened with prayer by Rev Ndlovu from Diocese Church and he had these words to say on the day, "We come in thanksgiving for the nurses in our midst. You have given them a lofty vocation – to mirror your love and compassion for the sick. When we watch them at work, we sense your presence in their words and deeds".

The event continued with music entertainment from nurses. It was quite exciting to see some talents we have within the hospital and all the laughter that was shared during the event. The Hospital CEO gave a powerful speech on the

importance of team work, she said, "Nurse are the back bone of the hospital because doctors spend less time with the patient but nurses have a bigger role to play even to advocate for patients". The CEO continued by saying nurses should be shown appreciation every day because of the amount of pressure they carry in their shoulders.

The event had another session to recognize the nurses and components that go beyond the call of duty. Awards and certificate of appreciation were given to the deserving nurses and clinics for their outstanding work. The event was a success full of entertainment from nursing staff.



NURSE'S DAY - PHOTO GALLERY



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Improving Health Outcomes Through Our Cultures, Communities



Above Photo: Cllr M Biyela, Mayor of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality led the team of councilors in health screenings and BP check-ups during the Men's Month Celebration at Bedlane Community Hall.

On the 25th of July 2024 Mthonjaneni Local Municipality celebrated Men's Month at Bendlane Community hall under ward 08. The event was well attended by community members, local political leadership, and famous "Maskandi" musicians.

The Department of Health, and KwaMagwaza Hospital were also present in the Men's Month Celebration to do presentation on Men's Health. The following services were rendered on the day: HIV Testing, TB Screening, Vital Signs screenings, Minor Elements and recruitment for MMC candidates. Sir Xulu raised very important health issues in his presentation by saying, "Just

look at mental health in men. Some of the numbers are astounding. For example, three times as many men as women die by suicide. We must reframe these discussions and start talking more about men's mental health and well-being". The message was well received by local leadership. It was also good to witness Cllr Biyela Mayor of Mthonjaneni Municipality taking a lead and encouraging men to do health check-ups now and then.

Thokozani Langa a famous Maskandi musician also dived in on the importance of men in society and how we can all play a role to empower our young men to be better fathers in the future. He continued by mentioning the need to open up conversations about inequalities, dominant groups and perceived roles that we have in society we can enhance understanding and promote progress. Men's Month is not only an opportunity to engage with men, but to help men gain the confidence to engage with inclusion. The day gave male inclusion allies an opportunity to step forward and be heard.

Photo: Thokozani Langa famous Maskandi musician checking his BP at our mobile site during the Men's Month Celebration at Bedlane Community Hall, under Ward 08 Mthonjaneni Municipality



NHI PREPARATIONS - IDEAL HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS

The Department of health KZN embarked on the peer review on Ideal Hospital Assessments. KwaMagwaza Hospital was assessed by Manguza Hospital on the 21 June 2024. The assessment went quite smoothly and there were some lessons learnt from both sides. The hospital management value the support from the District Office Team that worked tirelessly to make sure that we delivered on our mandate as a sub district of Mthonjaneni.

Ideal Hospital Assessment are part of preparations for the National Health Insurance implementation strategy as we move closer to its full realization in 2026. KwaMagwaza Hospital received 80% overall total which translates to Excellent Status. The hospital management is aware that we still have a lot of areas where we need improvement, therefore our quality improvement plan will focus on all the areas where we did not do well. Some of the indicators in the hospital were let down by the old infrastructure which we are upgrading to the required standards every year.

The community of Mthonjaneni Local municipality relies on KwaMagwaza Hospital for health services because it is the only hospital in the sub-district. This means that the management team has intense pressure to make sure that the hospital does obtain compliance status to render health services.

It was very unfortunate that one of the team from Eshowe Hospital experienced a car accident when they were driving up to Nkonjeni Hospital and one staff member died on the scene. The hospital management and assessing team would like to pass condolences to the family and loved ones for the sad passing of their member.

The hospital management would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff members and our service providers that make sure that we deliver on our mandate and the status received during the assessments. The positivity that we displayed during the assessment will take us far as a team. The willingness to learn from each other was fully displayed during the assessments.

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Women's Day Celebration - My gender does not define me

KwaMagwaza Hospital celebrated women's day on the 15th of August 2024 at Hospital Chapel and there were many speakers that came to motivate women to do more in fighting against Gender Based Violence. It is true that some women die in silence because they are afraid of being judged by the society and even by their peers.

Women's Day brings women together to remember the struggle of women and the gender based violence that they continue to face every day in their lives. It was interesting to see some of the staff members' outlook outside their work uniforms especially nurses.

You can't speak about Women's Day celebration and not mention fashion, make up, and shoes because women make sure that they dress up for the occasion. The event was characterized as one of the most colorful events we have ever celebrated in KwaMagwaza Hospital. The character that women displayed in preparation and during the event was the type of good team spirit that the hospital needs to tackle any challenges. KwaMagwaza Hospital is led by a CEO woman and the King Cetshwayo District Office is also led by a woman, a true definition of "Women Power".

WOMEN'S DAY - PHOTO GALLERY



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