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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 with great pleasure to welcome you to the December 2024. This newsletter will highlight some recent events that were possible although we are currently experiencing serious budget constraint. It has been a year of full community engagements. The year of 2024 marked 30 years of democracy and the beginning of 7th administration in the democratic government. The 7th administration has a serious task ahead to oversee that National Health Insurance is implemented as this will redefine our health systems.

ideas that will take the hospital forward. It is not common to elevate young people into a managerial position, but the hospital management is investing into the future of the hospital. The former President Mr Thabo Mbeki once said, "A country that does not invest into young people does not have a future".

We are excited to inform you that all our Primary health clinics have achieved ideal clinic status but the serious challenge that lies ahead is to maintain the status as we move closer to full implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI) in 2026. It is our strong belief that primary health services are the key into health services access as prescribed in Batho Pele Principles.

The month of December is the busiest month in South Africa. This because some people will engage in bulk buying of food items to celebrate festive season. dinner as a family. In the spirit of Ubuntu it is important to remember that sometimes we may have things that others do not have. We are also aware that some will be drinking alcohol with friends, we urge everyone to drink responsibly. And most importantly **DO NOT** drink and drive. To those who are on chronic medication we are urge them to collect and adhere to their medication to avoid unnecessary defaults. The hospital will continue to operate with full district hospital services.

We have come to a year end after a long journey of service delivery. The Hospital management would like to wish all our clients, employees, and community members at large a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all next year 2025.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Clinical Manager Dr L.L Ntshangase and PHC Manager Mr M Sibisi to the family of KwaMagwaza hospital but it is also important to note that they are familiar faces. Dr. Ntshangase has been acting as our Clinical Manager after the departure of Dr O.I Ogunwale in June 2024. I am quite excited that our management team is recruiting more young people with full of energy and new



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Youth Care Club - Cancer Awareness Day



The Youth Hour is available from Monday to Friday from 15h00 to 16h00. This time is created in order to get more young people to access health services because we understand that young people do not want to stay long at the clinics.

Ms Thabsile Dlodla (Ground Breaker) from Love Life plays a huge role in setting up Youth Clubs in every school. In each youth club have a minimum of 10 learners and maximum of 20 learners from each school around Mthonjaneni Local Municipality participating in the club. The learners are taken through the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and they are encouraged to share with their peers at school.

Mr Madonsela (Melmoth Clinic: Operational Manager) made a practical demonstration on how to spot early cancer symptoms. The focus was mainly on breast and prostate cancer. Mr Mandosela mentioned the importance of Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) on specially protecting males from penile cancer and females from cervical cancer. While MMC is importance but the department emphasis more on dual protection for male and females.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank long standing social partners in young services especially Love Life and Mthonjaneni High School Management team. The future of our children depends on the good healthy life style.

On the 30 October 2024, Melmoth Clinic partnered with Love Life to celebrate Cancer Awareness Day with Mthonjaneni High School Youth Care Club. The event was staged at Thubalethu Community Hall. We continue to value the support given by Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. The organizing team was led by Sister N Hlekwayo (Professional Nurse) who specialize in youth services in Melmoth Clinic.

Sister Hlekwayo gave a detailed report on youth services available in Melmoth Clinic and how young people can easily access these services without waiting in long queues. The clinic has allocated time to service young people specifically.

Let empower our youth - Career Day

On the 13th September 2024 Department of Health (Melmoth Clinic), South African Police Services (SAPS), Love Life, Melmoth Combine School, and Mthonjaneni Local Municipality had a successful career exhibition day. The day was focusing on career pathways within the department of health as well as available bursaries for qualifying learners for the upcoming.

Sister Hlekwayo provided an overview of the various pathways available to becoming a qualified Professional Nurse. She explained that individuals can pursue a degree in Nursing at various universities, each of which has minimum academic requirements that must be met in Grade 12. During university studies, students are required to register with the Nursing Council, a process that involves a registration fee. Upon completion of the degree, graduates are obligated to complete a 12-months Community Service program at government health facilities. A noteworthy advantage of this program is that participants receive a full salary during this period.

Various stakeholders came in and presented all the professions available in their various department and how



learners can study for those qualifications. The event was a success. The learners showed interest in the professions presented and further asked more questions with regard to the job itself and the pressure that comes with the job.

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Service to the people - Health & Wellness Day

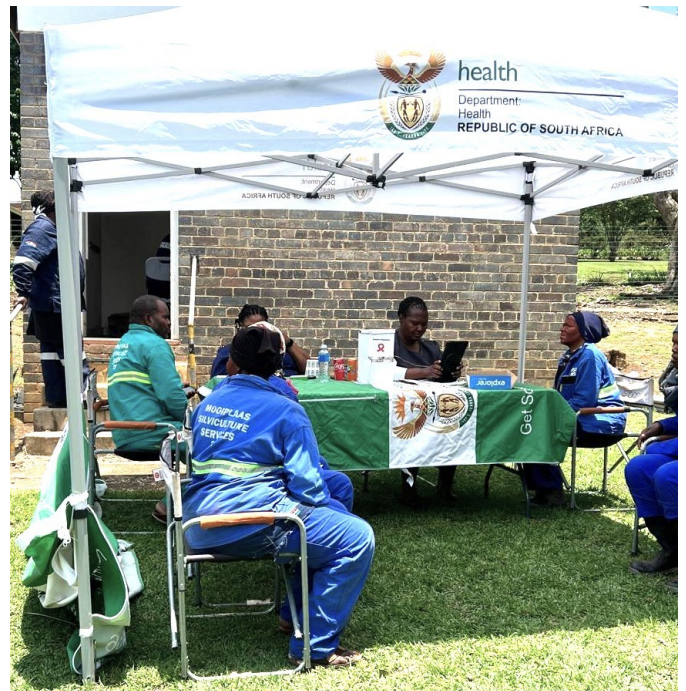


Mondi Forests – Zululand organized Health and Wellness Day on the 21st November 2024 and various department were invited including other stakeholders within Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. The wellness day was well attended by Mondri contract employees as this was a great opportunity for them to receive health services at their door step especially family planning.

Melmoth outreach team led by Sister Zindela (Professional Nurse) were able to assist more **200** clients on the day. The team was able to service **127** clients (Females: **82** and Males:**45**) on Acute, Pepsmeat **41**, Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (IUCD) **04**, Implanon **02**, Depo (Injection) **06**, HIV Testing **39**, and TB Chest X-Ray **113**. The numbers

received on the day are very positive especially because we have done **41** Pepsmeat and good numbers on Family Planning Services.

The Melmoth clinic Outreach Team has partnered with various stakeholders to bring health services at the door step of our clients. This was to attend patient outside our health facilities helps in reducing our Waiting Times significantly.



Above Pictures: Melmoth Clinic Outreach Team, SAPS Melmoth Station, Mondri Forest Zululand, Social Partners (Love Life and Isibani) worked tirelessly to make the day and success. The team spirit and Ubuntu is seen in their faces. TB Screening was done on the left-hand side picture by Social partner (Isibani)



Above Picture: Mondri Forest Zululand Occupational Nurse addressing farm workers on the purpose of the day and which service will be offered by the Department of Health on the day. She also gave health education on Family Planning and why it is important to use dual protection.



Above Picture: Melmoth Clinic Outreach Team accompanied by PHC Manager Mr M Sibisi and Social Partners (Isibani)

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Fire Drill - Know how to exit safely & quick



Above Pictures: Mthonjaneni Municipality Fire and Rescue Services conducting fire drill and most importantly how to stop the fire in the buildings. Hospital staff took turns to demonstrate their understanding of what was taught on the day.

The Department of Health KZN, KwaMagwaza hospital organized a fire drill on the 15 October 2024. All hospital components were well represented on the day. The purpose of fire drills in buildings is to ensure that everyone knows how to exit safely as quickly as possible if a fire, smoke, carbon monoxide, or other emergency occurs. As well as and to familiarize building occupants with the sound of the fire alarm. The fire drill is also an opportunity to educate employees on how to stop fire in the various buildings they occupy.

Our fire drill involved triggering the alarm system, evacuating to designated assemble points and coordinating with emergency responders and finding emergency assemble point each hospital building.

The fire drill was conducted by with the help of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality Fire Department. The trainer emphasized the importance of knowing which fire extinguisher to use for different fires. An example that was made fire that has electric components we should not use liquid based extinguisher. Employees were given turn to stop the fire using the fire extinguisher as part of demonstrating their understanding of what was taught on the day.

If the hospital does not hared fire drill regularly the possibility of everyone panicking during a fire breakout is high moreover, no one will know what to do with regard to the evacuation procedure, but conducting regular fire drills will keep everyone calm.

MVA Disaster Drill - Know your role during disaster



KwaMagwaza Hospital conducted a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Disaster Drill in 28 October 2024, encompassing both internal and external hospital settings. The drill was highly successful, as all disaster response units were present and actively participated in both scenarios. The exercise included the triage of patients using the Green, Yellow, Red, and Blue Codes to enhance preparedness for potential disasters during the upcoming festive season.

As KwaMagwaza Hospital is situated along the high-risk R34/36 accident zone, this drill served as a critical measure to ensure readiness. The positive attitudes and teamwork displayed during the exercise demonstrated the hospital's capability to effectively manage any emergencies that may arise. Furthermore, this

initiative will significantly aid the hospital in responding to the increased risks typically associated with the festive season.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank the ongoing support from our Emergency Medical Services, Mthonjaneni Fire and Rescue Services, South African Police Services, Mthonjaneni Protection Services (Traffic Police), and entire KwaMagwaza Hospital Disaster Team that made this day possible.

NB: It is important to clarify that the clients on the pictures are not real client, we utilized our Community Health Workers to act as clients for the purpose of drill. The staff that are on the pictures are employed full time by the department of health.

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Facebook - Words of appreciation from our clients

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Sawubona sisi bengisacela simenze a trend sisi Thobeka Biyela usebenza esbhedlela kwaMagwaza into angenzele yona izolo unkulunkulu ambusise ngigulelwa ingane ebe ne Head injury wanginakekela yena wamlula nokunye I treatment kasisi ne communication yakhe was very professional and qualified 🙏🙏 her service is very very, professional unkulunkulu amgcine..

#IzindabaZomphakathi #operationlekelela
#FollowUsNow #WeLeadOthersFollow



It important to receive such positive feed on the social media networks about one of our colleagues at Physiotherapist Department. Ms Thobekile Biyela (Physiotherapist) received complement in one of the Facebook Group called "Izindaba Zase Melmoth Mthonjaneni" and comments on the post were all very positive about the improvement the hospital has done with regard to health care services within Mthonjaneni Local Municipality.

KwaMagwaza hospital is the only hospital in Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. That on its own comes with serious demand to deliver quality health services without compromise.

When our staff witnesses the that on its own comes with satisfaction and appreciation of our clients, it means the world to them. Every compliment, every expression of gratitude, and every smile from a satisfied client reinforces their belief in the value of their hard work. It validates their dedication and fuels their motivation to improve continuously.

From compliance to performance - 2024/25

It is a known factor that our hospital was built by Diocese Church. The Provincial government of KwaZulu-Natal took over the hospital in the year 2000, after a series of meetings to hand over the hospital to government for the benefit of people of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. In the past few years the hospital management has embarked on a journey of intense infrastructure development to meet demand.

In the past few months we have been experiencing long waiting times to the point that our client spends 3 hours and 17 minutes in our hospital and this is above set target of 3 hours in the district hospital. These findings are based on the survey conducted in September 2024. The long queues are attributed by the improvement on our infrastructure challenges and the recruitment of more

Medical Officers. In the past we used to run our Outpatient department with one Medical Officer and one Clinical Associate. As of recent have three Medical Officers and one Clinical Associate but our waiting has increase, this means people begin to trust the services we render.

The positive feedback from our clients has revived the trust to KwaMagwaza Hospital because there were some rumours that our clients now travel to nearby hospital to access health services and to see them back in numbers is a positive feedback. The hospital management is working a plan to triage all our patient in order to reduce long waiting times. We urge our clients to be patient with us when we introduce new systems to assist them, we do understand that change is not easy but for the benefit of our clients we are committed to better service delivery.

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Work and Play - Building unity through sports

Clinical & Nursing Team



Admin Team



VS

KwaMagwaza Hospital Men's Forum organized a match between Admin staff vs Clinical & Nursing Staff as part of Work and Play program on the 28th November 2024. Work and Play program was initiated by the former MEC for Health KZN. The soccer field presented an opportunity to witness some talents we have as a facility. Some they say there is NO manager or supervisor in the field of play, we only have soccer players. The game started at 18h00 with 40 minutes each half with a break of 15 minutes, between the two halves.

The Admin Team took the lead in few minutes of the game by a wonderful goal scored by Andile Ngcobo (Hospital PRO). He passed two defenders in front of him to score. The Admin team controlled the game after scoring but Clinical & Nursing Team came back with a spectacular goal

scored by Skhosana (Comm. Serv. Radiographer) outside the box leveling the score to 1 – 1. Skhosana scored another spectacular goal outside the box which gave the Clinical & Nursing team a lead 2 – 1. The game went to half time with Clinical & Admin Team leading.

Dr L.L Ntshangase scored two brilliant goals in the second half. The Admin Team made several substitutes in the team and that saw the team scoring three goals to equalize the score 4-4. The game was taken to penalties after a draw of 4-4. We hope that the team spirit displayed in the game will be translated to the work environment as some say a healthy employee perform better at work.

Giving them love - Annual Cerebral Palsy



This year's Annual Cerebral Palsy (CP) Party was held on the 11th of December 2024. It was a heartwarming celebration of progress, connection, and community, bringing together patients, families, and healthcare professionals. The event was made even more special by the generous sponsorship of Spar, whose support helped create a memorable experience for all involved.

Each month, our Rehabilitation Department hosts the CP group, offering individuals with Cerebral Palsy a chance to connect, share experiences, and engage in activities that promote physical and emotional well-being. This annual party is an extension of that spirit—offering fun, entertainment, and an opportunity for families to bond and celebrate milestones.

A big thank you to Spar Melmoth Staff for their generous support, which helped cover the event's items and enhanced the experience for everyone. Their involvement underscores the importance of community development in supporting those living with cerebral palsy.

We are grateful to all the staff, volunteers, and families who contributed to making the event such a success. We look forward to continuing our work together to improve the lives of individuals with cerebral palsy, with even more progress and celebration in the year ahead.

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