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# KWAMAGWAZA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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# NEWS

*Imithi yokuthamela izidaba zeMpilo zabahlali base Mthonjaneni*

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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 all to our Hospital Newsletter that is full of information which seeks to update and keep all our stakeholders about our hospital activities. We are proud to have you with us. We have faith that the new staff that joined us this year 2023 will deliver results, excel, and make us all proud in Mthonjaneni Local Municipality and surroundings.

We started 2023 on a very high note with regards to infrastructure development of both the hospital building and staff residents. We know that very little can be achieved by renovations but we strive to do all is possible and within our limits. The hospital Management took a resolution in making the hospital look like hope to bring hope to every client that comes to our facility. Clean, painted walls and a clean floor create a conducive working environment. We are also excited to see our long serving staff exiting service through retirement, it should be noted that we only encourage exiting through retirement or

promotional posts as it is important to leave a mark everywhere you go. Our staff finally grabbed the opportunity of work-play initiatives by participating in almost all the tournaments around King Cetshwayo District. The hospital has been without Soccer and Netball teams for a very long time. We believe that this new energy we see in our staff is a confirmation that healthy employee perform better at work.

This newsletter comes out in Youth and Men's Health Month while the country is facing high teenage pregnancy and KZN being the highest. The fact of the matter is that young men have a major role to play to change the current status of our province. We urge our people to continue using dual protection which is available free of charge in all our healthcare facilities.

## HEALTHY LIFE STYLE - WORK & PLAY TOURNAMENT



Mthonjaneni Local Municipality and Department of Sport and Recreation hosted a work and play tournament on the 21 May 2023 at Mthonjaneni Sport Fields. KwaMagwaza Hospital participated in the tournament with Soccer and Netball team which there all knocked out from stages but the energy and team spirit displayed by both team is much appreciated. Such tournaments are not about the winner and the loser but are to keep minds and bodies of the employees' healthy for the service delivery.

Our teams are encouraged to recruit more staff members to join them. We also encourage those who are old who cannot play soccer and netball to organised themselves to other indigenous games. The hospital management understands that Human Resource is the important pillar of service delivery and to keep the staff fit and active is a huge investment to our institution.

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# REWARDING EXCELLENCE : KCD AWARDS 2022/2023



Above Picture: KwaMagwaza Hospital Team receiving Award led by Dr I.F Mbokazi, PHC Team led by Mr M Nkabinde, and Hospital CEO singing during prayer session.

**ON** the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 King Cetshwayo District awarded all the facilities and individuals that performed well in the financial year 2022/2023. The event was held in EMpangeni Hall and it was well attended by Hospital Executives and PHC facilities Operational Managers. All the attendees respected the event by dressing up for the occasion and it impressive to see some nursing staff out of the uniform casing show their beauty. Such awards are aimed at casing show the work done and how far from full realisation of NHI by 2026.

KwaMagwaza hospital did not come back empty handed at the District Awards 2023. They walked away with 3 certificates when Thubaletu Health Post took position Viral Load Suppression less than 95% on followed by Nomponjwana Clinic who took position OHS Compliant Certificate, and lastly was Gateway Clinic who continue to excel in Couple Year Protection Rate less than 65%.

The Hospital CEO thanked all the clinics for working tirelessly to ensure that they delivered quality health services to the community of Mthonjaneni and surroundings. Such recognition by district should come as an encouragement to other PHC clinics and hospital to do better next year. The hospital CEO also noted many challenges that face each clinic which sometimes hinder them from getting best results. One of the challenges is staff shortage and water challenges to mention a few in all rural area PHC clinics facilities.

Despite all the challenges noted by the hospital CEO it should also be noted that all our PHC Clinics received a satisfactory status in Ideal Clinic Assessments. These statuses bring hope for the full realisation of National Health Insurance (NHI) by 2026. With this kind of staff attitude anything is possible.

## Isibhedlela Kubantu : Growing KZN Province Together



Above Picture: Hospital service to the people of Debe Area, Mobile X-Ray was onsite to take all chest X-Ray onsite and all other PHC services were offered outside the Community hall

**THE** initiative of "Isibhedlela kubantu" was introduced by the MEC for Health Ms N Simelane in 2019 when she took over from Dr S Dhlomo. This intervention has received warm welcome by the community since it was started. It should be noted that this intervention is meant to benefit communities who are located in deep rural areas and where the department only sends Mobile Clinic to attend to them.

The MEC has been asking one question why people do not come to our health facilities and have we listened to their challenges attentively? If yes we should be able to respond appropriately and Yes the hospital management has listened to the community of Debe Area attentively and responded appropriately to their demands.

On the .. May 2023 KwaMagwaza hospital team hosted "Isibhedlela kubantu" outreach program that was aimed at bringing all the mobile hospital services to the community of Mthonjaneni Ward 13 under Obuka Traditional Authority. The event was a success because more

than 350 clients were able to access all the available health care services at their door step.

This day was characterized by many health interventions because eligible client received their assistive devices to improve their health condition. All our Medical and Allied staff was amazed by the attendance and number of patient they were able to assist on this day. Some even said now they understand why patient do not come to the hospital even on their return date. The issue of public transport is a merger challenge because of the gravel and muddy road.

The hospital management would like to take this opportunity and thank all the staff who were part of such an initiative from planning to implementation. It should be noted that your hard work does not go unnoticed "Niyobongwa emazulwini".

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# MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A HOSPITAL : HOSPITAL RENNOVATIONS



**Photos:**  
KwaMagwaza Hospital Management led by the Dr I.F Mbokazi (CEO), Head Office Infrastructure Unit led Mr Khaya Buthelezi (Project Leader), and Ojama Project Team Led by Mr Ayanda Ncibi (Company CEO)

**K**waMagwaza District Hospital is currently undergoing massive infrastructure renovations and the project is expected to finish by the end of July 2023. The work covered so far gives hope that the project will finish on time. The hospital executive uploads the patience exercised by patients and staff during renovations. It is true that at times renovations can slow some of the services because of movements to smaller working space.

The hospital has been facing leaking roofs for a very long time and such intervention by the dept. brings hope to the community of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. KwaMagwaza area is blessed with lot of rain which is good for agriculture, but this blessing is not good if our hospital roof does not match the demand. The hospital is current going through a massive face lift make the hospital look like the hospital.

The hospital Executive took a decision to revamp all the hospital staff residents and gave them a face lift. It should be noted that KwaMagwaza hospital is located in a rural area and staff

accommodation is used as one of the retention strategies to attract any and all the experienced and skilled staff. It is true that there is little that we can do when it comes to infrastructure as an institution but we continue to relay on the continuous support from the Head Office Infrastructure. The project also looked at fixing the lighting, electrical faults, theatre room and even the walls to enhance the life of the hospital. Service delivery should always go together with the appearance of the hospital

The hospital Executive is not planning to stop with infrastructure renovation because it one of the pillars of National Health Insurance (NHI) for the full realization in 2026. Infrastructure challenges were on top of the agenda during the presidential summit hosted by the President Cyril Ramaphosa in 2018. While model infrastructure brings hope to the patient and trust to the services. The hospital executive believes that little touch ups can make an impact on patient beliefs.

The project is fully funded by the Department of Health. This project is aimed at fixing the hospital roofing as the roof was leaking tremendously due to the heavy rainfalls due as a results of climate change. The renovation project also looked at the hospital flooring, before the renovations, the flooring had potholes and humps which were caused by the uneven land. This made it very hard for stretchers and people who are using wheelchairs to move swiftly through the corridors. You know what they say: Out with the old and in with the new. We are definitely excited to see the new change. It is coming along quite nicely.

## PHOTO GALLERY - HIGHLIGHTS



**Above Picture:** KwaMagwaza Hospital Management with Rev Ntshangase and Rev Ndlovu went on a prayer road show after getting reports that some of our in-patients at PAEDS Ward have seen ghost. The prayer was largely welcomed by both in-patient and out-patient. This intervention by the hospital management has cleared the air of bad spirits because after the prayer road show there has been not report of such continuing.



**Above Picture:** Dr L.L. Ntshangase (Medical Officer) with Ms M Mathabela (Physiotherapist) attending to the patient during "Isibhedlela Kubantu" outreach at Hawaii Community Hall which was well received by the community.



**Above Picture:** Nomponjwana Clinic Staff received there certificate on performing very well in OHSC Compliant for the financial year 2022/2023, the certificate was delivered by Mr M Nkabinde after King Cetshwayo District Excellent Awards.



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