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Marching on together.....

Joy and Jubilation on Nurses Day



Nursing Manager N.R. Tshabalala in the middle was in high spirit during the commemoration of nurses day at Newcastle Regional Hospital

Newcastle Regional Hospital was among the hospitals in the country that commemorated nurses day on the

30 May 2023. Nursing staff led by the Deputy Nursing Manager Matron N.R Tshabalala marched around the hospital with banners that were donated by the hospital

partners Old Mutual. Speakers from various institutions, private and public spoke one after another about the importance of adhering to the principles of nursing care.



Deputy Nursing Manager N.R. Tshabalala, ANM B. Sokhela and M&E P.N. Masondo reading the Nursing Pledge during nurses day.



On the left is ANM Gcinile Sithebe handing over flowers as token of appreciation to the Programme Director of the day Sr. Ndlovu from Newcastle Hospital Specialist clinic . On the right is Sr. P. Magudulela who is a PHC Supervisor from Danhauser receiving flowers from ANM Gcinile Sithebe. All people that were invited to the event did not go empty handed including the man of God for the day Apostle Mlazi.



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Public Works MEC does oversights at Newcastle



MEC for Public Works Mr. Sipho Nkosi on the right during the oversights visit at Newcastle Regional Hospital

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Mr Sipho Nkosi, visited the Newcastle Mother and Child hospital in order to do oversights of projects undertaken by his department. The MEC engaged in discussion with contractors regarding the project's progress as these renovations are aimed at improving infrastructure and giving patients a better experience at the hospital .

The projects are conducted in phases, remainder of which comprises the following:

Package D: Access control, fire detection, control room, guards house. Package E: the upgrading and maintenance of bulk sewer, bulk water and electrical compliance. The heating and ventilation to the four theatres at the hospital entails the air conditioning systems as per the Department of Health's requirements and standards.

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Dr Jabu Duze, Acting CEO of the hospital addressing members of the media and the contactors...

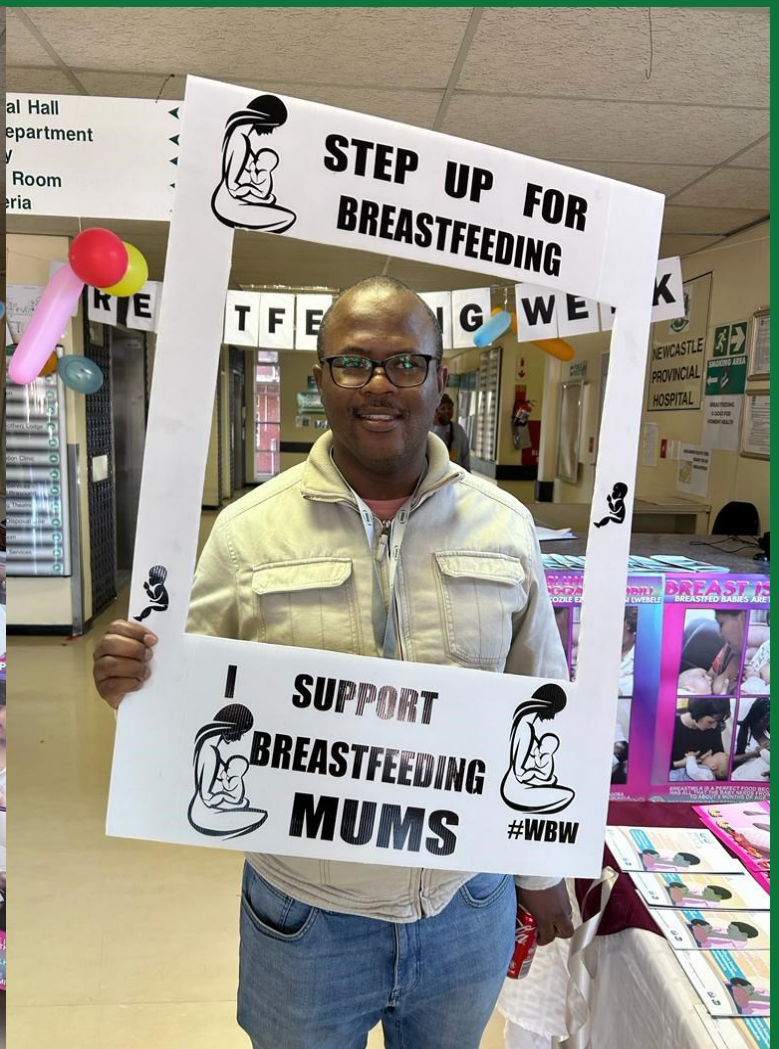
MEC Nkosi was informed of the successful completion of Phase C. However, Phase D faced initial setbacks due to issues including material delivery delays. Phase E experienced challenges such as groundwater seepage and negotiations with business forums. These negotiations were influenced by disturbance stemming from a newly formed forum demanding work from the contractor.

MEC Nkosi highlighted the disruptions caused by business forums demanding work. “The contractors understand the law in regards to the subcontractors who had to be employed, which the business forums did not. The contractors resolved the issue and educated the business forums” he said

The Acting CEO for the Hospital Dr Jabu Duze in her remarks applauded the contactors for keeping good communication. She told the MEC that the hospital had many meetings to ensure that the projects go according to plans.

She further told the MEC about the frustrations and the inconvenience the hospital had to go through due to closing of some of the critical wards.

She concluded by promising the MEC that the hospital will work with the constrictors to ensure that the projects are a success.



Dr Sne Madondo and Dr Sbu Mthethwa (MO) attending the breastfeeding event at the hospital foyer



Ms. Kholeka Vilakazi (Comm. Serve Dietician) on the left who is also an organizing member of the event posting with the supporting message.

On the right is Mr. Luyanda Buthelezi (Physiotherapy Comm. Serve) who was at the forefront supporting the event. The day started with the march to various wards where staff was encouraging mothers to breast-feed after giving birth.



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WORLD RABIES DAY

All for 1, one health for all



This year's theme, "All for 1, One Health for All," highlights that health is not for a selected few but for everyone. Together, let's create a world free from this deadly disease!

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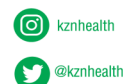


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National Health Deputy Minister praises hard work of Amajuba district health care workers



Deputy Health Minister, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo giving thumbs up to staff of clinic 5 in Osizweni Township.

The tireless efforts of local health care workers were praised when Deputy Health Minister, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo visited clinics in the Amajuba District. His visit was to officially recognize the contribution by the area's health workers and stakeholders who have ensured that Amajuba is one of the districts with the highest number of top performing Ideal Clinics in the country.

The Ideal Clinic initiative was launched in July 2013 with the goal of systematically improving the quality of care provided in primary health facilities, laying a

solid foundation for the successful implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI).

To achieve this status, clinics must have adequate infrastructure. This includes the appropriate number of staff and satisfactory supplies of medicine, bulk supplies and suitable administrative process. They must also follow applicable clinical policies, protocols, and guidelines and gain the support of partners and stakeholders. Healthcare workers, doctors, nurses and support staff crowded the corridors and reception areas as the minister shook hands, took pictures and encouraged the hardworking staff.

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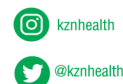
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