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UMKHANYAKUDE MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAMME

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SADC MALARIA WEEK COMMEMORATION AND AWARENESS



Commemoration of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Malaria Week in November every year aims to create awareness about malaria and mobilise the community to participate in the malaria control programmes.

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SADC Malaria Week was commemorated in Jozini



Mrs N Mpontshane Deputy Director: Operations providing keynote address to community members.



Dr P Tsikae expressed gratitude to members of the community who took their time to attend the SADC Malaria week

On 17th November 2022 SADC Malaria week was commemorated at ward 17 under Jozini Local Municipality in Mbadleni area. The day was meant to raise awareness and provide education to the community about malaria which is prevalent in some areas in Umkhanyakude especially in the northern part of the district which are bordering Mozambique.

“Over the years we have been controlling malaria but now we are on a mission to eliminate the prevalence of the disease in our communities and that will need partnership and cooperation from all sectors to work together hence we are here to provide health education to empower community members to protect themselves and curd the spread of malaria” explained Mrs Nombulelo Mpontshane

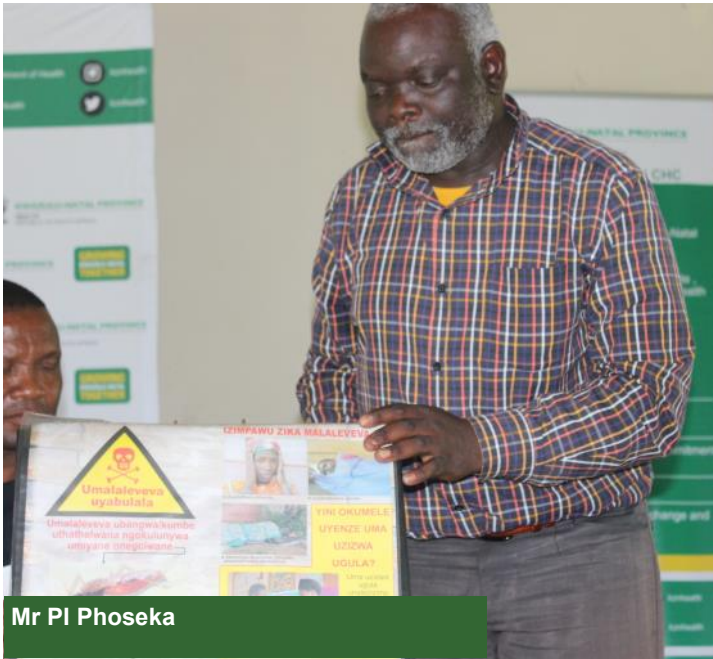
Community members in Mbadleni were mobilised through health education to recognise signs and symptoms of malaria, provide more home-based treatment, seek treatment when they become ill and use personal protective measure.



From Left: Mr MP Mkhabela, Ms L Sangweni, and Mr Qwabe



Malaria Control Team strengthened community education in a quest to eliminate malaria prevalence



Mr PI Phoseka

Facts about malaria

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female mosquitoes.

About 3.2 billion people – almost half of the world's population – are at risk of malaria.

Young children, pregnant women and non-immune travellers from malaria-free areas are particularly vulnerable to the disease when they become infected.

Malaria is preventable and curable, and increased efforts are dramatically reducing the malaria burden in many places.

Sub-Saharan Africa carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden.



Community members from Mbadleni and surroundings attended the event



Mr PW Mbonambi



Mr Mathenjwa



Community Leadership was part of the SADC Malaria Week commemoration



Local Induna Khumalo from Ubukhosi bakwaMathenjwa



Ward Councillor and Speaker of Jozini Local Municipality Cllr DP Mabika



Malaria screening and testing services were conducted to community members as part of the campaign to eliminate prevalence of malaria

