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# School Vaccination Programme



Umkhanyakude Health District Director Ms MP Themba



Umkhanyakude Education District Director Mr Motha



SGBs, Principals and other stakeholders



Mseleni Hospital CEO Mrs TR Sibisi

**D**uring January 2022, Umkhanyakude Health District joined forces with the Department of Education in the district and launched Vaccination Programme in Schools. This emanated from low numbers of pupils vaccinated. Roadshows involved parents, SGBs, teachers and variety of stakeholders. This was important to ensure that there is an upscale of vaccination among the youth to ensure that Covid-19 is overcome.



Vaccination in schools programme





## KHAEDU Assessment done in 4 health facilities



Assessment at Mosvold Hospital



Assessment at Hlabisa Hospital



Assessors Mr Nxumalo and Mrs TR Sibisi giving feedback to hospitals after the assessments

**T**hree (3) hospitals viz Hlabisa, Bethesda, Mosvold and one community health centre viz Othobothini were assessed in December 2021 on Khaedu project. The word “Khaedu” in Tshi-Venda means “Challenge”. Through this programme, health service delivery especially in client’s perspective was assessed to ascertain challenges hindering service delivery. In areas where facilities

were not doing well, quality improvement plans ought to be developed; where there is good performance, such must be maintained.

On the flipside, Project Khaedu has been designed as an action learning programme to empower managers, through various processes of learning reinforcement and practice, to bring about change within their own area

of operational control. The team that visited Umkhanyakude health facilities was led by Mrs TR Sibisi (Mseleni Hospital CEO) accompanied by Mr Ismail Nxumalo (KZN Department of Community Safety & Liaison) and Mrs Lungile Nkosi (Department of Agriculture & Rural Development).



## “She Conquers” dialogue to curb the scourge of teenage pregnancy



She Conquers Dialogue at Phumlani Hall, Hluhluwe

**A**s part of responding to unpleasant high numbers of teenage pregnancy, Umkhanyakude Health District, Civil Society, Municipalities, NGOs and many other community stakeholders held a dialogue on 25th February 2022 at Hluhluwe under the banner of “She Conquers”.

She Conquers is national campaign that aims to improve the lives of adolescent girls and young women in South Africa. Through this programme adolescent girls

are empowered with information to tackle issues relating to: HIV, Teenage pregnancy, Gender Based Violence, and many other topics that relate to a girl child.

It is believed that every girl should have the power to decide their future. This means being educated, healthy, and safe from violence. When girls gain knowledge, they get the chance to become independent. This gives them more ways to transform their communities and break the cycle of poverty.

Societies succeed when their women and girls succeed. Whoever you are and wherever you come from, let’s work together and empower girls to take charge of destiny to become the women they want to be.



## Back-Up Generators boost for clinics



Ndumo Clinic



KwaMsane Clinic

District Director Ms Themba inspecting installation of generators at Ndumo & KwaMsane clinics

**D**ue to unpredictable power supply that often disturbs provision of health services in clinics, the provincial office has installed back-up generators especially in high volume 24 hour service clinics to ensure that there is no disturbance of health services even in cases of power outages. This is a very important step taken by the department of health in providing such a service in ensuring continuity of service delivery especially at night and in cases of power outages.

## Human Rights Workshop to improve health services



Human Rights workshop at Premier's Hotel

**O**n 3-4 March 2022, Umkhanyakude Health District held its Human Rights Workshop with staff members from all its five (5) district hospitals and one (1) Community Health Centre. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitize health workers about human rights that may be violated (aware/unaware) while they render health care services. Among key topics covered during the workshop were: Batho Pele Principles, Bill of Rights, Health Act, Gender Based Violence, Caring for Key Population Groups and many others. Such activities are crucial in improving the manner in which healthcare services are rendered to all citizens irrespective of their economic status, sexual orientation, age, race, religious belief or any other difference that particular patient may have with healthcare provider.



## DPM&E visit in the district to boost vaccination programme



Mtubatuba, Nordale



Hlabisa, Mpembeni

Community Consultative Dialogues on vaccination programme conducted by DPM&E

National Department of Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation visited the district in March 2022 and conducted vaccination Covid-19 consultative engagements at all local municipalities under Umkhanyakude viz: Umhlabuyalingana, Jozini, Big 5 Hlabisa & Mtubatuba. These engagements emanated from increased Covid-19 vaccination hesitancy in the district. The district has since increased its vaccination muscle and community members and staff who are not vaccinated are encouraged to visit the sites and get vaccinated and/or receive their boosters.

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