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ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRAND-NEW R544 MILLION MTUBATUBA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE.



SOD-TURNING from left: Inkosi YeSizwe Ntokozo Mkhwanazi, MEC for Health Nomagugu Simelane, KZN Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Umkhanyakude District Municipality Mayor Cllr Siphile Mdaka

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Former Mayor of Inkosi Mtubatuba LM applauded for his role and efforts.



Former Mayor of Mtubatuba Local Municipality Mr Thobelani Ncamphalala received a standing ovation as the MEC Nomagugu Simelane called him forth and explained his role during his administration which led to the realization of Mtubatuba Community Health Centre construction.

THE days of ambulances having to make a U-turn, after being blocked by elephants on the road while trying to get patients to emergency hospital care, will soon be over for the community of Mtubatuba, thanks to a brand-new Community Health Centre that will be built in the area. This emerged on 19th April 2024 during the sod-turning ceremony that marked the official start of the construction of Mtubatuba Community Health Centre (CHC), which will be completed in the next three years.

There was much ululation and applause among the throngs of local people who attended the

sod-turning ceremony. And excitement about the day's festivities and anticipation for imminent positive change in their lives was palpable.

The facility is regarded as a boon for the local community, as it will not only save lives, but also unlock at least 200 jobs during the construction phase. It will eventually be staffed by at least 340 healthcare workers from various categories, once operational.

The facility will also have a 7-bed "Mothers' Lodge" for those awaiting childbirth; as well as 6 beds for mothers who have given birth.

Also known as a "mini-hospital", a CHC is the second step in the

provision of health care, after a clinic, but can also be used for first-contact care. It has a 24-hour maternity service, emergency care and casualty, and a short-stay ward. It can refer patients to a District hospital when necessary.

Speaking inside a tent with more than 3500 people in the Mtubatuba town centre, KZN Health MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane said access to quality healthcare was a universal human right, and that people in rural areas were as entitled to it as their counterparts in urban areas. She said construction of the CHC was yet another display of an ANC-led government that listens and responds

to people's pleas. She said the request for the CHC was initially made by former Mtubatuba mayor, Mr Thobelani Verus Ncamphalala a few years ago, but got delayed by various political and administrative challenges - until now.

"The former mayor informed us that when the people of Mtubatuba need a hospital, they must either travel to Hlabisa Hospital, which is located 40km away; or go to Ngwelezane Hospital, which is almost 60 km away. We were also told that, when our patients are being transported to Hlabisa Hospital, our ambulances must drive through the local game farm, sometimes, they



MEC for Health in KwaZulu Natal Nomagugu Simelane



Applause and Excitement among community members in anticipation of a new health facility in Mtubatuba



Throngs of people from Mtubatuba attended the community meeting on Sod-Turning for a Community Health Centre

even come across elephants and other types of animals blocking the road. When that happens, they are forced to turn around and use an alternative route.

Imagine having to turn around with a pregnant woman who needs to go into labour; or someone who is severely injured,

and in need of emergency care, that is an untenable situation. So, it became clear that a bigger healthcare facility, with a higher level of personnel and health technology equipment, was desperately needed in this community," said MEC Simelane.

The MEC said the appointed contractor had already been instructed to ensure that the local community receives priority during recruitment of people who will work during the construction of the facility. But she emphasised that recruitment for professional posts would be open to everyone.

Inkosi of the Mpukunyoni clan of Mtubatuba Mr Ntokozo Mkhwanazi thanked the Government of KwaZulu-Natal for responding to seeing to the materialisation of the clinic, saying it would save many lives by reducing travel time for those who seek emergency care.



Umkhanyakude District Municipality Mayor
Cllr Siphile Mdaka

Inkosi YeSizwe Ntokozo Mkhwanazi

KwaZulu Natal Department of Health HOD Dr Sandile Tshabalala





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AMATHIPHU OKUGWEMA IZIFO ZENHLIZIYO

- Qaphela ubungozi bokubhema
- Nciphisa ukudla okuno shukela nosawoti
- Jwayela ukuhlololwa zonke izifo
- Zivocavoce uphinde udle ukudla okunempilo

ISIBHEDLELA KUBANTU

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Isibhedlela kubantu wuhlelo loMnyango WeZempilo oluletha izinsiza zezeMpilo ezahlukahlukene ngokuvamile eziyaye zitholakale esibhedlela, kodwa ngalolu hlelo ziza ngqo emphakathini la uhlala khona

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Men Walking Over GBV in Jozini



Men testing their strength taking on 9.5 km walk against GBV

Umkhanyakude Health District on 12th January 2024 partnered with Sakhisizwe Men's Forum organization in an exciting 9,5 km walk that was aimed at raising awareness against Gender Based Violence.

Sakhisizwe Men's Forum seeks to mobilize all structures in the community in advancing programmes relating to men issues; and encouraging values of respect and tolerance among families. The department of health

used the gathering to promote men related health programmes as Mr Musa Myeni encouraged men to visit Men's Health in facilities around Umkhanyakude to receive tailor-made services to address their needs.

Mr Musa Myeni, District ISHP Coordinator talking to amadoda on health matters



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Campaign to Prevent Schistosomiasis

Umkhanyakude Health District successfully participated in Bilharzia Prevention Campaign which focused in Jozini Local Municipality as many cases had been identified in the area. The campaign focused mainly on how people can avoid contact with schistosomiasis-contaminated water and the actual drug administration for children and teenagers between the ages of 5-19 years old. The duration of the campaign was between 1st – 31st March 2024.

One of 10 so-called neglected tropical diseases, schistosomiasis (also known as bilharzia) is an illness that develops when people come into contact with water contaminated with disease-causing worms. These microscopic worms penetrate the skin without detection and move throughout the body causing severe sickness and complications at a later stage like fibroids in female and kidney damage in males may lead to infertility. Its root cause is poor sanitation, including the widespread practice of using lakes and rivers instead of toilets or latrines. Those same bodies of water are used for washing clothes and dishes, bathing and fishing, playing and more. This creates a harmful cycle of disease.



Mosvold Gateway Clinic staff receiving refreshments for patients during Bilharzia Prevention Campaign.



Community leader, local Induna being engaged and informed about the Bilharzia Prevention Campaign in Jozini Clinic





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IZINDLELA ZOKUVIMBELA UPHENYANE

- Gcina izandla zakho zihlanzekile
- Gwema ukuthinta amehlo akho
- Gwema izindawo ezinabantu abaningi



Uma usola ukuthi unophenyane,
vakashela umtholampilo oseduzane



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Isibhedlela kubantu eMagcekeni



Ukunikezelwa kwezinsizwa zezempilo endaweni yaseMagcekeni, KwaMhlabuyalingana (Ward 19)

SIBHEDLELA KUBANTU okuwuhlelo oluletha izinsiza zezeMpilo ezahlukahlukene emphakathini, ikakhulukazi ezindaweni eziqhelile nemitholampilo kanye nezibhedlela. Lolu hlelo lwaqalwa nguNgqongqoshe weZempilo eSifundazweni saKwaZulu Natali uNomagugu Simelane ngenhloso yokuqinisekisa ukuthi umphakathi uyahlomula ngezinsiza zezempilo ngaphandle kukuthi uhlala kuphi.

Umnyango WeZempilo eSifundeni saseMkhanyakude uyalusebenzisa loluhlelo. Zonke izibhedlela ziyalwenza lolu hlelo ezindaweni ezahlukahlukene.

Mhlaka 22 Mashi 2024, Isibhedlela saseMseleni sahambisa uhlelo

IweSibhedlela kubantu endaweni yase Magcekeni, kwaMhlabuyalingana, Ward 19. Izakhamuzi zale ndawo zajabula zanzoncoza zibona umsebenzi omuhle kangaka kanye nokunakekelwa.



Umphathi WeSibhedlela saseMseleni Mrs T.R. Sibisi



Ezempilo emkhosini wesintu waseMkhanyakude-Ubukhosi bethu



Inkosi Khulezweni Nxumalo YeSizwe sakwaMabasa



U budlelwano phakathi koMnyango WeZempilo naMakhosi aseMkhanyakude buqine kakhulu. Amakhosi ayazi nje ukuthi izizwe zawo ziphephile ngenxa yosizo lo Mnyango olunikezwa emphathakathini ngezindlela ezahlukahlukene okubalwa kulo: imitholampilo, imitholampilo engomahamba nendlwana, uhlelo isibhedlela kubantu kanye zezinye, singabala sithini?

Kungakho phela mhla ziyi- 13 kuMbasas 2024 ngesikathi Amakhosi aseMkhanyakude enze indumezulu yomcimbi wesintu "Ubukhosi Bethu" endaweni yaseJozini ngaphansi kwenkosi yakwaSiqakatha esizweni sakwaGumede, uMnyango weZempilo wagaleleka ngezinsiza

zezempilo ukuzohlenga izinkumbi zabantu ezazihambele lo mcimbi owawumuhle ngendlela emangalisayo.

Phela kwakuhlangene izizwe zawo wonke Amakhosi ase Mkhanyakude eziyi- 18, ngakho kwakufanele ukuba uMnyango WeZempilo ungenelele ngokwenza lokhu odume ngakho.

Okunye ke ngalowamcimbi yikho ukuthi kwakumnandi kudlelele laphaya, futhi nje kwakusindwe ngobethole kufinywa ngendololwane.

Phela lowa mcimbi usuzoba yonke iminyaka, inhloso yawo ukuzigqaja ngegalelo lezakhamuzi zaseMkhanyakude elibonakala liggama eSifundazweni saKwaZulu

Natali kanye naseNingizimu Afrika yonkana. Lapho phela kubalwa khona: amaciko, abaholi bezombusazwe, izifundiswa kanye nabanye abaningi abavelele abadabuka khona la eMkhanyakude.



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UKUZIVIKELA

- Sebenzisa imithi exosha izinambuzane
- Hlala ngaphakathi endlini ebusuku
- Vala yonke iminyango namawindi ebusuku
- Sebenzisa indwangu yokuvikela omiyane uma ulele
- Faka izimpahla ezinemikhono emide ebusuku

