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KZN Health MEC Ms. Nomagugu Simelane holds Community Health Chat at Untunjambili Hospital





Mr Ntokozo Maphisa
"Mr Absolutely"

Untunjambili Managers





Mrs T. Mungwe-ISH,HP,AYHP Programme Manager

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MEC'S VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL

On the 09th of October 2026, Untunjambili Hospital hosted an event at the Main Boardroom. The event was honoured by the presence of MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane, as the keynote speaker.
The objective of the event was to promote health, raise awareness on communicable and non-communicable diseases, and to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month.



MEC Simelane delivered a health education talk focusing on sexual and reproductive health. She emphasized the importance of practising protected sexual intimacy and encouraged male circumcision as a preventative measure against Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), including HIV and AIDS. Furthermore, in light of October being Mental Health Awareness Month, she urged the community to be vigilant about mental illness, highlighting that mental health conditions affect everyone and should not be stigmatized.

The second speaker was Mrs Thembelihle Mungwe, responsible for the **management and Treatment of Tuberculosis (TB).** She presented on the importance of the Hand Hygiene campaign as a critical infection prevention and control measure. She further promoted the School Health Programme, which aims to encourage healthy lifestyle among learners. Mrs Mungwe also announced that the Department has received donation of a mobile X-ray machine, with the plan to procure one unit for each district to strengthen TB screening.

MS. S. MHLUNGU- CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST



The third speaker was Ms Sibusisiwe Mhlungu, Assistant Clinical Psychologist. She conducted an awareness session on insomnia, defining it as a condition characterised by difficulty in initiating or maintaining sleep. She advised the community to review their night-time routines and recommended avoiding half-caffeine beverages, alcohol consumption and exposure to frightening stories before bedtime. She further noted that excessive use of social media could be a contributing factor to insomnia and encouraged community members to seek professional consultation.

ON THE LEFT: MM- DR. A. SUBRATI, MIDDLE: QAC- MS. L.F GWALA, RIGHT: M&E- MRS N.C LUSHABA



Mr L. Mzizi, Dietician, provided guidance on proper nutrition. He advised attendees an selecting foods appropriate for their bodies and emphasized the importance of maintaining a balanced diet consisting of carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, and minerals.

The Event was informative and successfully achieved its objective of empowering women and the community with essential health knowledge. The hospital management extends their appreciation to all guest speakers and other health officials for their participation.

MR Luyanda Mzizi-Dietitian

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CELEBRATING HERITAGE MONTH

UNTUNJAMBILI HOSPITAL CELEBRATES HERITAGE AND UNITY IN STYLE

Untunjambili Hospital was a hive of colour, rhythm and pride as staff celebrated a vibrant Cultural Celebration Event on 23 September 2026, in commemoration of Heritage Month.

Staff members arrived looking absolutely stunning in their diverse and beautiful traditional attire, filling the venue with ululation and excitement each time the beautifully dressed attendees made their entrance.

The day was packed with rich cultural expression, featuring a traditional fashion competition, high-quality traditional dancing, soulful singing and a captivating theatrical play. The talent on display showcased the depth of culture that lives within our hospital community. One of the highlights was an insightful address by AMN S.P Sibisi who spoke powerfully on how in the past, men respected, protected women and children, reminding us of the values of ubuntu, dignity and respect that must continue to guide us today.



Acting CEO Ms. IMF Buthelezi
and
M&E Mrs N.C Lushaba

The programme was skilfully directed by the gifted Mr S. Mhlongo and Mr T.S Zuma, who as Programme Directors kept the energy high and the celebration flowing.

Mrs Nontobeko Zondi delivered a moving address with rhythm and grace, embracing and uplifting all women who attended and participated in the event.

A moment that thrilled staff was when the Acting CEO, Ms IMF Buthelezi, joined in the traditional dancing. Staff enjoyed seeing the Head of the facility celebrating alongside them, truly embodying servant leadership and unity.



Traditional Dance

Departments also showcased their culinary heritage by cooking an array of delicious traditional food, which was shared and enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff to relax, refresh their minds, bond beyond the wards and thanks to management for creating such a platform.

The day was not just a celebration of culture, but a celebration of who they are as the Untunjambili Hospital employees.



Traditional cuisine

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HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION PHOTO GALLERY















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PHARMACY DAY COMMEMORATION

In commemoration of Pharmacy Month, which is observed annually in September, Untunjambili Hospital Pharmacy Department hosted a Pharmacy Day event on 17 September 2026 under the theme **"Ask Your Pharmacist: Your Partner in Health."**

The program commenced with an outline of the purpose of the day, followed by an in-depth analysis of this year's theme. Pharmacy staff delivered a short presentation emphasizing the importance of effective communication between clients and pharmacy personnel.

An interactive question-and-answer session was held, affording both clients and staff the opportunity to raise pertinent health-related questions, all of which were addressed by the pharmacy team. Participants were awarded prizes in recognition of their active participation.

The event also featured educational, theme-based games including puzzles, charades, and crosswords to further reinforce the message of the day. The program concluded with refreshments for all attendees.



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UNTUNJAMBILI HOSPITAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

EMPOWERED WOMEN, EMPOWER THE NATION

As part of the Women's Month celebrations, Untunjambili Hospital hosted a Games Day dedicated to female staff. The event featured a variety of fun and team-building activities including netball, Jenga, painting, Mlabalaba and 30 seconds.

This year was special because it was 70 years since the 1956 Women's March to the Union Buildings.

If the women of 1956 had not marched, women in South Africa might not have the working rights and freedom they have right now.



























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BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS

"BREASTFEEDING FOR A SUSTAINABLE START IN LIFE: STRENTHEN WHAT WORKS"

On the 7th of August 2026, Untunjambili Hospital was paid a visit by Mr M. Gabela-Dietitian, Ms Luyanda Mzizi- Comserve Dietitian and Mr. C. Genukile– Speech Therapist from Umphumulo Hospital to support Untunjambili Hospital's Breastfeeding Awareness Day.

Pregnant women and Community Health Workers (CHWs) actively participated, emphasizing that breastfeeding support begins before birth and relies heavily on community-based.

Activity: Participants split into four teams for outdoor, breastfeeding-themed activities designed to reinforce knowledge. These include a 30-second trivia challenge, a breast feeding Jenga challenge and a physical tin-stacking race.



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BREASTFEEDING PHOTO GALLERY









"BREASTFEEDING FOR A SUSTAINABLE START IN LIFE: STRENTHEN WHAT WORKS"









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ISIBAYA SAMADODA EVENT

Untunjambili Gateway Clinic hosted the Isibaya Samadoda event on 09 July 2026 at the Ewosi Tribal Court. The purpose of the initiative was to educate men on health and self-care, raise wellness awareness, and encourage them to consistently follow up on medical issues if diagnosed with any illness.

Chairperson and Induna Shangase from Ward One formally welcomed all attendees. The event saw a strong turnout from local men alongside representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Untunjambili Hospital, Maphumulo Local Municipality, Traditional Health Practitioners, the SCG NPO, and the Department of Education (DOE).

Dr N. Mkhize and Mr S. Mathonsi from the ILembe Health District did an exceptional job coordinating the program, which was clearly reflected in the impressive attendance of the Ewosi Community. Dr Mthunzi was the Program Director using his Pastoral skills to ensure the event is not a boring one.

The guest speaker, Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu, addressed critical social and health issues, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV), substance abuse, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and Medical Male Circumcision (MMC). He urged men to stop abusing alcohol, reminding them that men are the pillars and hope of their families. He emphasized that a responsible man should never drink to the point where he can no longer provide safety and security for his wife and children. Furthermore, he noted that men often experience higher mortality rates because they tend to avoid medical consultations and rarely seek psychological help, even when dealing with severe emotional distress.

Special thanks were extended to Dr N. Gasa from Untunjambili Hospital for his continued dedication and ongoing participation in the Isibaya Samadoda initiative.



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UNTUNJAMBILI GATEWAY CLINIC OPEN DAY

Gateway Clinic hosted an Open Day 0n 29 September 2026 to explicitly showcase its healthcare services to the local community. Community was invited to attend the event. Programme Director was Ms. L Ngwenya -Community Health Worker. AMN B.L. Hlongwane welcomed the community, staff and all attendees. Furthermore he outlined the purpose of the day.

Rev. N.A. Nxumalo who is an Enrolled Nurse at Untunjambili Hospital opened with bible scripture reading and short prayer.

The Theme of the day “WE ARE BUILDING A HEALTHY NATION”

Services shared: Community was provided a detailed information on services including Registration of all clients at entry point, requirements such as ID book/smart card, physical address, next of kin and contact numbers, HIV Testing, antenatal care, acute and chronic illness treatment, reproductive health, the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), Youth Friendly Services, dental services and pharmacy care. Community was educated about Booking System, Outreach Services, CCMDD services. The program of Complaints / compliments & Suggestions management was integrated.

Community members were afforded a chance to ask questions and were thoroughly addressed.

A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Acting CEO-Ms. IMF Buthelezi acknowledging the contribution of everyone in attendance.



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UNTUNJAMBILI HOSPITAL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY



Untunjambili Hospital joined the global nursing community in commemorating International Nurses Day with a heartfelt celebration held on the 10th of June 2026 under the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future, The Economic, Power of Care."

The day was marked by a strong sense of pride, unity and purpose as nurses from all units gathered to celebrate their noble, profession and compassionate care.

A highlight of the event was the solemn renewal of pledges, led by the Nursing Management. With hands raised and voices united, nurses recommitted themselves to the nursing pledge-to serve humanity with dedication, uphold professional ethics, and place the wellbeing of patients at the heart of everything they do. It was a moving moment that remind all present of the calling and dedication inherent in the nursing profession.

The occasion was further honoured by the presence of District Health representatives, whose attendance and words of encouragement elevated the celebration. Their presence was a true demonstration of support and recognition for the invaluable role nurses play as the backbone of our healthcare system.

Management extends its sincere gratitude to our stakeholders and sponsors whose generous contributions made this memorable day possible. Your support ensured that our nurses felt truly appreciated and celebrated.

We salute all nurses at Untunjambili Hospital and beyond for their unwavering compassion, resilience and dedication. You continue to be the heart of healthcare.

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NURSES DAY - PHOTO GALLERY

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UNTUNJAMBILI HOSPITAL IPC UNIT HOSTS HAND HYGIENE CAMPAIGN



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In line with the World Health Organization's call to strengthen Infection Prevention and Control (IPC). Untunjambili Hospital's IPC Unit successfully hosted a Hand Hygiene Campaign on 13 May 2026 under the theme Action Saves Lives. The campaign aimed to reinforce that clean hands are the simplest and most effective defence against infection.

Objectives of the campaign were to:

1. To improve hand hygiene compliance among healthcare workers
2. To prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)
3. To promote patient safety
4. To increase awareness and knowledge on proper hand hygiene
5. To strengthen Infection Prevention and Control practices
6. To reduce the spread of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
7. To ensure availability of hand hygiene resources at all points of care.

Educational and Creative Activities

The day was filled with impactful educational presentations and health talks. Wards and departments, including Gateway Clinic, actively participated through vibrant poster presentations, exhibitions, creative activities and performances, demonstrating innovative ways to promote hand hygiene. To encourage participation and creativity, competitions were held in two categories:

Poster Presentation Competition:

- 1st Place: Theatre
- 2nd Place: OPD (Outpatient Department)
- 3rd Place: Paediatric Ward

Role-Play Competition:

- 1st Place: OPD (Outpatient Department)
- 2nd Place: Male Ward
- 3rd Place: Gateway Clinic

A total of 60 attendees comprising staff from various departments and patients/ clients attended and supported the campaign.

The hospital wishes to congratulate all winners and applaud every department that participated. As a token of appreciation, all participants will receive participation trophies during Quality Day in November 2026. The IPC Unit extends its gratitude to hospital management, staff and all stakeholders who made the campaign a success. Let us continue to make hand hygiene a habit because action truly saves lives.

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TEENAGE PREGNANCY AWARENESS

Untunjambili Hospital successfully hosted a Teenage Pregnancy Awareness Campaign on the 29th of July 2026. The event was aimed at educating the youth about the risks associated with early sexual activity and the importance of making informed and responsible decisions. Approximately 150 learners from Ngcolosi and Kranskop High School attended the event.

Youth were encouraged to abstain from sexual activity at a minor age and to focus on their education and future goals. Learners were educated that should they engage in sexual activity, they must use contraceptives correctly and consistently to prevent unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. It was emphasized that termination of pregnancy services are safe, legal and accessible at designated public health facilities, and learners should not abort to unsafe methods. SAPS highlighted that dating or engaging in sexual relationship with a minor (a person under the age of 18) is against the law and is a criminal offence. DSD and SASSA provide information on social support services and the socio-economic impact of teenage pregnancy. The programme was enriched by an item from Ngcolosi High School learners, who entertained attendees with a beautiful song performance, showcasing youth talent and active participation in health promotion.

“Education is the best contraceptive. When you educate a young girl, you protect her future.”









TEENAGE PREGNANCY AWARENESS GALLERY













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ONE BILLION TREES PROGRAM

On June 3, 2026, Untunjambili Hospital celebrated **a** special milestone when they welcomed Ms. Bulelwa Sithole and Nondumiso Ngidi from the South African Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). The representatives donated 30 indigenous trees to the facility as part of the country's broader Presidential One Billion Trees Programme.

The hospital gratefully accepted the donation to enhance the facility's green spaces, promote environmental awareness, improve air quality, and mitigate the effects of climate change. Beyond beautifying the environment for patients, staff, and the local community, this initiative directly supports the rehabilitation of degraded land. By prioritizing water-efficient indigenous trees, the project preserves local biodiversity and secures a lasting green legacy for future generations.













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67 MINUTES - MANDELA DAY



In commemoration of 67 Minutes for Mandela Day, the Untunjambili Hospital Outreach Team and Community Health Workers (CHWs) visited Menyezwayo Secondary School on the 20th of July 2026, where they honoured Madiba's legacy by cleaning the school field.









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