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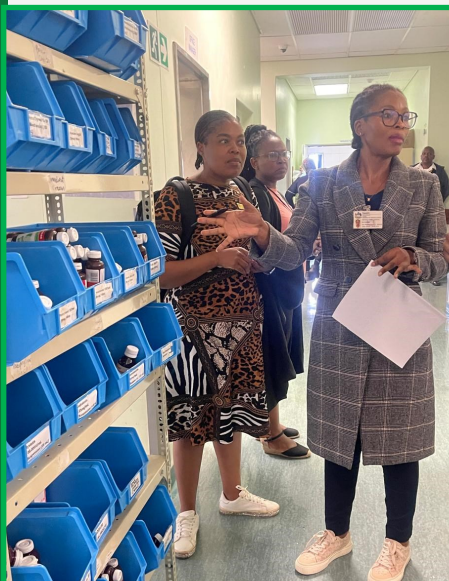
The Office Of The Premier conducted visits to health facilities of King Cetshwayo District

The purpose of the visit was to look at medicine and client complaints management systems in various hospitals under King Cetshwayo District (KCD). After a series of concerns raised by public representatives about various facility operations, a resolution was taken by the Office Of The Premier (OTP) to develop teams that were to physically visit health facilities to verify some of the public representatives and some community members concerns about health services provision. Facilities that were visited in KCD were randomly selected.

The OTP team was accompanied by some members of the district health management team. The three facilities visited in KCD, were Nkandla, KwaMagwaza and Mbongolwane District Hospitals and were visited in three consecutive days. This formed part of activities focused on facility preparations toward the implementation of the National Health

Insurance (NHI). Conducting these unannounced health visits enables the provincial office to collect accurate data that will inform future planning for improved delivery of health services.

This was not a fault-finding exercise; instead the program serves as a platform to bring stakeholders together to brainstorm and improve service delivery, identify bottlenecks and make realistic recommendations that are achievable and yield positive results. All of these efforts are undertaken to enhance the effectiveness and impact of service delivery.



Department of Health partnered with Siyabonga Sangweni Foundation, by bringing Isibhedlela kuBantu in Dondotha area



The health calendar indicates the month of July as the Men's health month, hence a decision to take services through Isibhedlela KuBantu in the month of July. The legendary soccer star, Siyabonga Sangweni, is a men's health ambassador. The sporting and recreational activities that Siyabonga Sangweni Foundation embarks on in Dondotha area during the month of July, were accompanied by comprehensive health services that are huge demand as this area is in a rural setting

characterized by a huge need for comprehensive services like eye care and dental services. Soccer festivals are mostly attended by male from different age groups, the promotion of health services that are men friendly came at the right time in July. Despite weather conditions that were very unfavorable on the day, the community still came in big numbers to access health services, and this really indicated the demand for services in this area



Pink Drive campaign, the life changing intervention



Once again, this initiative underscores the commitment to supporting the Department of Health in extending healthcare services to communities most in need

The partnership between Department of Health and Pink Drive has provided the necessary needed support in bringing health services closer to communities that need them. Cervical cancer is a preventable disease and can be cured if detected early and managed appropriately. Of particular concern are the health outcomes of HIV-positive and pregnant women, along with the capacity and skills required to ensure effective alignment and integration of health services.

For optimal effectiveness, these measures must be scaled up, accounting for the urban-rural divide and implemented through diverse health service platforms that are responsive to women's needs, social contexts, and the personal, cultural, structural and economic barriers that limit their access to healthcare.

The Provincial behavior change success lies in a collective will which is led by a people-centered matrix of interventions, as well as sustainable and adaptable partnerships. The same approach used in 2024 in selecting targeted municipalities was also used in 2025. The selected municipalities were City of

Umhlathuze and Umfolozi. The focus areas included the following clinics, which served as centers for mobilization and coordination of comprehensive package of services: Nseleni CHC, UMbonambi, UMkhontokayise, Khandisa and Ngwelezana clinics. The outstanding collaboration among District Management, Programme Managers, Facility CEO's, Operational Managers and community health care workers is commendable and contributed significantly to the success and impact of the week-long intensified and targeted service delivery to communities.

The five days campaign managed to provide the following services to the communities, mammogram, ultrasound, clinical breasts examination, skin cancer screening, papsmear screening, prostate specific antigen test and lung screening. The total head count seen for the period of five day campaign was 700 for different services.

Strong relations with community leadership and community based structures supported almost all the needs for logistical arrangement. The strong commandship at all levels was visible in the large numbers that turned out to access the comprehensive package of services. This includes children and men. A special gratitude to all community leadership from the host communities that were visited, without their commitment, the project was not going to reach the success it achieved.

Pink Drive Photo Gallery



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Closing the health service provision gap through door to door

As part of the innovations to improve on 1.1 million Treatment Gap Campaign performance, grey areas, where health services are non-existent or limited due to accessibility challenges, were identified in Ward 21 of the uMlalazi Local Municipality. The area is called eManyameni, closer to Ongoye mountains. This is a vast area under Golela Tribal Authority that was previously serviced by Ngwelezana Hospital mobile team, under the City of Umhlathuze, with Ntuzi clinic as a fixed facility. Following the current municipal demarcations, the area was moved under the jurisdictions of uMlalazi Local Municipality and in the process, has been overlooked and neglected in terms of health service provision. As it is, there is no service provided to those communities by either Eshowe or Catherine Booth hospitals as the area is bordering their catchment areas. The district took an initiative, after mitigating all necessary data about the area and consulted all stakeholders to do the HAST Door-to-door campaign. All Outreach teams in the district converged to Emanyameni, for comprehensive health screening and catch up services.

Consultations were initially done through local leadership, Traditional authorities and Ward Councilors. The areas in the form of izigodi were mapped to ensure the total coverage. The teams conducting household visits assessed all health-related aspects in each household

irrespective of poor weather conditions and poor road infrastructure. From 29 September to 2 October 2025, the first four days were devoted to door-to-door household visits. The fifth day focused on the Isibhedlela kuBantu health service approach within the ward. Given the extensive size of the area, Isibhedlela kuBantu was divided into three sectors, managed by separate hospital teams. Providing comprehensive health services: Ngwelezana Tertiary hospital, Eshowe District hospital and CBH.

The total number of households visited were 88 with total headcount of 279. Isibhedlela KuBantu at Endlovini area, a total of 282 clients consulted, 132 at Eyetheni spot, and 180 at Sibambisene area. This means that 594 people were reached for health services on that particular day, this proved that there is a serious demand for services, taking into account all these numbers were reached under unfavorable weather conditions but community members came out in numbers. Community members came for different health services like, minor ailments, dental care, cervical cancer screening, TB screening, HIV testing and other services, this illustrated the need for reach out to communities

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KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT SPORTS DAY 2025

The King Cetshwayo District hosted its annual Sports Day on 23 August 2025, bringing together employees from various health facilities to compete in a series of thrilling games. The ultimate goal of the sport day was to promote employee wellness, teamwork, and camaraderie among health facilities employees. By engaging in various sports activities, participants will enhance their physical and mental well-being, ultimately enabling them to provide better services to the community. The competitions were fierce, with teams participating in soccer, netball, athletic, chess, and other sports. One of the key objectives of the day was to select the best athletes to represent the King Cetshwayo District in provincial games. The winning teams and individuals will go on to compete against other districts. The King Cetshwayo District Sports Day yielded exciting results, the Eshowe Hospital soccer team demonstrated remarkable consistency, retaining

their championship title for the second consecutive year. Queen Nandi Regional Hospital's netball team emerged victorious, dethroning the reigning champions, Nkandla Hospital to claim the top spot. Sincere appreciation goes to the District Management for their vision and leadership in promoting employee wellness and sports development. Their support has been instrumental in making the King Cetshwayo District Sports Day 2025 a success. All facility management teams for ensuring that employees from different facilities are granted authority to participate and supported with all that is needed. A special gratitude goes to all social partners that supported the day, without their support, this day was not going to be a success.



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