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# MEC MARCH AGAINST ILLEGAL ABORTIONS

KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the district manager for Zululand health district, Mr Vusi Vilakazi have taken the fight against illegal abortions to Ulundi and Nongoma (Zululand District). This was during the MEC visit to Ulundi on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo speaking in the Municipality Offices handed over a memorandum to the South African Police Services (SAPS). He also called on for support and action against the scourge of illegal abortions. The event was well attended by the community, government departments, Nongoma Christian fraternal and traditional healers.

According to a press statement the MEC spoke outside the Ulundi Municipality Offices after leading a march through the central business district from the taxi Rank, Dr Dhlomo implored SAPS to ensure that they investigate, arrest and prosecute perpetrators to the full might of



**MEC for health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo scrapping out posters and advertisement's of the illegal clinics**



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## The MEC for health with Nongoma Christian fraternal

the law.

He said the so called “abortion clinics” must be identified, and that their owners are prosecuted and the buildings shut down.

Posters, pamphlets and materials advertising illegal termination of pregnancies should be removed by their placers as they murky municipal spaces said the MEC for health.

The MEC also said all women presenting to health institutions (hospitals and clinics) with complications following illegal termination of pregnancy, should be assisted to open cases against the perpetrator; and the SAPS and Department of Health commit to working together in removing these rogue elements from unsuspecting citizens so as to eradicate the scourge of illegal termination of pregnancies.

Dr Dhlomo also said that it had been brought to his attention that some health care professionals passed moral judgment on young people when they sought reproductive health services. This, he said, was a contributing factor to the rate of illegal abortions.

However, to mitigate this, the Department would be promoting a Youth User-Friendly approach to health care provision, he said.



## **FAREWELL: Mrs DT Memela during her farewell party at Ulundi airport**

Christmas came early to former Zululand district manager Mrs. DT Memela on Friday the 08<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. This was during her posh farewell function at the Ulundi airport on Friday.

'I started working for the department on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1969' said Mrs. Memela. She also said let us love one another whilst we are still alive. In her address she also thanked the political leadership of Zululand, the traditional leaders, the Deputy Director Generals, the Head of department and other colleagues at senior management service and also the staff of the district office for their support during her tenor.

The event was also graced by the director for Uthukela Health District Mrs. MT Zulu. In her address she praised the former district manager for her sound leadership skills. She also said she was instrumental in forming the district health system as before there were regional offices.

The mighty rooted voices a local band kept the audience entertained during the day

The event was well attended by hospital management staff, district office staff and partners of the district. The event proved to be a huge success thanks to the organizing committee and staff members for their contributions.





**PICTURE COLLAGE**





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Hi every one, my name is Sifiso Xulu assistant director: Communications Zululand district office. My key functions are to give communications support to the district of Zululand. My five key pillars are internal communications, external communications (stakeholder management) events management and complaints management for the district.

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