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MEC for transport, community safety and liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda, in conjunction with the Head Health, and local leadership, commemorated World AIDS Day in Mvuzini sports ground in Mondlo outside Vryheid under Abaqulisi municipality on the 1st December 2016.

The program took the form of an awareness march, a walkabout to engage with community members on the pandemic, a prayer for those who are living with the epidemic and to commemorate those who have died of the AIDS virus.

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide - to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. The theme for the event was 'it is in our hands to end HIV and TB'. The MEC later gave words of encouragement to the people of Zululand health district.

Prince Nhlenganiso Zulu also gave a moving testimony on his fight with TB a deadly but curable disease. The event was well attended by civil society and government departments. Health screening was offered on the day and condoms were distributed at various sites.

## **WORLD AIDS DAY 2016 WITH THE HEAD HEALTH DR. SIFISO MTSHALI AND MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON, MXOLISI KAUNDA, MVUZINI SPORTS GROUND, MONDLO**



**WORLD AIDS DAY 2017\_HEAD HEALTH DR. SIFISO MTSHALI AND MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON, MXOLISI KAUNDA DURING THE CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND PRAYER DURING THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2017**

*FIGHTING DISEASE, FIGHTING POVERTY, GIVING HOPE*



**WORLD AIDS DAY 2016 \_MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON, MXOLISI KAUNDA ENGAGING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AT A TAXI RANK IN VRYHEID UNDER ABAQULUSI MUNICIPALITY**



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pecial greeting goes out to our

family in the District Office and our foot soldiers in hospitals and clinics in the Zululand Health District. We thank these soldiers for remaining in combat at all times, fighting disease, fighting poverty and giving hope to the needy. We thank you for your efforts colleagues!

At Zululand Health District we are committed to service excellence. This is evident in how we deliver services in our day-to-day operations to our communities. It is not an additional task to our daily tasks, but the manner in how we approach delivering services professionally, and in a courteous, efficient and cogent manner that encompass the values of Batho Pele, which ensures predictable affordable services to all our clients, all the time, within the baseline service standards we have promised our clients.

However, when numerous challenges arise, and citizens expectations are not met in a timely manner, citizens need to be given avenues to communicate with us so as to resolve their complaints and dissatisfaction with any of our services so that we as the Zululand Health District team –hospitals and clinics and also mobile services- can redress and also improve on service delivery processes and systems. Clients are also given an opportunity to complement our services when they have experienced outstanding service delivery from us so as to assist us in the acknowledgement of outstanding performance and contribute to continuous improvement of services.

Should any member of the community visit us at any of our facilities please make use of the available suggestion boxes for compliments, suggestions and complaints or directly call our friendly public relations officers and or our facility managers will gladly assist in any query.

As the year 2017 has ushered in we hope for an even more fruitful year filled with challengers and excitement. I hope that we remain in combat as a team and family in Fighting Disease, Fighting Poverty, and Giving Hope to our communities in Zululand Health District.

Until next time!

***District Director***

***Mr. Vusi Vilakazi***





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# HOSPITAL NEWS

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THABISILE Hlatshwayo was distraught when she lost her prematurely-born twins a year ago. The 30 year-old unemployed woman from Pongola soon fell pregnant again, but, unbeknown to her, she was carrying another set of twins who would be born healthy, at full term - on New Year's Day - proverbially wiping away her tears. Ms Hlatshwayo's twins were born on the morning of the 1st January 2017 at Itshelejuba Hospital, in Pongola, on the north coast of KZN. Sibanesihle arrived at 03h30, followed by her brother Senzelwe at 03h45. Both weighed in at 1,5kg.

Ms Hlatshwayo, who hails from Kwakhiphunyawo, and her twins, have been given a clean bill of health. She was in high spirits just hours after the delivery, and said: "I'm very happy, from the bottom of my heart. I have also informed them at home about the arrival of my babies and they are elated. When I lost my other babies, who were my first, it was a very difficult time. Now at home they are saying that these babies are here to wipe away the family's tears."

## **NEWBORN TWINS 'WIPE PONGOLO MOTHER'S TEARS' AS KZN WELCOMES 66 NEW YEAR'S DAY BABIES**



**Thabisile Hlatshwayo and her twin babies who were born on New Year's Day at Itshelejuba**



## **PRINCE NHLANGANISO ZULU HAS URGED THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF CEZA TO SCREEN FOR TB**

CEZA, The Zulu Prince Nhlanguiso Zulu has urged community men of rural Ceza to get circumcised, tested for HIV and get screened for TB this world AIDS day. The Prince was speaking during a community dialogue targeting men in the rural village of Ceza on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. The Prince encouraged men to get circumcised as this has a lot of health benefits for both male and females.

The Ceza Hospital hall was packed by community men and local traditional leadership of Ceza. "I spent almost a year in hospital suffering from TB a deadly but curable disease, so I urge you to take charge and screen for all these conditions" said Prince Nhlanguiso Zulu.

The event was well attended by community men and hospital staff. The Prince also mentioned that the facility of Ceza will introduce a men's clinic at the Hospital to cater for male conditions. Mr Sandlesihle Zulu CEO for Ceza hospital was well pleased with the attendance and the outcomes of the dialogue dubbed "Isibaya Samadoda".

After the event the men were screened for various health conditions including HST and minor ailments.

The teams were also put up in commissions to discuss issues affecting men and youth in the community. Feedback was very much informing and will assist Ceza hospital in aligning its package of service to be more men friendly.

On the 18 November 2016 the Zululand health district participated in a provincial sports tournament. The event was held at the sport complex in Richards bay. The sports tournament started at about 09h00 On Friday morning.

The Zululand health district participated in various sports codes including soccer netball & volleyball

The sporting codes that were available were soccer, netball & volleyball

The sports tournament was organized by the provincial sport committee

This was part of the healthy lifestyle program MEC for health advocates that a healthy body in a healthy mind is a productive employee.

Halala Zululand Health District on your participation!

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## ZULULAND HEALTH DISTRICT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROVINCIAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT



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