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# World Aids Day 2023

**SPECIAL EDITION**

*"Let Communities Lead."*

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Gateway Clinic staff with, Mr Mhlongo (AD - HRM), Mrs Maseko (CEO) and Ms Shezi (PHC Manager).

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Ubuhlebezwe Sub-District has been relentless in its mission to turn the HIV, AIDS, and TB epidemics around and there are notable achievements to celebrate. A review of efforts in addressing the HIV and AIDS epidemic over the past 20 years, paints a mixed picture. There have been many scientific advances in HIV treatment and the sub-district now has a much better understanding of the virus. More people are receiving antiretroviral treatment, which means HIV infection rates are decreasing. There is also a scientific optimism around the benefits of treatment as prevention, and progress towards a cure and vaccine.

However, despite these advances, stigma and discrimination still persist for many people living with, or affected by HIV. World AIDS Day is important as it reminds the public that HIV has not gone away and that collectively, there is the need to increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. The sub-district has come a long way in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

## Gateway Clinic

Gateway Clinic hosted a march on the 1st of December 2023 from the clinic premises up to the hospital

admin building. The purpose of this march was recognize people living with HIV and remembering those the sub-district has lost to this disease. During the march, the staff sang songs and recited poems that created an awareness and ending a stigma. After the march, the staff gathered at the hospital Out-Patient Department waiting area where they gave HIV/Aids awareness talks to the clients and later lit a candle and observed a moment of silence.

## Gcinokuhle Clinic

Gcinokuhle Clinic did a World Aids Day awareness talk on the 1st of December 2023 at the clinic waiting area. The purpose of this talk was to educate clients about HIV/Aids. During their talk, they highlighted that every sexually active Ubuhlebezwe Municipality citizen is at risk of contracting HIV. They called on all citizens within the sub-district and beyond to recognise that HIV and AIDS are chronic diseases, and that people living with HIV can have full and happy lives. There was also a candle lighting after the talks.

## KwaMashumi Clinic

KwaMashumi Clinic hosted a World Aids Day Event on the 7th of December 2023. This event was supported by Vukuzithathe Organisation where they educated clients about a responsibility we all have to treat those who are struggling with an HIV-positive diagnosis with compassion, those struggling with AIDS with

care, and ourselves and our sexual partners with respect. They also covered stigma and discrimination where they highlighted that stigma and discrimination can be as devastating as the illness itself and may mean abandonment by a partner or family, social exclusion, job and property loss, school expulsion, denial of medical services, lack of care and support, and violence for those affected by them. Addressing stigma and discrimination is important in mitigating the impact of HIV.

## Mtungwana Clinic

Mtungwana Clinic also hosted a World Aids Day Event on the 30th of November 2023. The topics covered during the event were; HIV/Aids, Siyabalanda, VL Suppression/Unsuppressed, Children Living with HIV, Medical Male Circumcision and Gender-Based Violence.

## Ndwebu Clinic

Ndwebu Clinic hosted a World Aids Day Event on the 5th of December 2023 at Thandokuhle Hall. The topics covered on this event were; TB and HIV in Ndwebu/Nhlangwini Area, HIV history from onset and progress in HIV treatment; role of community in HIV management; disclosure to children infected with HIV and to partners as well as the types of grants available to support families. This event was supported by Vukuzithathe Organisation, Department of Social Development and SASSA. Sr Cele did the purpose of the day and then Matron Lestoalo was invited as the keynote address. Sr Sibisi did a vote of thanks and then there was candle lighting.

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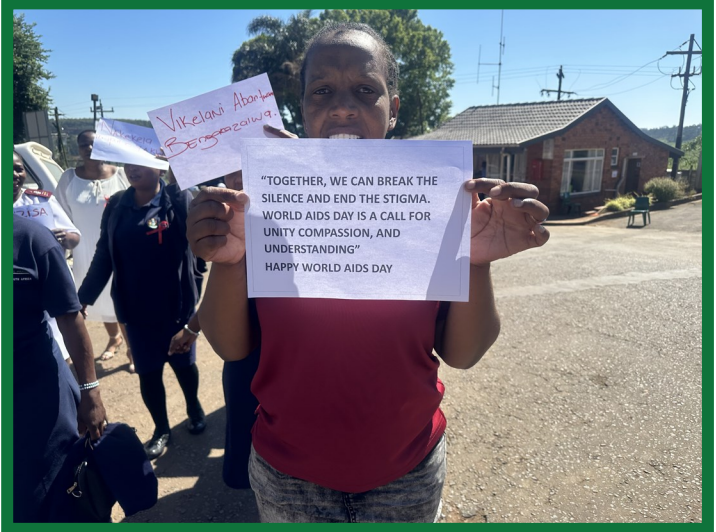
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