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# UMZINYATHI DISTRICT HEALTH LAUNCHES THE 14TH HUMAN MILKBANK

Umzinyathi District health professionals gathered at the Dundee Hospital to view the Human Milk Bank room. Mrs. Seme shared a brief introduction of the concept and a journey travelled till the final stage of the launch, she alluded to the day where the concept was introduced by Prof Anna Coutsoodis from UKZN and the trainings that were given to the Hospital staff which will be responsible for the Human Milk Bank procedures. The delegates were given an opportunity to enter the Human Milk Bank room to view the machinery and the equipment's within this room, again Mrs. Seme shared the procedures to be observed when milk is received from the donor mothers.



Mrs. Zibuyile Seme and Mrs P.C Mbatha DGST Umzinyathi



Sr. Makhoba Dundee Hospital receiving Officials that came to view the Human Milk Bank

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES GATHERED AT THE: **DUNDEE TAXI RANK**

**H**ealth care workers from UMzinyathi District were getting ready for the Human Milk Bank Awareness Walk, a welcoming speech from the Secretary at the Dundee Taxi Rank office on behalf of the Rank Manager: Mr. Zwane. Thulisile welcomed the health employees at the rank and stated that as a woman she supports the initiative and she would also encourage other ladies that should follow suit and donate. She then alluded to the fact that since her work environment is dominated by men whom are fathers they should support their partners to breastfeed and those who are willing to donate to do so.

Speakers who also took the stand in support of the initiative were Mrs. P.C Mbatha who works at the District Health Office as (MNCWH), she shared with colleagues and members of the community the importance of breastfeeding and donating of breast milk she further stated that although the bank will be based at Dundee Hospital it caters for the whole of UMzinyathi District. Colonel Nyide from the Dundee SAPS representing the security cluster wing, said they are also in support of the initiative, he stated that “this initiative is a poverty alleviating approach which will limit incidents whereby reports of women and young girls are reported to be caught red handed shoplifting in local shops and supermarkets trying to steal to feed their starving children at home”.



**Thulisile (NDE Rank Office)**

Welcoming Health Workers at the Taxi Rank



**Health Workers at the Taxi Rank**



**Mrs. P.C Mbatha (District: Health Office)**

Addressing the Health Workers at the Taxi Rank



**Colonel : Nyide (SAPS)**

Addressing the Health Workers at the Taxi Rank

# HUMAN MILK BANK AWARENESS WALK



Health Workers: Awareness Walk (HMB Launch)



Issuing HMB flyers to community members



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Health Workers at the Moth Hall (Singing, Dancing and

Dundee town came to a stand still as the healthcare providers within Umzinyathi District, also supported by neighboring Districts marched in the streets. The walk started from the Dundee Taxi Rank straight up Victoria Street the busiest street in Dundee where most community is at. This walk was aimed at raising the awareness about the launch of the HUMAN MILK BANK to the community. Addresses from the Departments Provincial and District officials unpacked the importance of the donation of the Human Milk from the community.

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All speakers who took the podium and addressed emphasized the importance and alluded to the advantages that the Launch of the Human Milk Bank will bring to the community of UMzinyathi District residents.

The guest speakers Mrs. Z Mtshali from the Head Office Dietetics Department opened her address by applauding the UMzinyathi District to such a milestone in launching their bank at Dundee which will serve the whole of Umzinyathi District. She encouraged mothers who breastfeed to continue doing so and encouraged those who are skeptical to consult on how they can be assisted to express and feed their children the human milk with sufficient and necessary first feed for their babies.

*“Umzinyathi District have launched the 14th Human Milk Bank in KZN today since the declaration made in Tshwane in 2012, over million Mili-liters have been pasteurized ever since and 711 Children have benefited from the donated milk, children whom are fed breast milk have been proven to be smarter and weights accordingly”*, Mrs. Z Mtshali said.



Mrs. Z Mtshali  
(Dietitian Head Office)



Donor Mothers and HMB Event attendees

## # UMZINYATHI PROUD DONOR'S

*Lungile Mahlobo (District Office) and Thembelihle Zwane (Dundee Hospital) both these ladies were donors whom were identified on the day of the launch, they have offered to be donor mothers they shared moving personal testimonies about their pregnancy experiences and after pregnancy, hence they saw it fit to stand behind the initiative support it with their very precious human milk.*



DONOR  
MOTHERS





**Mrs. Z Seme(Dietitian**  
(District Office)

Mrs. Z. Seme Dietitian from Umzinyathi District Health Office encouraged and pleaded to the community present to kindly cascade the information received from the Launch by discussing and talking about it on all possible platforms they can get. She again pleaded with the Health professionals to again utilize platforms from all levels be it Hospital Boards, Clinic Committee Meetings, Public platforms for the Public Relations Officers, War Rooms, Churches etc.

She also stated that “ this initiative is for the people as i remember where we hosted the very first encounter with the community of Kwa-Sithole where a Community Dialogue was about and for the people. 5 December 2016 it was when communities firstly heard of this Human Milk Bank (thing) attendees were very inquisitive and very concerned at first, which to us as the Department of Health it served the purpose to engage with the community and be able to give responses. Community engagements continued through the whole of Endumeni Sub Districts where the 8 Primary Health Care facilities are based (Rorckesdrift, Elandskraal, Douglas, Sibongile, Sithembile, Glencoe and Wasbank)



**Mrs. H.S.L Khanyi**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Dundee Hospital

Ms. S Simelane from Dundee Hospital Maternity the Human Milk Bank Coordinator .stated that as the Hospital they do not own the bank and the bank is not only for Dundee but the Hospital are custodians and have been entrusted to host the bank for the whole district, on that note she continued by alluding to the controlling measures and protocols which will govern and guide the processes of donating and issuing of donated milk to beneficiaries. She took the whole house through the screening processes that a potential donor mother has to undergo in ensuring that no infections bypasses the screening processes hygiene protocol.

Mothers were encouraged to use Primary Health Care facilities at their disposal to enquire more about Human Milk Bank and on how they can donate and even donate in those clinics and he Hospital will collect the donated milk from the clinics to the Bank.

Ms. Simelane was delighted to present 6 donors who have already enrolled into the donors list and will be starting to support the bank and making a valuable deposit of the breast milk, these donors were also presented with goodies from “MADE BY MOM” (mugs, t-shirts and umbrellas)

Mrs. H Khanyi Dundee Hospital (Chief Executive Officer) extended a word of great appreciation to all who graced the event and made it possible: Endumeni Community , Bishop Xaba, Mrs. Z Mtshali, Umzinyathi District Health Office team, Dundee Hospital staff, UThukela District and Ladysmith Hospital, CCG’s, she further thanked the stakeholders :SAPS, RTI, Dundee Taxi Rank, Northern Natal Courier, Umzinyathi District Municipality , Endumeni Municipality, UKZN, EMS, DSD etc



## Umzinyathi District Health Workers and Donor

# PHOTO GALLERY

## HUMAN MILK BANK LAUNCH EVENT

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