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## SISONKE DISTRICT HOSTED PROVINCIAL CANDLE LIGHT EVENT

Thursday the 28th of May 2009 will be a day to remember for the residents of Sisonke District Municipality as the district hosted a Provincial Candle Light Event at Morningside Stadium Ixopo. The purpose of the event was to remember all the fallen heroes who died because of HIV AIDS.

Buses were sent in all local municipalities under Sisonke to transport people to the events. The events was also graced by hounourable MECs, MEC for Health Dr Sbongiseni Dlomo. MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Lydia Johnson and MEC

for Arts, Culture , Sports and Recreation MEC Weziwe Thusi. Among the dignitaries were Dr Yoliswa Mbele (HOD) Department of Health, His Worship Cllr JP Khoza, Mayor of Sisonke District , local Mayors and Councilors, Traditional Leaders and Healers, Religious groups, Support groups, District Managers including our Mama Radebe (Sisonke District Health Manager, other departments.

Messages were sent to the public relating to HIV. MEC L Johnson and Weziwe Thusi outlined their programmes to the community and

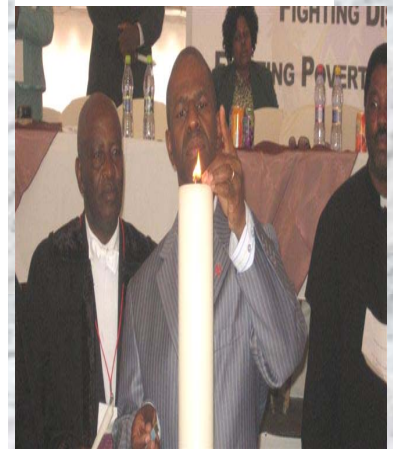
their support of HIV AIDS programmes. MEC for Health Dr Dlomo emphasized on gardens issue urging all Hospitals and Clinics to have gardens. He further warned that hard work in the his department is amongst top priorities and he will not tolerate lazy employees. HIV Activists were present to make testimony about life after aids.

Rietvlei Hospital Choir entertained the guests with their well polished voices giving the best music.

Salute to the organizers of the events and it was a successful event.

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**HEALTH MEC DR SBONGISENI DLOMO LIGHTING THE CADLE**

## USHER MEMORIAL DOES ITS CANDLE LIGHT.

E G & Usher Memorial Hospital hosted its candle light event on the 27th of May 2009. The event was well planned by the Social Work Department led by Ms

Nandipha Zikolo. The Event took place at OPD. Several messages, prayers were sent to the staff and patients about HIV. Candles were set on companied by the prayer.

This was a remarkable achievement by the staff and THANKS to the Social Work Department.



**Sr Sokhanyile and hospital guests during hospital Candle light**

## SCHOOLS STI CAMPAIGN WAS A REAL SUCCESS

E G & Usher took the STI Awareness campaign to the Kokstad Schools from February 10 to 17 2009 targeting mostly those in deep rural areas. Schools visited were Glen Edward at Kraansdraai, Franklin High School, Thibane Combined School. The planning committee decided that high school learners should be our target as 90% of them are already involved in sexual activities. Talks

were provided by Sindi Maduna ( Site Mentor HIV, Mrs Kopo dealt with teen pregnancy, Sr Swartbooi dealt with rape trauma and Ms Zikolo ( Social Worker ) identified indigent learners for assistance and counseling. The response from learners was encouraging and revealed a great need of education. Thanks to the Management, Mr K.N. Ngcobo (Systems) Transport Department,

PHC PRO and the Team who contributed to the success of the campaign.. Special thanks also goes to the school's principals, learners and staff for making sure that we pass the message through to the community using learners.

## STI CAMPAIGN THROUGH PICTURES



Franklin Learners listening carefully to Sr Swartbooi talking about rape and trauma



Sindi Maduna , Z.O. Lugongolo and Mrs Kopo getting ready for an action at Glen Edward School in Kraansdraai



Learner from Thibane C. School asking questions



Meet the winning team L-R Sindi Maduna, Nandipha Zikolo, Mrs Kopo.

# EYE PROVINCIAL CANDLE LIGHT NGEZITHOMBE



**SISONKE COMMUNITY CAME IN NUMBERS TO WITNESS THE MEMORABLE DAY**



**MEC ARTS,CULTURE , SPORTS AND RECREATION, WEZIWE THUSI, MEC OF HEALTH DR DLOMO AND MEC FOR AGRIC, RURAL DEVELOPMENT LYDIA JOHNSON LIGHTING THE CANDLE.**



**DR DLOMO(HEALTH MEC), REV TAMBO, OTHER PASTORS AND SISONKE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR HIS WORSHIP PATRICK KHOZA**



**SISONKE HEALTH DISTRICT MANAGER MRS NS RADEBE ACKNOWLEDGING THE VIPS**

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## MEET THE BEST NURSE



**MRS MATHUSO KESWA IS CONGRATULATED  
BY KALI MOKOENA (SANLAM) AND MATRON  
MIYA(NURSING MANAGER)**



**SMILE YOU'VE DONE IT: MRS FOR AN AWARD  
SHE FULLY DESERVED.**