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HEALTH **EGUM** **CLEBRATED** **HERITAGE** **DAY**
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KHAYELIHLE NGCOBO (SSMO) IN HIS FULL TRADITIONAL ATTIRE

EGUM CELEBRATED HERITAGE DAY

“Today we should celebrate our identity with pride and dignity. Lets be united as the staff and enjoy the rest of the day” Those were the words of Mrs Thekiso, CEO of Usher Memorial Hospital when she was addressing the staff during the hospital heritage day held on the 23rd of September 2010. This was a milestone achievement by the hospital when all cultural diversities were united in one idea of “where do we come from”. The staff was marked by their traditional attire that included Zulus, Xhosas, Pondos, Indians and Griquas. Unity was a theme of the day. Traditional songs and praises were sang by the Laundry staff who displayed a massive talent.

The event was closed by Inkosi Makhoba of the Makhoba Tribal Authority who praised the staff for doing such an important event. Thanks from the PR department also goes to all staff that helped us to prepare all the traditional food like ujeqe, amadumbi, umvubo, umngqushu, amathanga, inyama. The same goes to the hospital board for finding donations from Pick n pay, Chief Makhoba, Mr Van Zyl’s Butchery in Matatiele and Mrs Madlala (HRM) with amadumbe.

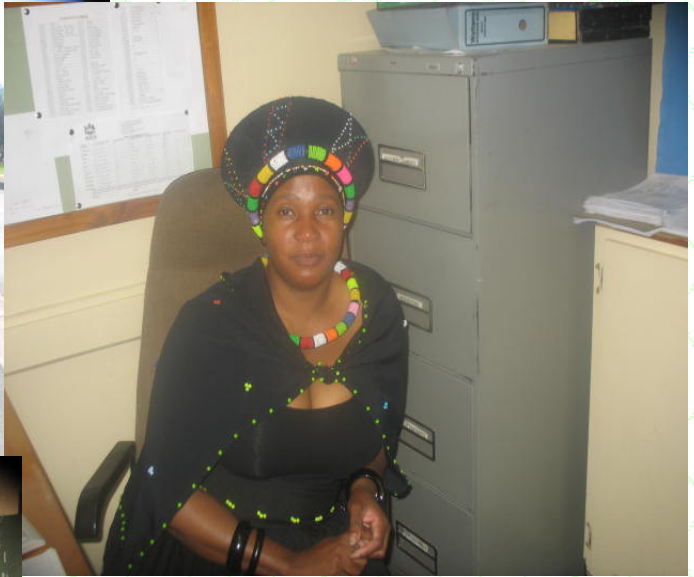
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HEALTH MEC VISITS USHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

E G Usher Memorial hospital was up in its feet on the 30th of August 2010. This was the day in which was the first visit of KwaZulu Natal MEC for Health honourable Dr Sbongiseni Dhlomo. The MEC's aim was to assess the impact of the Public Servant's strike in the hospital. Patients and staff were very fascinated by the visit of the MEC.

The MEC took rounds within the institution and was very impressed by the continuation of services despite the crippling situation the hospital was facing. He assured his full support for all staff that decided to work despite the strike.

MEC promised to visit the under normal circumstances.



Once a doctor always a doctor : MEC Dhlomo having a look at a patient.

TAKING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE

October the 14th was a milestone day for the people of Highflats when the hospital took dental services to the people. The dental clinic team led by DR Govender and her dental assistant Ms Dorcas Dada did a dental screening to the pupils of the local schools there. Parents were also in attendant to witness this magnificent day.

Learners were very excited by this government action as one child commented " This is a good move and we are happy to have our teeth look after by the doctor. The parents were also eager to see the dental team coming back to do the screening for others. Thumbs up to the team.



Hospital team waiting to screen one learner

TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK

On the 6th of August 2010 Usher Memorial hospital hosted " **TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK**". This was as part of celebrating women's month in August. The local high schools were invited to have a taste of exciting careers available from the hospital and department of Health as large. The schools who took part were Carl Malcomer High School and Mt Currie High. These schools sent about 30 female learners who were equipped with valuable knowledge that will help them in future.

Presentations were done by scarce skills department like pharmacy, radiology, doctors, social work, dentist and physiotherapy. The whole day was dedicated to women and their capabilities. One particular example was that 90% of hospital management are females. Learners and staff were so excited about the opportunities available for them and they vowed to pursue these careers which can be the good news for Kokstad people.

TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK IN PICTURES



**Up : Learners of Carl Malcommerce and Mt Currie High. Second row : Physio presentation and Social work.
Bottom : Nafeesa and Sethe from pharmacy inspired the learners about studying pharmacy while Gangerdine has a lot to explain about dieticians.**

67 MINUTES FOR MANDELA

On the 16th of July 2010 the hospital management and staff took 67 minutes to celebrate the birth of the South African icon Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela that was going to be on the 18th of July. Due to the shortage of general orderlies the hospital management decided to do a spring cleaning at Greater Kokstad Clinic. The community and clinic staff were jubilant about this move.

The office of the PRO wishes to thank the CEO, Nursing Manager, Zonal Matrons, M&E, Mr Kunene(SFMO), Mr Ngcobo(SSMO), Mr Ndamse(Transport), Mrs Siphunzi(GO Supervisor and Mrs Ntanzi (Infection Control)

67 MINUTES FOR MANDELA IN PICTURES



1. **Leading by example Mrs Thekiso(CEO) ensuring that the floor is shining.**
2. **Mr Ndamse was pushing the scrubbing machine heavily.**
3. **Mr Ngcobo and Mr Kunene were on their aprons .**

FAREWELL “FUNDI SA.....NE” SHABALALA

On the 22nd of September we bid farewell to Miss Fundi Tshabalala who was a Data Capturer to FIO Mrs Neziswa “ D.....t.” Jacob. Miss Tshabalala taken up a new challenge at Sisonke Health District. Gud luck Ntombazane

Neziswa Jacob handing a present to Miss Fundiswapha Shabalala



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