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MEC WALKS ON THE STREETS OF MTUBATUBA



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A warm welcome to all the colleagues in the Department and readers of our newsletter.

I wish to say hail to all the foot soldiers in the fight against Covid-19 in our sub-district and beyond. They have done a sterling job so far. They were there during the awareness stage, through to the tracing and testing, managing those in isolation and now vaccination.



MR S.P.N MKHWANAZI CEO)

Community vaccination promises to be a big project but we are ready to face it.

I wish to specifically thank all the vaccinators and admin personnel who worked very hard during healthcare vaccination through Sisonke study. Hlabisa managed to vaccinate an estimated **1 303** out of **1 454** healthcare workers that were expected. A deficit of **151** remained and they still have an opportunity to get vaccinated. The Sisonke project was also huge since it was catering even for Zululand and King Cetshwayo Districts and some few individuals from Durban.

The community vaccination programme is going well in the 2 sites which is Inkosi Mzondeni hall at KwaMsane and Eholo lamakhosi at Hlabisa. The other community sites that were identified are still not operational.

As we approach the youth day on June 16, I wish all the young employees a great day with their families!

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT OF THE CEO

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fter years of acting, MR S.P.N Mkhwanazi was finally announced CEO of Hlabisa Hospital on the 19th of February 2021. Mr Mkhwanazi was formally introduced to the staff as the CEO of Hlabisa Hospital by the District Manager, Miss Themba.

The staff was gathered to celebrate this milestone as it was deserving. Extended management, Organized labor and some of the members of the Hospital board were also present. On behalf of the staff we wish to congratulate Mr Mkhwanazi on his new assignment and wish him a successful mission. We are sure that under your great leadership, wisdom and guidance, Hlabisa hospital will strive to much greater heights and achievements.



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WORLD TB DAY

Each year on the 24th of March, we commemorate world TB day, to raise awareness about health, economic and social problems relating to TB in order to undertake measures to fight the TB pandemic. The theme of world TB day for 2021 was: **“THE CLOCK IS TICKING- LET’S FIND, TREAT AND END TB NOW!”** It conveys the message that we are running out of time to act on commitments to end TB made by global leaders.

Hlabisa Hospital and Mpembeni clinic partook in TB awareness on World TB day. Hlabisa was raising awareness in a form of door to door, in surrounding areas, educating households about TB, screening and testing those that showed symptoms. Mpembeni Clinic hosted a TB awareness event at a local community hall to give a talk about TB symptoms and treatment and also screen the audience.



Clinicians and CHWs preparing to move house to house, educating families about TB.



Audience at the TB awareness held at Mpembeni local community.



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN BRANCHES

On the 19th of March 2021, Hlabisa hospital hosted a Prayer day to remember the staff members lost on the way in association with COVID-19. A gathering that involved staff members and the whole management, organized labor, board members and families of the late staff members who passed on during a covid-19 pandemic were present. It was a reviving service and spirits were lifted in this praise and worship indulgence.

Sister Thandi Zulu , a Covid-19 survivor shared her story with tears in her eyes,” I thought I was dying, it was quick and I felt that it had come to take my life. It is by Gods grace that I am standing here today”

Rev. Ndlovu shared words of encouragement and quoted scriptures from the bible.



COVID-19 VACCINATION DRY RUN

Before the Vaccination started, it was essential for all district hospitals to conduct a dry run to assess the preparedness of the starting of vaccination.

Hlabisa hospital also conducted this covid-19 vaccination preparation exercise on the 26th of February 2021, to ensure the readiness of Covid-19 vaccination which was to start in a few weeks ahead.

This Dry Run displayed all the activities and sections in place from the fetching of the vaccine from Pharmacy, main entrance to the exit door of the site.

The whole purpose of conducting a dry run was to ensure that we are geared up and ready for vaccination.



COVID-19 VACCINE LOUD-HAILING PROGRAMME

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labisa hospital and MEC for Health Nomagugu Simelane took on the streets of Mtubatuba and surrounding areas on a mission to raise awareness on a continuous spread of covid-19 as we were approaching the Easter holidays and give few details on the covid-19 vaccination to the citizens of various places. MEC was accompanied by Health officials including CEO of Hlabisa Hopsital, District Manager Miss Themba, District Mayor of Umkhanyakude cllr Mkhombo, Mayor of Mtubatubatuba Local municipality cllr Ncamphalala and his deputy Gina and Imbewu actress Brenda Mhlongo.

The loud-hailing bakkie was moving along hotspots where more cases had been recorded and in town where of course many people were. Masks were issued to those people who did not have.



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OUR PHOTO GALLERY



MEC and District Manager having a little chat



"Mask-up little one" Brenda puts mask on the little faces.



Hospital Management , District management, AHRI and SAMRC



Put your V fingers up high if you choose vaccine!



Our beautiful ushers on Prayer day



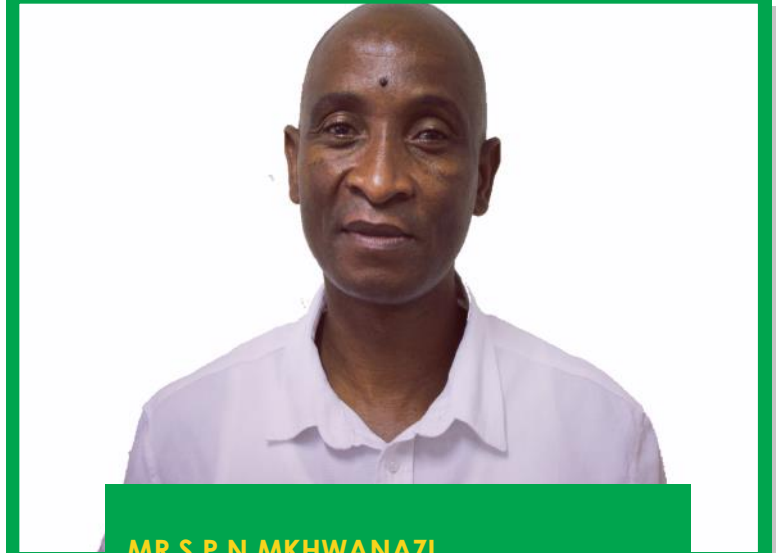
Main Vaccination site in Hlabisa Hospital



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