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Health  
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

## HLABISA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

### Report Back: Youth Engagement Workshop to Reduce Teenage Pregnancy

UMkhanyakude Health District was amongst 3 Districts that were chosen by Provincial MCHW to host Youth Engagement workshop in Planning to reduce Teenage pregnancy. UMkhanyakude District held this workshop under Hlabisa Sub-District Mtubatuba Town Hall on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of November 2012.



Young people listening to the spears during Youth Engagement Workshop to Reduce Teenage Pregnancy

Youth from all the sub-Districts met to debate issues and challenges concerning themselves and contributing to teenage pregnancy. Among those challenges were:-

- ⇒ Poverty
- ⇒ Inequality
- ⇒ Lack of infrastructure
- ⇒ unemployment

Young people were then advised about government strategies to address their challenges, E.G:-

- ◇ 9 Challenges of National Planning Commission
- ◇ Role of the youth in ward War Rooms for OSS.
- ◇ Different forms of contraceptives provided free of charge by the Department of Health in fighting against unplanned pregnancy.
- ◇ Career opportunities and in Health, i.e. internship program and Bursaries.



Mr. S.B Magomezulu—Quality Assurance Manager (Hlabisa Hospital) giving advises to the group of youth during the group discussions



Mrs. T.D Simelane— Deputy District Manager delivering her speech on pregnancy prevention

In her concluding speech Mrs. T.D Simelane— Deputy District Manager (Clinical Programmes) UMkhanyakude Health District; reminded young people the fact that if they accept free bees in an exchange of relationship they will be considered as a 'Free Bee' by the providing partner.

Department of health was commended by all groups for being visible and active in youth awareness issues mostly via School Health Teams.



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Youth concluded as a way forward to:-

- Take it upon themselves to fight against teenage pregnancy and inter-generation relationships (Sugar Daddies).
- Host such dialogues within their Municipal Wards
- Actively participating in war rooms to raise their concerns.
- Using social network to debate these issues (Facebook and Twitter).
- Grabbing all opportunities disposed to them by governmental departments and NGO's.



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**Musa Njoko Sharing her life experience with the Youth of UMkhanyakude**

Young people then formed UMkhanyakude Youth Forum to facilitate the implementation of their resolutions.



**Established UMkhanyakude Youth Forum**

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