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Vision: "Optimal health for all persons in Ilembe District"

KWADUKUZA SUB DISTRICT LAUNCH 1.1 MILLION CAMPAIGN



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ILembe Health District in partnership with Operation Sukuma Sakhe/ District Development Model (OSS/DDM) stakeholders led by ILembe District Municipality conducted a 1.1 million campaign at KwaDukuza Sub District, Umfolozi TVET College on 21 August 2025. The District Mayor: Cllr T. Shandu did the key note address and he emphasized the importance of treatment adherence and the use of condoms in order to stop the spread of HIV. He urged all those who stopped taking their ARVs to come back to care so that they will continue with their treatment, stay healthy and stop the spread of HIV.

The campaign aims at bringing together life-changing initiatives which are:

U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable) which focus on empowering people living with HIV to take treatment, stay healthy, and stop the spread.

Secondly, **1.1 Million: Bridging the Gap** which aims to find and link over 1.1 million South Africans to HIV testing and treatment services. To contribute towards the 1.1 million people, ILembe District as a whole has a total population of 782 660 and approximately 6000 people must be brought back to their HIV treatment. Out of 6000, 3500 is from Kwadukuza Sub district that must be brought back to care. This means that Kwadukuza sub has to work harder to ensure that these clients comes back to care.

Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) also dominated the agenda where clients were encouraged to return back to care to collect their HIV and other chronic treatment so that they remain stable and be decanted to the CCMDD pick up points.

Mr P. Makhani and Mr V. Bhengu from Kwadukuza su district did an intense presentations on different health programmes and encouraged participants to take their treatment in order to stay healthy and stop the spread of HIV. Other OSS stakeholders did presentation to emphasize the importance of treatment adherence. Students were also excited to receive health services on site.

Another campaign of 1.1 million campaign is scheduled to take place at Ndwedwe Sub on

16 September 2025 with the aim of ensuring that no one is left behind in taking their HIV treatment.

#Closing the Treatment Gap
#U=U
Ending new HIV infections
Aids Free Generation



Briefing session



Health services provided



ISIBHEDLELA KUBANTU TAKEN TO DRIEFONTEIN AREA

Kwadukuza Sub District led by Mrs Roshnee Bagwandin: Deputy Manager Nursing took health services to Driefontein area in Kwadukuza Local Municipality. Driefontein area is far from health care establishments and other government departments to attain services. The event took place on 20 August 2025 at Driefontein community hall.

The concept of Isibhedlela Kubantu was initiated by the KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC, Ms. Nomagugu Simelane, who believed that healthcare should not be privilege reserved for those who live closer to health establishments but a right for everyone, regardless of their geographic location. The main purpose of taking comprehensive health care services to the people is to ensure that even deep rural communities have access to all health care services.

The event was a comprehensive healthcare outreach, offering a range of services to address the community's diverse health needs. The team of healthcare professionals included clinicians, medical doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists, and health educators working together to ensure the community received health care services.

One of the first services offered was medical consultations, where individuals were able to meet with a qualified clinician or doctor. People who had been suffering from minor ailments, such as headaches, body aches, or fever, received immediate care and treatment. Some individuals came with long-standing conditions that they had been unable to address due to the distance from healthcare facilities.

A team of dentists set up in a mobile clinic, offering dental care that was previously out of reach for many. From simple dental check-ups to extractions and fillings, community members left with brighter smiles and improved oral health.
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Kwadukuza Sub district Management team



Patients waiting for services



Health professionals in action

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Hypertension and diabetes screenings were conducted to identify individuals at risk. Many members of the community were unaware of their conditions, and some were immediately referred for further treatment and monitoring. Early detection is crucial, and this initiative allowed for timely Intervention before these diseases could worsen.

Given the prevalence of HIV and Tuberculosis in the district, HIV testing, ART initiation, and PrEP initiation were offered to those who wished to be tested. The healthcare team also conducted TB screenings and chest X-rays, offering treatment initiation for those diagnosed with the disease. Health professionals also introduced 1.1 million campaign where its aims to bring defaulters back to care to continue with their treatment. Clients were encouraged to take their chronic medication so that when are stable they can be decanted to CCMDD pick up points for convenience.

Community Impact

Many people expressed relief and gratitude, knowing that they no longer had to travel long distances and incur high costs just to access basic healthcare. For some, it was their first time receiving proper eye care, dental treatment, or mental health counselling. The community felt a renewed sense of hope and empowerment as they realized that the healthcare system was not as far away as they had once thought.

In conclusion, the event was a great success.



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Community Outreach team

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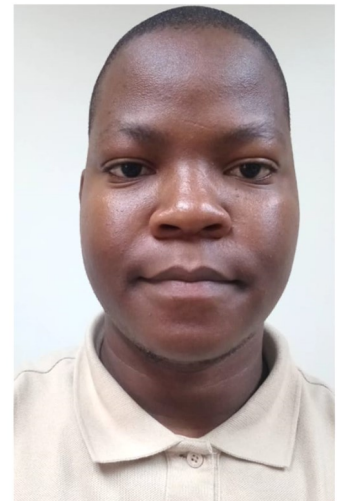


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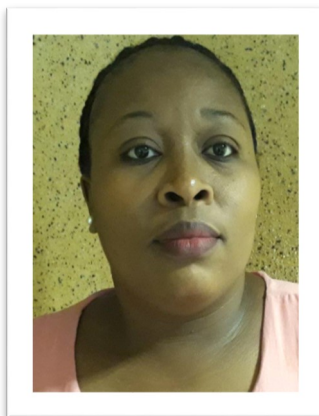
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