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# ILEMBE DISTRICT



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# NEWS

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## WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATED



**Members of KZN Legislature and the District Director: Ms T.E. Maphalala doing presentation during the TB Caucus in Shakashead Community Hall: KwaDukuza Local Municipality**

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# WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATED IN ILEMBE

The World Tuberculosis (TB) day is globally commemorated on 24 March of each year. The main aim of the commemoration is to raise public awareness about the world's deadliest infectious killer, its social and economic consequences and to step up the efforts to end the global TB epidemic. World TB day also provides the opportunity for community to unite in fighting TB, show support for people infected and affected by TB and to honour those who have succumbed to TB. The National theme for World TB is "Yes! You and I can End TB". The theme aims to encourage everyone to contribute against fighting TB.

The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature held a TB Caucus stakeholder engagement in KwaDukuza Local Municipality on 17 March 2023 in Shakashead Community Hall. The Chairperson of the Health Portfolio Committee: Honourable N.R Majola gave the purpose and objectives of the day and she emphasized that the importance of putting people in the centre of TB care, empowering communities with information about TB so that TB can be diagnosed and treated early. She stressed the importance of screening and testing, adherence to treatment, tracing and treatment of TB contacts. She also emphasized the importance of tracing and tracking of treatment interrupters and linking them back to care.

ILembe Health District Director: Ms. T. E Maphalala gave an overview of TB and HIV programme in ILembe District with special focus on quarter 1 to 3 performance. She alluded to the fact that TB is curable but remains one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity in KwaZulu-Natal. ILembe is amongst the 5 Districts with highest case notifications in the Province, she said. Ms Maphalala continued with her report that in quarter 3 of 2022/2023 financial year ILembe recorded 888 new TB cases, had TB treatment success rate of 72.2% and TB death rate of 9.2%.

In another TB event, the district commemorated TB month in a form of TB Indaba which was held on 15 March 2023 at ILembe Health District Boardroom. Different stakeholders (civil society, youth sector, People living with HIV, Religious sector, LBTQI representatives, Government Departments) were engaged on importance of TB Treatment adherence, strategies to decrease defaulter rate and provision of support to those that are infected by TB. Both engagements were a great success.



Love life stall



Audience attending TB Caucus



Health services provided

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# ISIBHEDLELA SIFIKILE KUBANTU BASEDRIEFONTENI KWADUKUZA

UMnyango weZempilo ngaphansi kwesiFunda seLembe ukusukumele ngezinga eliphezulu ukuhambisa izinsiza zeZempilo emiphakathini ekude nezikhungo zezempilo. UMqondisi wesiFunda uNksz Thembelihle Maphalala uhole ithimba eliqinisekise ukuthi lomkhankaso wokuyisa izidingo wenzeka ngezinga eliseqophelweni eliphezulu.

Kuqopheke umlando umphakathi baseDriefontein ngaphansi kukaMasipala waKwaDukuza bebona isibhedlela ehholo labo lomphakathi. Lokhu kwenzeka mhla ziyisihlanu kuNhlaba kuwolongyanka. Bawu 214 abantu ababonwa abezempilo ngalolusuku. Zonke izinsiza zezempilo zazikhona kubalwa no dokotela ababebona iziguli mahhala, ukuhlolwa nokunikezwa kwezibuko, speech therapy, uhlelo lokuthola abafuna ukusoka, imigomo yonke yayikhona, abezengqondo (Mental health care services), abazokuzwa (Audiology services), Physiotherapist (abamathambo), HAST services, Nutrition, Chronic services (izifo eziyimbelesela), ukufundiswa nokugonyelwa kwe Covid-19 kanye ukuhlolwa komdlavuzwa (Cancer screening).

Lomphakathi uluthokozele kakhulu loluhlelo wafisa ukuth sengathi lungaqhubeka njalo. Babe sebebonga ukuthi uMtholampilo ongumahambanendlwana (Mobile Clinic) uyafika njalo ngenyanga.

Kubasebenzi bezempilo abenza ukuthi lomkhankaso ube impumelelo sithi baqhubeke nokwenza okuhle ukusiza izakhamuzi zaKwaDukuza.



Minor ailments services



Chronic services



Doctor's examination room and Child Health care services

# KWADUKUZA SUB DISTRICT CELEBRATED NURSES DAY

The KwaDukuza Sub District celebrated International Nurses Day on 26 May 2023. This day is celebrated globally on 12 May annually. The theme for this year's celebration is **"Our Nurses, Our Future"**. The main aim of nurses day celebration is to recognize nurses as they are the backbone of the health system, they are dedicated and work tirelessly in ensuring that services are rendered efficiently and effectively. Sister Roshnee Bhagwandin: KwaDukuza Primary Health Care Manager gave the above purpose of the day and thanked all nurses for their hard work and dedication in improving health care system for Kwadukuza Sub District.

The guest speaker of the day, Rev. S. Shangase from the Provincial Department of Health: Employee, Health and Wellness unit spoke about courage as a cornerstone of nurse's profession. He encouraged nurses to meditate about being courageous every morning when they wake up so that they will be able to influence others. "Courage shows the world what you are capable of" Courage should be our everyday phenomena, said Rev. Shangase. When a nurse is courageous, he or she serves with dignity and smile. "People who lack courage have a tendency of judging those that live through courage".

The programme director Sister N. Mnguni who is the PHC Supervisor over emphasized the importance of putting patients first and she encouraged all nurses to wear a smile at all times when executing their duties. Mr Andile Mbeje, Provincial Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA) office Representative emphasized that nurses are the most vital organ in the health system because there is no health system without a nurse. He further applauded ILembe District for having zero percent of cases from the South African Nurses Council. In conclusion, Mr Mbeje encouraged nurses to recruit more students from high schools to choose nursing profession as their career of choice.

Matron M. Shabane: General Gizenga Mpanza Hospital also shared the same sentiment that nurses are the backbone in the health system and they should be proud of that. She encouraged them to study further in order to empower themselves and apply for management positions in the health system.

In closing candle lighting and the nurses pledge was done at the end of the programme and all attendees receive gifts from DENOSA as a symbol of appreciation.



Nurses during their event



Main guests: Left Rev Shangase(DOH Province), Matron Shabane(GJGM), PHC Manager: R. Bhagwandin and Mr Mbeje (DENOSA Provincial office)



Candle lighting and reading of the pledge during the event



# SENIOR MANAGERS RETIRE

ILembe Health District Office bids farewell to the three employees who served the Department of Health in various institutions for more than 30 years on 24 February 2023. Mr R. Phahla served the Department of Health for more than 30 years and retired at a level of Deputy Director: Human Resource Management. Mrs N.N Khumalo also served the Department of Health for more that 30 years in various institutions including Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and retired while she was a District Clinical Specialist for Primary Health Care. Mrs T. Radebe served for more than 30 years in various facilities including NGOs and also retired as a District Specialist: Paeds.



District Office team bids farewell to colleagues



Mrs N.N Khumalo: DCS: PHC delivering her speech and next to her is her husband : Mr Khumalo.

Good memories were shared with them during the event. Staff were filled with joy and thanked them for being an important part of the team.



District Office team bids farewell to colleagues



Mr R. Phahla: Deputy Director : HR delivering his speech and next to him is his wife Mrs Phahla.

The send off was a great success!



Mrs T. Radebe DCS: Paeds





# FAREWELL IN PICTURES



TEAM ILEMBE



Mr & Mrs Phahla receiving gift



Mr & Mrs Khumalo receiving gift



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RAJIV'S LOOK...MUM THOKO FINALLY YOU ARE GOING ... FAREWELL !!!



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