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## THE MEC FOR HEALTH DR SIBONGISENI DHLOMO ROLLOUT CENTRALISED CHRONIC MEDICATIONS DISPENSING & DISTRIBUTION

The MEC for Health: Dr S. Dhlomo, second from right doing walkabout at Sundumbili CHC before CCMDD rollout event at Sibusisiwe Hall . With him is Cllr S. Zulu: Mandeni Municipal Mayor , Cllr M. Zungu (left): Speaker for Mandeni Municipality and Mrs N.E Hlophe: I Lembe Health District Acting Director.



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# CCMDD ROLLOUT BY THE MEC AT ILEMBE CONT...

Lembe district is one of the eight (8) districts in KZN that rolled out CCMDD. The event took place at Sibusisiwe Hall in Mandini Municipality, ward 15 on 13 June 2017. Amongst the stakeholders who attended the event were the Mayor of Mandini Municipality, Speaker,

Amakhosi, Izinduna, Councilors, prescribers and champions of CCMDD and the community at large. About 1500 people attended the event and the MEC for Health Dr S.M. Dhlomo delivered the keynote address where he encouraged community members to make use of Pick Up points to collect their chronic medications. He further commended facilities for their good performance on CCMDD programme, especially Sundumbili CHC and its clinics. He urged community leadership and politicians to support the programme so that health facilities will be decongested and clients will have more time to do other things than to wait longer at the clinics and hospitals to collect their chronic medications.

More than 60% of prescriptions at iLembe hospitals, CHCs and PHC clinics are for chronic stable patients. This contributes to long waiting times at the facilities. This also creates additional workload on the public facility. However now, there are innovative ways of distributing chronic medicines that do not require patients to only visit the health facilities.

**iLembe District  
Health staff  
together with  
community  
members  
during aerobics  
session**



Different songs were sang during fun walk in order to promote CCMDD and encouraging patients to live a healthy lifestyle. During the briefing session for prescribers and politicians, the MEC commended pharmacists, nurses and doctors who always make sure that clients receive their treatment closer to their homes. He further engaged the Mayor of Mandeni: Cllr S. Zulu on CCMDD programme and he urged him to support the initiative.

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# CCMDD ROLLOUT BY THE MEC AT ILEMBE CONT...

The Mandeni taxi association transported 900 people to the venue free of charge with 30 taxis and each did 2 loads. Ikhwezi NGO also sponsored with their 2 quantumts to collect people from local clinics, big thank you to them.

On the day of the event, several activities that took place including fun walk, aerobics and screening services.

Other government departments including DSD and Agriculture also participated in rendering services. The department of health would like to thank all stakeholders for their support and making this event a successful one.



**Sundumbili CHC Choir performing at the event with the MEC for Health Dr Dhlomo, Cllr M Zungu (Speaker and CllrS. Zulu (Mayor)**



**Fun walk led by officials and community members**



**Audience listening to MEC's Speech**



**Aerobics led by Lele (Healthy Lifestyle coordinator)**





## MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN ILEMBE

Lembe Operation Sukuma Sakhe team led by KwaDukuza Municipality Mayor Councillor Ricardo Mthembu and Deputy Mayor of Ilembe Municipality Councillor Dolly Shandu embarked on an Anti-abuse march on Wednesday, 26 April 2017.

The march served as a build up to provincial anti-substance and drug abuse summit which will be hosted at Durban in May under the theme “KwaZulu-Natal unites against substance abuse in reclaiming our communities”

The march started at SADTU park to KwaDukuza taxi rank and on their way marchers chanted “down with substance abuse “and no more drugs in our community ! Mthembu urged the public to join forces with the public safety officials in order to be a formidable team against drug trafficking and substance abuse.

Mr Lindinkosi Majola spoke on his own ordeal with drug abuse having been a woonga addict for 7 years . “Drugs led to the community and my parents disowning me” he said. It even went to a point where he was beaten by the community members but he survived.

The event was a great success , people came in numbers to join the march.

# THE LAUNCH OF THE DISTRICT TRADITIONAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS STRUCTURE

*First row from left:*

**Ms L. Myeni : District HIV & Aids Coordinator,**

**Maphumulo Mayor: Cllr M Dlamini, Inkosi**

**Ngcobo , Maphumulo Deputy Mayor: Cllr Z. Ncalane, Ms N. Vezi from Mandeni Municipality.**

*Back row from left:*

**Mr MD Zulu, Mr B.B Khuzwayo, Mrs N.P Mchunu, Mr P.S Shezi, Mr R.S Gumede (THPs), Mr V. Gumbi from Wildlife**



Lembe Health District successfully launched its District Traditional Health Practitioners (THP) structure on 22 June 2017 at Ilembe Auditorium. The event was blessed by the presence of Maphumulo Municipal Mayor : Cllr M. Dlamini and the Deputy Mayor: Cllr Z. Ncalane. About 150 people attended the launch. The main purpose of the launch was to introduce the committee to all government structures in order to promote a good working relationship and ensure that they partake in all government activities. Prior to the launch, the district embarked on THPs elections for all local Municipalities namely; KwaDukuza, Maphumulo, Mandeni and Ndwedwe. Locals elected their committees and additional members from 11 April 2017 up until 30 April 2017.

Miss Vezi from Aids Foundation encourage Traditional Health Practitioners to refer clients to clinics and hospitals if there are conditions that they cannot treat like HIV and Aids, TB, Cancer etc. she further announce that THP's are now going to have their own Council where they will be reporting. Condoms were distributed by Aids Foundation to all THPs so that they will distribute them during consultations.

The Mayor of Maphumulo Municipality: Cllr Dlamini condemned the alleged killing of women , albinos and girls for selling of body parts and making traditional medicines. She further urged THPs to report such cases to SAPS if there are any. The District Chairperson of THP's, Mr S. Gumede committed that they will work with government in fighting diseases, poverty and crime.

The event was a huge success. Thanks to all stakeholders for their participation.



# SAPPI DONATES FILING CABINETS AND FILES TO KWADUKUZA CLINIC



*Left; Mrs Vani Naidoo (District Pharmacy Manager, Mrs N. E Hlophe, Acting District Director Mrs Shireen from Sappi and right: Ms J. Naidoo ( KwaDukuza Clinic pharmacist ), ENA Makhoba, Sister A.D. Dlamini ( Acting OM ) and Sister Nonhlanga*

Smiles were on the faces of ILembe district officials when SAPPI donated two filing cabinets and three files to KwaDukuza Clinic. The event took place on 17 May 2017 at KwaDukuza clinic. The gift was specifically for Central Chronic Medication Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) use.

Mrs Naidoo (District Pharmacy Manager) thanked SAPPI team for the donation since they really needed the filing cabinet as well as the files in Pharmacy Department for CCMDD use.

“The Department of Health has promised to create a mutual, beneficiary and continuous relationship with SAPPI, said Mrs Hlophe (District Acting Director) . She also mentioned that this gift is essential need to the clinic and it means the end of patient files being mixed up. This is also going to contribute a lot in reducing patients waiting time in the clinic, said Mrs Hlophe.

***A giving hand is blessed than the one that receives!!!***

# THEIR ROLES HAVE BEEN PLAYED AND ACHIEVED

## HAPPY RETIREMENT



Left: Mr S.G Vikilahle: Former District Director receive a gift from Dr Moopanar



Left: Mrs N. Nkwanyana receiving a gift from Ms M. Banda



Left: Mr S.G Vikilahle, former District Director, handing over a gift to Mrs N. Naidoo : former PHC Supervisor

## HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Ilembe Health District colleagues bid a warm farewell to their fellow colleagues who have reached their retirement.

The celebrations took place at the KwaDukuza town hall on the 31st of March 2017 for Mrs N. Nkwanyana and Mrs N. Naidoo. The district director Mr Vikilahle spoke on behalf of the Ilembe Health District and described Mrs Nkwanyana and Mrs Naidoo as an enthusiastic, humble ladies who has been competent throughout the years of her service at the Ilembe health district. In his speech he further expressed his gratitude for having worked with such wonderful colleagues, and his appreciation for their service to the department of health during all these years.

Mr Vikilahle's farewell took place on 25 April 2017 at Canelands Hotel in Salt Rock. Events were a great success and they will be missed by all for their great contribution in the

Department of Health.



# EZABASEBENZI ZIXOXWA NGEZITHOMBE



Zamo's  
baby  
shower



Sane's  
baby  
shower





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