

OLDER PERSONS AWARENESS DAY AND EMRS BASE LAUNCH

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Ilembe Health District hosted the above event where the MEC for Health – Ms N.P Nkonyeni officiated. The event took place on 5 September 2008 at Esidumbini Area. The statistics showed that within Ilembe Health District, EMRS is experiencing a 14% annual increase in the number of ambulance call requests. This can be partially attributed to the fact that more members of the community are using our services now. Due to the long traveling time to get to this area from the current bases, the establishment of this new Esidumbini Ambulance Base brings the services closer to the people. This contributes to improve access to Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS), and contributes to reducing our response times to this area, thereby improving service delivery.

The purpose of the event was to educate and create the awareness to the community about the Alzheimer's disease as it affects older persons and to launch the Esidumbini EMRS Base. The number of people that are getting abused because of Alzheimer's diseases is growing daily. The district thus decided to educate the public about this disease. The target group was the older persons and they came in numbers to attend the event.

Keynote address by the MEC focused on the following:

- ◆ Alzheimer's disease and how it leads to a abuse of older persons.
- ◆ Healthy Lifestyles
- ◆ Preventions of HIV and AIDS
- ◆ EMRS Services and how the community can access there and assist in preventing abuse of services.

Pamphlets on Alzheimer's disease, Healthy life-style, HIV and AIDS, Nutrition and EMRS Services were distributed to the community.



Abasebenzi emkhankasweni wak-waDukuza



Imilayezo ngesifo sofuba



Left: Ms T.B Mpanza (STA-CDC/TB) & M.C Mthembu (Lay Counselor)

*“Know your
status”*

*‘I TB iye-
lapheka, Hlola
Manje’*

U mnyango weZempilo ngaphansi kweLembe wazibandakanya emkhankasweni wokuhlolwa kwesifo sofuba (TB) mhlaziwu 28 kuNtulikazi kwaze kwaba mhlaka 1 kuNcwaba kuwolonyaka.

Inhloso yalomkhankaso kwakuwuqguquzela umphakathi ukuthi usheshe uhlole isifo sofuba ngoba siyathelelana kanti okuhle ngaso ukuthi siyalapheka uma udla amaphilisi ngendlela efanele noma olayelwe ngayo emtholampilo noma esibhedlela.

Lomkhankaso wenzelwa kumaSubDistrict amabili kuphela, okuyi Mandeni kanye ne KwaDukuza. Lomkhankaso waba enkulu impumelelo ngoba umphumela (Success rate) waba ngu 73%.

- ◆ Imizi eyavakashelwa ngezinsuku zomkhankaso yaba ngu 394.
- ◆ Abantu ababonwa kwakhulunywa nabo babangu 800.
- ◆ Abafika ezindaweni lapho kwakunomkhankaso khona baba ngu 660.
- ◆ Abahlowayo baba ngu 520
- ◆ Imiphumela yezikhwehlela eyatholakala yaba ngu 509
- ◆ Ababeqala ngqa ukubonwa babangu 11
- ◆ Abanye babo bathunyelwa ezikhungweni ezihlukene zezempilo. Ngaphandle kokuthi umphakathi wawuhlolwa iTB (Tuberculosis), wawubuye futhi ufundiswe ngokuziphatha uma umuntu esethole leligciwane, indlela yokudla amaphilisi, nokudla izidlo ezinomsoco uphinde unikwe namabhukwana okufunda. (Pamphlets).

ABET CELEBRATION AT GAMALAKHE



Crowd during ABET Celebration



Ilembe Health District ABET Learners



Message from the Office of the Premier

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he Office of the Premier of KwaZulu Natal hosted the above event at Esayidi FET College in Gamalakhe on the 11th of September 2008, of which the event takes place every year to encourage the learners to learn in order to eradicate illiteracy in the Province.

UNESCO (United Nations Education Science and Cultural Organization) launched international Learners week in September 2000, this was done in order to promote lifelong learning for all. The purpose of this day was to motivate ABET learners to further their learning programmes, to share and showcase best practices and experience with other learners from other Departments.

One hundred and sixty two (162) people from Ilembe Health District attended the event including ABET learners, Tutors, Human Resources Practitioners as well as Human Resource Managers.

The district has 130 students that are registered at different levels. The learners wrote the exams in November to December last year and some wrote their exam in May to June 2008. The pass rate was 86% however the district is facing a shortage of modules that are being provided by the Supplier which makes it difficult for the learners that are doing level 4. However the district

made a resolution to register all the learners who are doing level 4 with the Department of Education.



ABET Learners in the class

HIGHLIGHTS AND POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE VITAMIN A CAMPAIGN-AUGUST 2008



Here are critical child health issues that were identified during the campaign. The issues include the following;

- ◆ At the sites that were visited for monitoring, most children had the RtHC (Road to Health Card). Children that did not possess RtHC's were issued with new RtHC's. When comparing with the previous campaign in March, there was improvement in regard to possession of RtHC by the mothers at the sites.
- ◆ A lot of immunisation defaulters were seen in Shayamoya area (KwaDukuza sub-district), the number was however not recorded. There were children over one year who had only received immunisation during birth only. The district programme coordinators have planned to visit the area again during a weekend as was done for the campaign. The visit will focus on EPI (Expanded Programme on Immunisation) and other child related issues because many child health problems were discovered in that area. Children are not taken to the clinic for anything; the RtHC's viewed were empty. This revealed that children are not brought to the health facilities.
- ◆ Clinic visits by the children for GMP (Growth Monitoring Programme) is very poor in other areas. Children stay for months without going to the well baby clinic for weighing.
- ◆ Most parents still talk of the polio drops when you ask them when last the child was issued with the Vitamin A drops. The drops that are known are mostly polio drops.
- ◆ The Vitamin A recording was visible in most cards that were seen during the visits.
- ◆ At the urban sites of the campaign, requests were made by the public for screening for conditions such as diabetes, VCT & high blood pressure.
- ◆ MCDI assisted the district by providing Vitamin A pamphlets, which were issued to Mapumulo Subdistrict as they were not a lot.

5. CAMPAIGN RESULTS: TARGET FIGURES & COVERAGE

The campaign results for Ilembe are as follows;

District	No. of children 12-59 months issued with vitamin A	Target figure	Coverage
Ilembe Health District	55,598	58,820	94.5 %



Staff during the campaign

NB: The District Manager, Ms S. Dube would like to congratulate the district for their good performance and to thank all staff who participated during the campaign especially those who worked during the weekends. Well done Guys!



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VISION STATEMENT

To be better than the best in achieving optimal health status and a functional district health system for the community in Ilembe District

MISSION STATEMENT

With compassion, deliver comprehensive, integrated, coordinated, sustainable and responsive quality health care at all levels based on the primary health care approach through the district health system.

CORE VALUES

Committed to performance, courage to change/transform with honest, trust, integrity and mutual respect in an innovative, open and transparent manner.

BIRTHDAY'S CORNER-SEPTEMBER 2008

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUYS!

- ◆ Laba abalandelayo abazalwa ngenyanga kaMandulo (September), Nkhule ningakhokhobi.
- ⇒ Miss Thwala M-HIV and Aids Admin Officer
- ⇒ Mr Thusi B-STA Occupational Health and Safety
- ⇒ Miss Mutha J-Supply Chain
- ⇒ Miss Mbambo S.G –Data Capturer



- ◆ Active and dynamic. Decisive and hasty but tends to regret. Attractive and affectionate to oneself. Strong mentality. Loves attention. Diplomatic. Consoling, friendly and solves people's problems. Brave and fearless. Loving and caring. Usually have many friends.

