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## FROM THE CEO'S DESK

**T**he time has come; again; for us to reflect on what we have done over the past months and over a year; see what we have done well and note the areas where we could have done better. Team spirit is what we always aspire for as well as commitment to excellence, honesty, commitment to innovation and life long learning.

This is the period when we have to learn, learn and learn. Its an undisputed reality that we are faced with a Global pandemic of Covid-19 and this is testing our resilience and ability to stand together to achieve a common goal. Our adherence to the lockdown rules is essential in curbing the spread of the virus.

We should always remember that we cannot change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails to always rich our destination.

We are going to conquer : Sizoyinqoba. **My special thanks is extended to all the staff for all the good work.** One is mind full of the saying that “when I am wrong no one forgets but when I am right no one remembers”. At times one tends to forget the hard work that the staff embarks on and always point out the few wrongs that tend to mask the good things done; that is a common human error.

Our Principals have repeatedly bemoaned the pregnancy of children in their early teens, we also share the same sentiments.

Thanks to the team that organised the Pregnancy awareness event that was held at Ntumeni. I am also mindful of the fact that there are also heroes that work behind the scenes ; the unsung heroes; to make Mbongolwane the best institution, my thanks are also extended to them.

Participation of some staff members in the event for Ikhosomba lamajita was greatly appreciated.

I would love to extend my special thanks to our partners like MSF and Broadreach for continued support and team spirit to achieve a common goal; their work does not go unnoticed.

We are venturing into the year that seems to be a very difficult one financially, socially and otherwise; what is giving us strength; however; is that we are not alone. If God is on our side nobody will stand against us; we have to work and pray. As a family we have to stand together holding each other`s hand until the storm passes by and we sing the songs of victory.



**Mrs. S.I Mkhwanazi: C.E.O**



## TEENAGE PREGNANCY DIALOG



Ntumeni high schools learners with department of health officials during the teenage pregnancy dialog.

**M**bongolwane hospital recently held teenage pregnancy awareness programme on the 6th March 2020 at Ntumeni community hall.

The theme of the day was “Power to decide, knowledge is power”

Schools around Ntumeni were targeted due to the high rate of teenage pregnancy in the area.

Bishop B Mbatha opened the proceedings with prayer and Dr S Nxumalo talked about the impact of teenage pregnancy on the community, family and the teenager.

HIV and school drop out rates

were some of the problem areas discussed. Guest speaker Pastor N Mtshali, emphasized the importance of having a goal. “self-discipline and hard work are required to achieve success in life”, she said.

On the other hand, Male learners were given food for thoughts as they were introduced to Ikhosombe lamajita men’s health awareness and moral regeneration programme. This programme encourage male youth to take charge of their life and live a healthy life. They were capacitated with knowledge that will make them behave in an acceptable manner.

Human Resource manager: Mr. S.M Zungu presented bur-saries opportunities for matric pupils.

The learners were very happy with the campaign as well as the educators. Relationships were strengthened with the department of education in trying to fighting teenage pregnancy.

Mbongolwane hospital appreciate the support given by Keshnee Naicker from Youth friendly services in the Head office, King Cetshwayo health district and MSF (Doctors without borders)





## COVID -19 ACTIVATION CAMPAIGNS



Sr Magwaza interacting with passengers at Lindela taxi rank

Mbongolwane hospital held COVID 19 activation campaigns in different wards under uMlalazi municipality. The purpose of the activations was to create awareness about the coronavirus pandemic .

The community members were encouraged to wash hands regularly to fight against the spread of the virus.

Lindela taxi rank was one of the areas visited. During the visit at the rank ,health education was given to the commuters and taxi drivers.

Introduction of volunteers that will assist with the manning of our mobile washing bay placed at the rank was done. These volunteers undertook training on COVID 19. They will also assist with providing of-health education on the

virus. The team also visited Nxamalala multi purpose center to give out pamphlets regarding COVID 19.

### **Social grants pay points:**

The team was tasked to attend all grants pay points around the hospital catchment area. They played the crucial role in ensuring that social distance is maintained by the grant beneficiaries when queuing. The officials also assisted in ensuring that hands are washed before and after payments of social grants through our mobile

hand washing bay.

The support received from our partners MSF( doctors without borders) is always appreciated.

The hospital management will also like to extend gratitude to the community leadership for ongoing support during this difficult times of fighting COVID 19.





## FIGHTING COVID 19 THROUGH WASHING HANDS



Officials doing COVID 19 screenings and hand washing at Mbongolwane hospital

Since the government of South Africa declared Covid-19 as disaster, Mbongolwane hospital in collaboration with MSF (Doctors without borders) made some means to try bend the curve of coronavirus.

Water basins were installed in the entrance of the facility to ensure that all clients wash their hands before entering the clinical areas.

Screening tents and help desk was also placed in the entrance. All clients walking inside the facility get screened at the gate. This exercise will help the hospital to immediately identify the suspects and fast track them accordingly. Information brochures, posters and pamphlet pertaining to coronavirus are accessible at the helpdesk.

## COVID-19 MASS SCREENING AND TESTING



Team 2 during mass screenings & testing at Mkhushumane area

After the lock down call was pronounced by the President, hospitals were given the duty to conduct covid-19 mass screening and testing in their communities.

Mbongolwane hospital in responding to the above call immediately planned for the rollout of the

mass screening and testing. Community leadership and Hospital board members were engaged about the programme and they are part & parcel of the ongoing mass screenings and testing.

On the 14th of April 2020, the hospital initiated the programme by doing door to door at Hholongo area for mass screening and testing.

Most of the households were happy about the initiative as a result the teams were able to screen 274 people.

Although some households were reluctant to be screened because of the false information circulating on social media about the programme, we were able to give health education regarding the facts about coronavirus.

We call upon all communities to work with the government in trying to bend the curve of coronavirus by adhering to all regulations put in place.



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## MASS SCREENING & TESTING



## COVID 19 ACTIVATION CAMPAIGN



## HAND WASHING & SCREENINGS





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