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World AIDS Day 2006

“STOP HIV AND AIDS. KEEP THE PROMISE”

KwaZulu-Natal will join the rest of the world in commemorating World AIDS Day on December 1 this year under the theme - **“Stop HIV and AIDS. Keep the Promise”**

The Provincial event will be held at Umzinto Sports Stadium in Umzinto. This event will form a continuation of the initiative of taking parliament to the people, as the provincial parliament will be meeting in this area.

As part of the build-up to World AIDS Day, the Cabinet and other leaders of civil society will be visiting homes and families affected by HIV and AIDS. Food parcels, 200 toys for children and other gifts will be distributed to more than 60 needy families, especially child headed households.

KZN Premier, Dr. Sibusiso Ndebele, and the Members of the Executive Council (MEC), together with their administrative heads, will be divided into three teams and will visit homes of child-headed families, including institutions for home based care in the Ugu District.

Three municipalities will be visited on the day, that is, Vulamehlo, Umdoni and Umzumbe, which have been targeted on the basis of being the worst affected by the HIV and AIDS pandemic. These areas are also the most underprivileged in terms of social welfare resources.

The Premier together with the MECs will put on their overalls and do garden work and others will wear aprons and take care of the sick when they visit home-based care institutions.

The three teams have been divided as follows:

TEAM 1

KZN Premier, Dr. Sibusiso Ndebele will head the team to Vulamehlo Municipality, and he will be accompanied by the KZN MEC for Health, Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni as well as the MEC for Social Welfare, Dr. Meshack Radebe as well as mayors and traditional leaders.

TEAM 2

The team will be headed by KZN MEC for Housing and Local Government, Mr Mike Mabuyakhulu to Mdoni, and he will be accompanied by the MEC for Public Works, Ms. Lydia Johnson, Education MEC Ms. Ina Cronje and Ms. Weziwe Thusi, MEC for Arts & Culture.

TEAM 3

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison, Mr Bheki Cele will lead Team 3 to Mzumbe, and he will be accompanied by the MEC for Sports & Recreation, Mr. Amichand Rajbansi as well as MEC for Economic Development & Finance, Dr. Zweli Mkhize.

The meeting point for the morning session will be at the Umzinto Stadium at 8.30am.

Transport is available to transport media to the event and will leave outside the Durban Playhouse at 07h30 am.

Transport will also be available from the stadium for journalists who will be covering the visits.

The teams will then return to the stadium for World AIDS Day official event.

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