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**PRAYER DAY- 29 AUGUST 2006**

**“Women leading the struggle for quality health care: yesterday, today, tomorrow”**

As part of celebrating Women’s month the KZN Department of Health will on Tuesday, 29 August 2006 host a mass Women’s Prayer Day. Through this prayer day the department will not only be acknowledging the role played by women in the KZN Department of Health but it will also be a day to pray for divine intervention and guidance over all the challenges facing this department. These include the high rate of many diseases in our province, the high rate of sickness and health among our own staff as well as the highly taxing nature of the work that staff members do everyday

The theme adopted for the day is, “Women leading the struggle for quality health care: yesterday, today and tomorrow”. The shortage of quality health care remains a universal challenge and women are at the forefront of the struggle for quality healthcare. On the 29<sup>th</sup> female staff members from all over the province as well as members of the female clergy in the province will come together to acknowledge the role played by women in the struggle for quality healthcare and also to pray for all the ills plaguing health issues in the province. Over 1000 women are expected to partake in this event and this will include 600 female healthcare workers from all over the province -- this will be done in a manner that will ensure that health delivery is not compromised -- as well as 400 members from the female clergy in the province.

Members of the media are invited to attend and report on this event.

Details of the event are as follows:

**DATE: 29 AUGUST 2006**  
**TIME: 9H00**  
**VENUE: ROYAL SHOWGROUNDS, PMB**

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