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TB BLITZ CAMPAIGN IN UTHUNGULU

The Provincial Department of Health is intensifying its campaign to increase awareness through social mobilization about the serious TB crisis, which is affecting some parts of the province. The Premier Sbu Ndebele together with KZN Health MEC Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni will on Tuesday, 3 October 2006 lead a TB Blitz Campaign in the Uthungulu district. The blitz will include a visit to homes of people affected by TB and in taxi ranks around Empangeni and Nseleni. Ethekwini, Uthungulu, uMzinyathi and Umgungundlovu districts are the four districts that have seen an increase in TB, MDR TB and X-DR TB cases since January 2005. Currently there are 703 TB cases in the uThungulu district. In August this year the National Minister for Health Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang together with MEC for Health, Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni embarked on a two-day TB Blitz Campaign in the eThekwini district. The TB Blitz Campaign is a follow-up to the launch of the National TB Management Crisis Plan in Durban this year. Details of the uThungulu TB Blitz Campaign are as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 03 OCTOBER 2006

VENUE: NSELENI STADIUM, EMPANGENI

TIME: 11H30

The media is invited to attend and report on this event. Transport for media is available and will leave outside the Durban Playhouse at 8h30 am.

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