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## **NORTHDALÉ HOSPITAL CELEBRATES WORLD AIDS DAY 2013**

In commemoration of World AIDS day the staff of Northdale ARV clinic organized a prayer on the 06th of December 2013. The purpose of the event was to share the vision, mission and the progress of the clinic. Thembaletu Wellness Clinic—as NDH ARV Clinic is called showcased their tremendous progress. Dr Gwetu noted that the clinic has initiated 15 000 patients at the moment. They are seeing 500 patients a day and have initiated 2 200 this year only.

The event was blessed with the presence of Bridget .... Who is an AIDS activist. She belongs to a support group called ZAZI they offer support to HIV and AIDS affected people. Bridget shared a moving story with the patients, she gave everybody that has not tested a reason to get tested for HIV. She was accompanied by her husband and one member from her support group.

Candle lighting was done as a sign of remembrance for all the people that died of AIDS and those affected by the pandemic. As the theme of the event was Get Wise, Get Tested, Get Circumcised, men were urged to go Medical Male Circumcision (MMC). The benefits of MMC were outlined to patients.



**THE DEDICATED STAFF OF ARV , WHICH COMPRISES OF NURSES, DOCTORS,  
LAY COUNCILORS AND SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF.**



**Above** : Mrs. DuPreez hospital CEO with other staff members holding lit candles. Candle lighting is done as a norm when commemorating world aids day.

Below: ARV staff and Mr. S. Pillay Assistant Nursing Manager also took part in the candle lighting.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip who gave a message of hope to the crowd.



Sister Subhan giving vote of thanks at the end of the event .



Dr. Gwetu gave background information of the clinic. She also noted the progress of the clinic from the time it started.



Nurse R. Reddy lighting candle and marking the commemoration of the World AIDS Day.

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