



PHOENIX CHC

NEWS

July - December 2021

WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT



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On the 01st of December 2021 our institution celebrated World Aids Day event. The theme of the day was “End inequalities & End AIDS”. The main purpose of the event was to increase and encourage public awareness of HIV and AIDS. The programme director for the day was Mr. B.

Phewa (Lay counselor) and the opening prayer was done by Mrs.P.G Makeke from HST.

Welcoming and the purpose of the day was done by Matron .B.G Msomi (ANM for Acute And ICDM). The guest speaker Mrs. N. Radebe (HIV counselor from HST) informed patients about HIV and Testing services that are rendered in the facility. She further stated that these services are offered for people to know their status as well as initiating treatment to support their viral load and it also assists to be healthy and to continue with their livelihood. Other departments participated in this programme were Social Services , Infection Control and Nutrition Advisor. There was also a question and answer session where patients were asked questions and given incentives/gifts. Patients were thrilled with the information and they were served with refreshments. Thank you to all staff members that came on board in making this function a success.



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Sr. N. Sibisi (HST) and Sr. Thumbaran



Matron B. G Msomi welcoming the patients



Staff and patient listening to different speakers



Staff and patients during candle lighting



Mrs. S. Shusha (Social worker) giving a talk about social service .



COVID19 SCREENING AND TESTING AT ELEV 8 CHURCH IN BROOKDALE



Community members waited patiently to get tested for Covid-19

Phoenix CHC is currently running a mass testing site for screening and testing of Covid-19 for the community members. The main aim of this site is to minimize the spread of COVID-19 infection in the Phoenix area since it has been identified as one of the hot spot areas. We were also assisted by eThekweni Community Participation and Ward Councilors to mobilize the community in the Phoenix area and other surrounding catchment areas. The response from the community is very good

and community members are coming out in numbers to get tested. Management would like to send their sincere gratitude to Pastor Kevin the owner and the founder of the church for allowing us to utilize the church and to all the relevant stakeholders in making this programme a success.



Waiting area for patients and observing social distancing



Registration area for covid 19



Testing of Covid 19



UNICEF SUPPORT VISIT AT BHAMABAYI TESTING SITE



Sir M.Mavuso (OTL) addressing the UNICEF delegates

On the 20-29 September 2021 delegates from UNICEF visited the vaccination site in different selected districts. In eThekweni district (Bhambayi vaccination site) was among the sites that was visited and supported by UNICEF to review the shortfall in terms of target and to improve ways of attracting people that are eligible to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

We had the UNICEF truck on site to assist in extensive social mobilization and community mobilization. The truck was flexible to be used for and to make the most of its availability and support. Activities that were done on site were as follows : Vaccination, COVID-19 screening and testing, HIV and AIDS services, distribution of pamphlets to the community, loud hailing— crowds pulling with truck, assist with registration of all cohorts, actual vaccination activation, post vaccination education etc. Management would like to thank all the staff members that participated in this programme.



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COVID19 SCREENING AND TESTING AT NEW GENERATION CHURCH & CORNERSTONE CHURCH.



Ms. N. Masondo (Deputy Director : Clinical & Programs) and the team in action.

Phoenix CHC had a Mass testing site for screening and testing of COVID-19 in July and August. The aim of these sites was to minimize the spread of the third wave infection in the Phoenix area since it was one of the hotspot area. The District team came on board to assist facilities. eThekwini community participation and Ward Councilors also participated in mobilizing community to get tested. We were joined by HST who were offering

HIV& AIDS services. The response was very good and community members came out in numbers.



Community members waiting for their results (Covid-19)



Registration desk for Covid-19



EThekwini community participation assisting during motorcade.



Staff distributing pamphlets to the public



TB WELLNESS DAY EVENT

On the 19th of August 2021, IRD (TB MATE Project) hosted a TB Wellness day at Phoenix Community Health Centre to create awareness and education about TB. The purpose of the day was to educate about TB symptoms and the importance of treatment adherence to decrease the spread of TB and ensure a better quality of life. The event was open to all individuals at risk and the Phoenix community members, at large.

During the event, the IRD team (TB Mate Study Coordinator, TB Mate Research Associates and Health Promoter) invited the community for participation and had a great response from the members. Upon registration, the community members received wellness booklets, had the opportunity to be screened for TB and gained more information about TB symptoms and the importance of treatment adherence from the health promotion talk. The participants and community members proved to have a great understanding of TB, even though a few were referred to the clinic nurses for TB investigation due to presenting with some TB symptoms. In obedience to the COVID-19 restrictions, the team ensured social distancing and wearing of masks at all times.

The community members and staff from Phoenix CHC showed much support and welcomed the IRD team with open arms. Therefore, as a token of appreciation to the community, the team provided lunch and handed out incentive packs and fruits to all those who participated. In conclusion to the event, a lucky draw was held and winners were given gift vouchers and back packs with educational material for children). The joy and gratitude in the faces of the community members, those who participated in particular, assured the team of a



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