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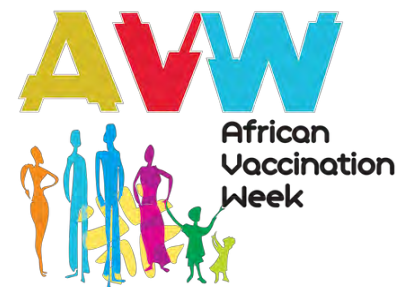
UGU HEALTH DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED AFRICA VACCINATION WEEK



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African Vaccination Week is mainly a crucial reminder of the life-saving power of all vaccines. Normally National Department of Health organize events or awarenesses to commemorate Africa Vaccination Week which is in the last week of April. In 2023, Ugu Health District was identified to hold these events which started on 24 April and ended on 28 April.

Even though other sub-district under Ugu District were visited, Umzumbe Municipality was the main host of these events. The big awareness event which saw in large number of community members attending was at Bhanoyi area National, Provincial, District, Mfundo Arnold Lushaba CHC joined together in organizing this event



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UGU HEALTH AFRICA VACCINATION WEEK

National and District Partners also joined in making the event successful. Different services were offered but emphasising on the importance of getting fully vaccinated starting from COVID-19 to polio, diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis B, influenza, rotavirus, measles, and the human papillomavirus (HPV). Communities were reminded that vaccines offer protection against deadly diseases, which is why it is important that every one gets fully vaccinated. When a person gets the vaccine, immune system responds. The country is now having vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases, helping people of all ages to live longer and healthier. Delivering their speeches National, Provincial and District Managers, encouraged the community to bring their children when they are due for their vaccines, people to continue taking their Covid-19

vaccines as it is now available in all clinics. Early health seeking behaviour was also encouraged especially from men as they normally do not come to health facilities until they get seriously ill.

Other departments also supported the event as they joined with their services. The event was successful and Community Health Workers to do their work of encouraging people to visit health facilities.



Dr Z Bikisha and Ms Maseti addressing the community



Community came in numbers



Home Affairs was also on site to render their services



NGO also supported the Vaccination Week



UGU HEALTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Mrs Linda Dlamini-Ugu Health District Director

For the first quarter of the year we are all systems go, full of energy and inspiration. All facilities have signed off operational plans and a budget is still at 100% for all work to begin on a clean slate. This quarter, in response to geographic areas that do not have fixed facilities, a number of activities including “Isibhedlela Kubantu” so that those communities on a periodic schedule access services. Teams are working hard to improve from the outputs seen in the last financial year

The Easter holidays were right at the beginning of the quarter which needed facilities to be ready for Easter outbreaks due to congestions at congregations. During this period a devastating disaster of fire swept informal settlements of Masinenge and the inclement weather in May and June resulting in flooding and mudslides. The national vaccination week launch targeted Ugu and was launched at Umzumbe with a very good turnout and support by the World Health Organisation and all levels of the state. The launch was informed by the poor performance in child health prevention services.

The South African Nursing Council recognised Nurse Dudu Ndlovu who is working at PSRH as a Forensic Nurse with the Council Award. This award shows the dedication that the staff has for the patient served.

Care of the carer brought interdepartmental games to the district. Teams from different departments competed in sport and comradeship to retreat while representing the department.

The AIDS conference in June brought about different learnings from international scientists who shared new developments in the field of HIV, AIDS and TB. A number of representatives from the district participated in this conference to learn and come back and share the learnings.

The quarter closed off with a multi party leader of government visits. The communities voiced out their needs which the department is working out how these needs are going to be met.



UMNYANGO WEZEMPILO OGWINI ULWA NESIHLAVA SOKUKHULELWA KWABANTWANA BESASESIKOLENI



Ithimba labasebenzi abanikeze usizo lwezempilo



Abafundi balulekwe ngokuziphatha



Abafundi bakulangazelele ukuthola usizo lwezempilo



Kugqugqazelwe ukusoka kwabafana

Bangaphezu kuka-350 abafundi ababonwe uMnyango weZempilo esikoleni l Inani endaweni yase St Faiths kuMasipala Umzumbe ngenhloso yokubaqwashisa ngokukhulelwa kwabantwana besebancane noma besasesikoleni. Lokukuqwashisa kuhlelwe ithimba elisebenzisana nezikole ngomhlaka 5 May 2023.

Kulesisikhathi samanje kubalulekile ukuthi sisondele futhi sibe abangani nabantwana sibambisene siyinhlaka zikahulumeni kanye nezizimele ukuqinisekisa ukuthi silwa nobhubhane lokuzibandakanya kwabo ocancini okuholela ekukhulelweni. Uma sikhuluma namantombazane, akumele abafana sibashiye ngaphandle ukuze bonke bezokwazi

ngokubaluleka kokuzivikela. Kubalulekile ukuqwashisa intsha ngaso sonke isikhathi ukuze bahlale behlomile.

Abafundi bakuthakasele kakhulu ukuthola usizo lwezempilo ngokukhethekile kanye nokuqwashiswa. Bathole ithuba lokubuza imibuzo ngezinto ezi-bathintayo. Lolusuku lube impumelelo kakhulu njengoba nezinye izinhlaka beziphume ngobuningi bazo ukuzofaka isandla ukuze kusizakale abantwana. Loluhlelo lokuqwashisa abantwana lusazoqhubeka kwisiFunda Ugu njengoba ziziningi izikole ezisazovakashelwa ukuze kushunyayelwe ivangeli kubantwana besikole.

Intsha ibalulekile, nokuyingakho nemitholampilo in-ohlelo olukhethekile olubhekene nayo nokwenza ukuthi uma ifika emitholampilo ifike ilindwe umsebenzi ozobhekana nayo nqgo.

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SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF WELLNESS PROGRAMME FOR EMS AND FPS IN UGU



EMS and FPS Team



EMS and FPS Team



Rev Sgungu Shangase



Organising Team

Department of Health Provincial Employee Health and Wellness Component visited Ugu Health District on the 9th of June 2023 to launch the Emergency Services and Forensic Pathology Services Program. This was the call from MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane for a program specific intervention to assist the cohort of EMS and FPS employees as they deal with a lot of trauma related cases.

Employees of these two categories are exposed to these events on a daily basis. Some cases will slip behind the professional guard and become personal especially as they are working in communities they live in. They are more likely to know people they attend to, which may not be easy for them.

The department has launched the wellness support which will assist them to deal with the trauma they encounter every day. Ugu Health District launch was successful as of employees came in number which was the confirmation that they really needed the service. In their launch which was well organized by the District Wellness Component, they were able to talk as they were given time for debriefing.

Screening was also done as they were coming to the venue, Occupational Health Nurses from facilities were responsible for their screening. During the screening they were personally counselled and encouraged to use Occupational Health Services as this can assist

them to deal with many issues that may affect them health wise and also to utilize Employee Wellness Services which is also available in all Ugu Health Facilities.

EMS and FPS employees also need support from their colleagues, families, friends and even from the communities. They need to be treated with dignity and not be harassed when they are out there doing their job.

On this day which was having various activities, they were able to talk, and had interesting games which was coordinated and handled by Head Office. Each and every one of them participated and the day was fruitful.

As the MEC made a call, all districts were able to launch with the assistance of Head Office. Ugu Health District is committed to continue to assist and give support to EMS and FPS. They are welcome to seek trauma counselling and access employee wellness services which are available in all Ugu Hospitals and CHC

Ms Dasiree Du Rand and Mrs Zanele Ndwandwe who are District Coordinators, extend appreciation to all who supported the event on the day

UGU HEALTH DISTRICT EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAMME

UHLELO ISIBHEDLELA KUBANTU LUYAWUSEBENZELA UMPHAKATHI WASOGWINI



Umphakathi wasoGwini waluthakasela uhlelo Isibhedlela Kubantu nokuwuhlelo olwethulwa uNgqongqoshe weZempilo u Nksz Nomagugu Similane. Loluhlelo luhlose ukwenza izinto zibe lula ikakhulukazi kulabo abakuthola kunzima ukuvakashela ezibhedlela nasemitholampilo ukuyofuna usizo lwezempilo.

Inhloso yaloluhlelo ukukhipha zonke izinsiza kusebenza ziyiswe endaweni yomphakathi kuyovulwa isibhedlela sosuku. Odokotela, amanesi, abamazinyo, abasebenza ukwelula imisipha, osokhemisi, abamehlo, imigomo, ukuhlolwa komdlavuza kwabesilisa nabesifazane, kanye nokunye okuningi okutholakala esibhedlela kuba khona kusondezelwe kubantu.



Umphakathi uyaluthakasela loluhlelo ngoba akulindwa isikhathi eside umuntu ufika athole usizo aludingayo ahambe, uma kunesidingo sokudluliselwa esibhedlela lokho kuyenzeka ngokukhulu ukushesha njengoba besuke bekhona abezimo eziphuthumayo.

Ngomhlaka 5 May 2023 isibhedlela I GJ Cookes ithathe loluhlelo yaluyisa kumphakathi waseMzinto lapho abantu bephume ngobuningi babo. Okuthokozise kakhulu ukubona abemboni yamatekisi besondela ukuzothola usizo lwezempilo baphinde bathola ukwelulekwa. Lelidolobha liba nabantu abaningi kakhulu njengoma izindawo eziningi zisebenzisa lona, ukuletha usizo lwezempilo kwenza umuntu enze lokhu akuzele edolobheni aphinde asizakale nangempilo ngokuthola ukuhlolwa kanye nokwelashwa.



Ekhuluma nomphakathi ngalolusuku uMphathi si-Funda uNkk Linda Dlamini ugqogquzele umphakathi ukuba usheshe usukume uma umuntu ezwa engathi kukhona angakuzwa kahle ngempilo yakhe ukuze asheshe asizakale. Uphinde wachaza ngokubaluleka kokuhlolola izifo eziyimbelesela "HLOLA MANJE" ngoba kubalulekile ukuzazi ukuthi ume kuphi. Utshale umphakathi ukuthi loluhlelo uMnyango weZempilo usaqhubeka nokuthatha loluhlelo uluyise nakwezinye izindawo njengoba kubalulekile ukufinyelela kuwo wonke umuntu.

Khona manjalo Isibhedlela I Murchison iphinde yahlela uhlelo olufanayo endaweni yase Mthimude ngenyanga uJune nalapho umphakathi wakulendawo uphume ngobuningi bawo ukuzothala usizo lwezempilo.

IsiFunda Ugu asimile ngaloluhlelo njengoba izibhedlela ziqhubeka nokuyisa usizo emphakathini.

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SAFE CAESAREAN STATUS FOR UGU HOSPITALS



St Andrews Hospital Management Team



Murchison Hospital Management Team



Port Shepstone Hospital Management Team



GJ Crookes Hospital Management Team

Ugu Health District recently conducted a safe Caesarean audits. These audits were conducted to all four hospitals under Ugu District and they all achieved the status. Its a National Saving Mothers Recommendations that Ugu District endorses, aimed at ensuring safe maternal outcomes. In a previous period nationally maternal mortality following bleeding at caesarean section was alarming, so this strategy was formulated.

The audit ranges from assessment of surgical systems put in place, safe-guarding theatre measure protocols are reviewed. Interviewees managing both mothers post-caesarean section and the new borns at birth formulate part of the pre-specified audit. These are randomly selected on the day of audit.

The audit has a four-tier graded scoring, Gold, Silver Bronze, Fail/Non-compliance. Caesarean section is the most commonly performed surgical procedure especially at district level, and where a facility has performed sub optimally, this allows for identification of potential quality improvement measures in order to

ensure full compliant status. Fortunately in Ugu all hospitals have Gold status for the minimum standard required.

Hospital Management Teams were awarded with certificates by the District in a District Management Team Meeting held in Margate Hotel in quarter 4. Acknowledgement and recognition of the specified roles and responsibilities from specific managers was also done. A continuum of caesarean section auditing in order to ensure that potential pitfalls and gaps are recognised early, and safety maintained for favourable maternal and neonatal outcomes

Audit is in two formats, one by the external team and internally by hospital senior managers which assist hospitals to easily identify gaps.

The frequency of the external audit is determined by any adverse outcome concerns, or employment of new staff members in the maternity unit, or set at a 3-5year frequency. Whilst internal facility auditing is recommended at a quarterly basis.





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