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UMKHANYAKUDE CONTINUES TO IMPLEMENT NQONQO – SIKHULEKILE EKHAYA



Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of different categories of health workers led by Ward-Based Primary Health Care Outreach Team (WBPHCOT), and Community Care Givers (CCGs) visiting a household in ward 18 in Umhlabuyalingana to render health services during Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya”* door-to-door programme.

Furthermore, the district added Malaria screening and health education in the programme of teams that were visiting households; this was a valuable approach since Umkhanyakude is malaria zone and summer rains have started hence it was important to alert community members.

Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya programme in Umhlabuyalingana's ward 18



District Director Ms. M.P. Themba during Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya

Health services were rendered to members of households

On 10th December 2019 Umkhanyakude Health District conducted its 2nd Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya programme in Umhlabuyalingana's ward 18, Phelandaba area.

MEC for Health in KZN Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu launched the programme last month in Mtubatuba ward 4; and instructed that every month each district must conduct Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya in their respective communities. The objective of the programme is to improve health outcomes in the Province, by focusing on preventative, promotive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare

in an integrated, comprehensive and effective way. Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of different categories of health workers led by Ward-Based Primary Health Care Outreach Team (WBPHCOT), and Community Care Givers (CCGs) walked through sandy and bushy paths of Umhlabuyalingana on a rainy day conducting Nqonqo – Sikhulekile Ekhaya* door-to-door programme hunting social problems faced by ordinary household members and addressing them on the spot.

Several households were visited and teams were armed with equipment hence they managed to

provide health services such as BP, Diabetes, and HIV screenings. The members of the community were also encouraged to make use of their nearest clinics and mobile points. However, the challenge that seemed to prevail was the one of identity documents which hindered most community members from accessing government services. In one household, a 17 year old boy had to quit school at Grade 8 because he had neither birth certificate nor identity document. Nevertheless, all problems concerning other government departments are channeled accordingly.

District Director Ms. M.P. Themba

Isibaya samadoda launched in Mseleni

Isibaya Samadoda structure was launched in Mseleni under ward 5 in Umhlabuyalingana on 12th December 2019. Present was the Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu who is the TB & Male Medical Circumcision Ambassador in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. The event was also blessed by the presence of Inkosi YeSizwe sakwaMabasa K.T.H. Nxumalo.

Men from Mseleni and surrounding areas filled the Vuka Mabasa Hall with a purpose of listening to issues concerning them. Among key issues of discussion included: gender based violence, alcohol and substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, supporting children and families, male medical circumcision, testing of TB/HIV and other communicable diseases and so many other male related issues.

The launch was organized by Ward 5 Operation Sukuma Sakhe Waroom; Cllr T.J. Nxumalo was at a centre stage as the ward champion to ensure that the programme becomes a success. Furthermore, the event was the collaboration of government departments, Umhlabuyalingana municipality and so many social structures that form part of civil society.

Inkosi KTH Nxumalo told men that “The launch happened at the time when the country is riddled by the incidents of murder, rape, and other forms of violence directed at women and children. These incidents are doing a lot of harm to the reputation of our country and pose a serious threat to unity and cohesion within our society. The rising tide of incidents of violent attacks and sexual offenses against women and

children are a sure sign that something is broken within the fabric of our society.”

The prince urged men to play an active role in their respective communities when it comes to addressing social ills such as substance and drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, crime, and rape. Isibaya samaDoda is expected to conduct dialogues going forward and on issues of concern in order to influence behavioural change among men.



Operation Sukuma Sakhe Task Team that planned the launch with Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu after the programme at Mseleni Hospital

Isibaya samadoda launch in pictures



Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu addressing men



Inkosi KTH Nxumalo was pleased with the launch



Clr T.J. Nxumalo



Mr. M.M. Gumede (social services)



Indlamu and maskandi entertainment



Mr. S.S. Mbonambi (speaker)



Men came in numbers and filled Vuka Mabasa Hall



Sir N. Mbambo (Hast)



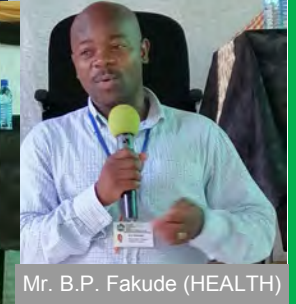
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