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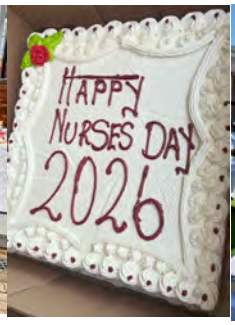
NURSES DAY CELEBRATION 2026

Not all heroes wear capes; some wear nursing uniforms and change lives every day. "King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex – Nurses Day Celebration 2026."Our Nurses. Our Future."



"Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives"

King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex proudly joined the world in commemorating International Nurses Day 2026 under the theme: "Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives"

Celebrated annually on 27 May, the birthday of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, International Nurses Day provides an opportunity to recognize and honour the dedication, compassion, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated by nurses every day in serving our communities.

The celebration was a memorable and uplifting occasion attended by management, nursing professionals, stakeholders, partners, and support staff. The venue was beautifully prepared, creating an atmosphere of pride, appreciation, and celebration. Guests were welcomed with excellent hospitality, vibrant décor, and a programme that reflected the invaluable contribution nurses make to healthcare.

The proceedings commenced with a grand entrance led by Nurse Managers and members of the Executive Committee. This was followed by the Nurses' Pledge, led by Nursing Manager ND Zihle, supported by the Executive Committee, and proudly recited by nurses from across King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex. The pledge reaffirmed the nursing profession's commitment to ethical practice, compassionate care, professionalism, and service excellence. The symbolic Lamp Lighting Ceremony followed, reminding attendees of Florence Nightingale's enduring legacy and the guiding light nurses continue to provide to patients and communities.

Programme Directors Mr Duma and Mrs Ndlovu expertly guided the day's proceedings, ensuring a lively, engaging, and inspiring programme.

Dr Z. F. Dlamini delivered the welcoming address and outlined the purpose of the celebration, emphasizing the importance of recognizing nurses as the backbone of the healthcare system and acknowledging their sacrifices, resilience, and unwavering commitment to patient care.

One of the highlights of the day was the powerful keynote address delivered by Dr Sipho Mkhize. His message resonated deeply with attendees as he spoke passionately about professionalism, nursing ethics, accountability, leadership, compassion, commitment, and the critical role nurses play in strengthening health systems. He encouraged nurses to continue striving for excellence, reminding them that empowered nurses are instrumental in saving lives and transforming healthcare outcomes.

The presentation on Nursing Ethics, themed "My Profession, My Pride," reinforced the values of integrity, dignity, respect, and ethical conduct that define the nursing profession. The session inspired nurses to remain committed to upholding the highest standards of patient care.

Entertainment throughout the programme was exceptional. Sr Luthuli, together with a team of dedicated nurses, captivated the audience with beautiful musical performances that brought energy, inspiration, and joy to the celebration. One of the most touching moments was the rendition of "Celebrate Me" by Inga Rose, which served as a powerful reminder to nurses of the invaluable role they play in healthcare. The song encouraged nurses to recognize and celebrate their contribution to healing, caring, and improving the lives of patients every day.

The dance performances added excitement and laughter to the event. The Cleaning Services Team delivered a vibrant cultural dance that received enthusiastic applause from the audience. Another highlight was the energetic "Staying Alive" performance inspired by the Bee Gees classic and coordinated by Anneline Lazarus, with representatives from various nursing domains participating. Beyond entertainment, the presentation creatively showcased the expertise, knowledge, and life-saving skills of nurses in their respective areas of practice. Through music, movement, and teamwork, participants demonstrated how nurses contribute daily to saving lives, promoting recovery, and ensuring quality patient care.

The event also featured valuable contributions from DENOSA and sponsors, who expressed their appreciation for nurses and their dedication to patient care. Their messages reinforced the importance of supporting and investing in the nursing profession.

A particularly moving moment was the Appreciation of Nurses address delivered by Dr Mabesa, who paid tribute to the dedication, sacrifice, compassion, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated daily by nurses across all departments. He acknowledged their unwavering commitment to serving patients and communities, often under challenging circumstances.

The celebration culminated in the ceremonial cake cutting, accompanied by the uplifting song "Celebration" by Kool & The Gang. This symbolic moment brought together nurses, management, and guests in recognition of the profession's achievements and contributions.

Guests were treated to a top-class catering experience, with a delicious and beautifully presented menu that was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. The quality of the food and refreshments contributed significantly to the festive atmosphere and overall success of the event.

The day was filled with inspiration, laughter, music, dancing, appreciation, and reflection. Most importantly, it provided an opportunity to honour the men and women who dedicate their lives to caring for others.

As King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every nurse for their unwavering commitment, compassion, professionalism, and service.

To all our nurses:
"You are the heartbeat of healthcare, the comfort in times of uncertainty, the strength behind recovery, and the hope that inspires healing. Thank you for the extraordinary difference you make every day."

Happy International Nurses Day 2026!
Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives

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NURSES DAY CELEBRATION 2026 PHOTO GALLERY.

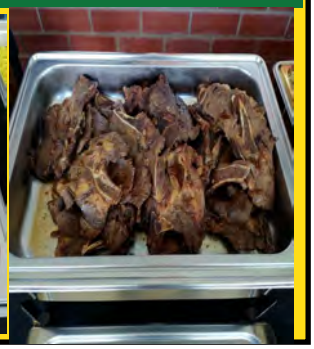
Nursing is not what you do, it is who you are."

Celebrating the Heartbeat of Healthcare

Today we honour the dedication, compassion, and resilience of our nurses who continue to make a difference in the lives of our patients every day. Thank you for your selfless service.

Our Nurses, Our Pride, Our Future

Together, we continue to provide quality healthcare, inspire hope, and uphold the highest standards of patient care. Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system.



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King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex Marks Hand washing DAY Campaign 2026.

King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex commemorated World Hand Hygiene Day on 8 May with a vibrant awareness campaign aimed at promoting proper hand hygiene practices among healthcare workers, patients, visitors, and members of the public.

Held under the slogan **"Clean Hands, Safe Lives,"** the event highlighted the critical role that hand hygiene plays in preventing infections, reducing the spread of diseases, and protecting both patients and healthcare workers within healthcare settings.

The campaign brought together various departments across the hospital, who used innovative and engaging methods to educate attendees on infection prevention and control. Through poetry, drama, dance performances, and practical demonstrations, participants delivered powerful messages about the importance of maintaining good hand hygiene at all times.

Healthcare workers demonstrated the correct handwashing technique, emphasizing the importance of washing hands thoroughly with clean running water and soap. The demonstrations included proper cleaning of the palms, backs of hands, between fingers, fingertips, and under fingernails before rinsing and drying hands correctly. The use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers was also promoted as an effective alternative when soap and water are not readily available.

Addressing attendees during the event, hospital representatives emphasized that hand hygiene remains one of the simplest, most effective, and cost-efficient measures to prevent healthcare-associated infections and save lives. Patients, visitors, and staff were encouraged to take personal responsibility for maintaining high standards of cleanliness and infection prevention.

The awareness activities created an atmosphere of learning and collaboration while reinforcing the hospital's commitment to patient safety, quality healthcare, and infection prevention. The event demonstrated that everyone has a role to play in preventing the spread of germs and ensuring a safer healthcare environment.

Poster Competition Winners

The poster competition showcased creativity and innovation in promoting hand hygiene awareness.

1st Position: Ward M
2nd Position: Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department
3rd Position: NHLS

Awareness Activities Competition Winners

Departments also competed through educational and awareness activities aimed at promoting hand hygiene and infection prevention.

1st Position: Cleaning Services Department
2nd Position: Ward M
3rd Position: CSSD (Central Sterile Services Department)

King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex congratulates all participants and winners for their outstanding efforts in promoting hand hygiene awareness. Their commitment and creativity contributed significantly to the success of the campaign and reinforced the message that clean hands save lives.

As healthcare workers continue to serve patients with dedication and compassion, hand hygiene remains a fundamental pillar of patient safety and quality healthcare.

Clean Hands, Safe Lives – Together We Prevent Infections.

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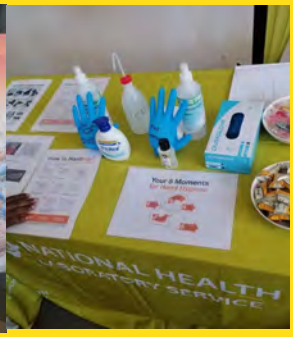
Clean Hands Save Lives
Hand hygiene is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent infections and protect patients, staff, and visitors. Together, let's make clean hands a daily habit.

Stop Germs Before They Spread
Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer at the right moments. Every hand wash is a step towards safer healthcare and healthier communities.

Safe Care Starts With Me
Good hand hygiene is everyone's responsibility. By cleaning our hands regularly, we protect ourselves, our patients, and our loved ones. Let's work together to promote a culture of safety and excellence.



KING DINUZULU HOSPITAL COMPLEX COMMEMORATES CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS DAY THEME: "PROTECT THE CHILDREN, BREAK THE SILENCE"

"Stakeholders from various government departments and community organisations joined King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex in commemorating Child Protection Awareness Day under the theme: 'Protect the Children, Break the Silence.'"

King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex (KDHC), through its Ante-Natal Clinic, successfully commemorated Child Protection Awareness Day under the theme, "Protect the Children, Break the Silence." The event brought together a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders from various government departments and community-based organisations to raise awareness about child protection, child rights, and the collective responsibility of safeguarding children.

The programme was attended by representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Social Development, South African Police Service (SAPS), Child Welfare, Childline, Lifeline, SASSA, social workers, healthcare professionals, and community members.

The purpose of the event was to educate parents, caregivers, expectant mothers, and the community on the importance of protecting children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. Stakeholders highlighted the various services available to support vulnerable children and families, while encouraging the public to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect.

During the presentations, healthcare professionals emphasized the importance of early intervention and the role of health facilities in identifying and supporting children at risk. Representatives from Home Affairs educated attendees on the importance of birth registration and legal documentation, while SASSA provided information on social grants available to eligible children and families.

The Department of Social Development, Child Welfare, Childline, and Lifeline outlined the psychosocial support services available to children and families experiencing challenges. SAPS reinforced the importance of community involvement in combating child abuse and encouraged members of the public to speak out against all forms of violence affecting children.

The event served as a reminder that child protection is not the responsibility of one sector alone, but a shared responsibility requiring collaboration between government departments, civil society organisations, healthcare institutions, families, and communities.

King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex remains committed to promoting the rights, safety, and well-being of children and will continue to partner with key stakeholders to create safer and healthier communities.

Key Message:

"Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing, and protective environment. Together, we can break the silence and protect our children

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- **Identity document**
- **Proof of address**
- **Pension card**
- **Medical aid card and next of kin contact details**
- **Referral letter**
- **Under 18 must be accompanied by parent .**
- **all patients are requested to pay fees on admission.**
- **Visiting hours**
- **13H00 14H00**
- **17H00—18H00**