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WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION

As Newtown Community Health Centre, on 26 August 2015 we celebrated all women employed in our facility. The occasion was indeed fabulous and colourful as all women were gorgeously dressed to cheer themselves up with the sole aim of healing spiritual, psychological and social wounds and sufferings of the past.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Zandile Khumalo, splendidly directed the programme for the day. The theme for the day was to salute (take one's hat off) women of Newtown Community Health Centre. The CEO further qualified the theme for the day by emphasizing that the event aimed at celebrating women who tirelessly and passionately served Newtown Community Health Centre with zeal and determination despite poor working conditions. Thus the event was one of the ways of commending and encouraging women who withstood work pressures and difficulties that threaten quality service delivery.

The guest speaker for the day was the one and only Mrs MH Baqwa. In her pulsating speech, Mama Baqwa highlighted that in the beginning God created man (Genesis 1:26). On Genesis 2: 18-25, the Word of God says God said is not good that the man should be alone and which is why God saw that man needed somebody to complement him. Thus God created Eva, not only as a woman, but a helper. Eventually all was perfect.

So women sometimes make mistakes of expecting too much from man yet man was made perfect with a woman in such a way that they have forced themselves to marriages which left them with scars. As women, we must treasure that God is the author of marriage and creator of mankind. First and foremost, we need God in our lives. Therefore as women of today, with all emotional wounds, scars and disappointments, we can still go down to the potter's house to be remoulded (Jeremiah 18: 1-2). Women were greatly motivated by Mama Baqwa's speech (sermon) and the staff became more united.

The event culminated with the establishment of the Institutional Women's Forum. All participating women received tokens of appreciation.

Indeed the day was colourful, exquisite and memorable.

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