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**Ms PP Zungu, CEO for Greytown District Hospital.**

Welcome once again to our quarterly newsletter, I hope you are finding our newflashes and this particular publication informative and newsworthy to meet your diverse information needs. We have just finished the first quarter and a lot of activities have taken place during this time.

As the Umvoti Sub-district we have managed to do the assessments of ICRM and all facilities were captured timeously. Out of twelve facilities, 11 obtained Platinum status. We know that these assessment are part of Governments commitment in the realization of Madibas dreams and aspiration of Universal Health Coverage for all in South Africa. In light of this, I am particularly excited to tell you about the progress that has been made by Government in the realization of the National Health Insurance, last month the bill for NHI was passed in parliament.

The Government considers the passing of the NHI Bill by the National Assembly as a key milestone to ensuring all people in SA have access to a clinic, a doctor or a hospital (public or private) closer to where they live or work without paying when they need the services. We will have paid in taxes already so the government will pay the provider of your care for you and your loved ones. There will be no gap cover for you to fund and no cash out of pocket payments.

In this issue we have a

## REMARKS BY CEO

dedicated article to explain further on the NHI which I hope you will find informative.

Our Primary Health Care teams hosted a successful 'Isibaya Samadoda' initiative, having UMTwana Nhlanguiso Zulu as the main speaker for this event, which saw scores of men from the Kwadolo and EMabomvini area attend the activation and receive men's health screening and health care.

Our outreach teams also participated in Provincial events last quarter, such as the Office of the Premiers interdepartmental service delivery program at the Amatimatolo area which is covered in this newsletter.

The Client Experience of Care is one of the department's key goals and our quality teams have been receiving training from Province regarding the Patient Experience of Care Survey taking place in this second quarter. I am excited as we gear up in this quarter for the Patient Experience of Care survey.

As the second quarter begins I would like to emphasis to you

that as public servants, we are guided by the white paper on transforming the public service, which is the Batho Pele principles.

We have not been really doing well on staff attitude which is a major concern for us as an institution and for the department. In rendering services to our people let us put on the full amour of Batho Pele this quarter, let us communicate better and treat our people with courtesy and respect they deserve.

In closing I would like to wish you all a good start of the quarter as we yet again begin and continue our journey of a thousand miles.

Continue to shine in your little corner!

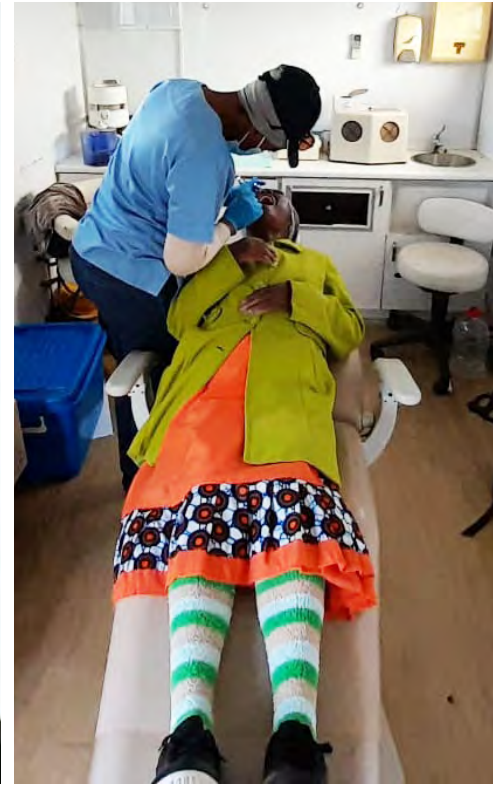
Do not be weary in well-doing, for in due season you shall reap if you do not lose heart in the journey!

Continue to shine in your little corner!

Until next time,  
**Ms. PP Zungu**  
**Greytown Hospital**







# UMVOTI SUB DISTRICT TEAMS SUPPORTED THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAM AT AMATIMATOLO AREA

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government led by acting Premier Peggy Nkonyeni embarked on an Interdepartmental Service Delivery Programme in Umvoti Local Municipality, Umzinyathi District, Ward 2 in

Matimatolo.

The Programme sought to address persisting issues of service delivery and social ills engulfing Matimatolo. As part of the Programme, Gender Based Violence and Femicide

campaign was launched to address the prevalence of this crime in the area.

The Programme culminated in a community engagement where Provincial government pronounced on interventions

and ongoing projects aimed at responding to the service delivery issues in Matimatolo.

Umvoti Subdistrict teams attended this provincial event and rendered health service to the people of Amatimatolo.





**THE FIRST STEP TO  
BEING HAPPY IS TO  
HAVE "CLEAN HANDS"**



# GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL OBSERVED WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

Each year the World Health Organization (WHO) SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands 5 May campaign aims to maintain a global profile on the importance of hand hygiene in health care and to bring people together in support of hand hygiene improvement worldwide. Therefore, in response to this campaign, the Greytown District Hospital observed

this day at the hospital Out Patients Department (OPD) at the waiting area, on Friday the 05th May 2023 at about 10h00 in the morning.

The day focused on hand hygiene methods and health talks about hand hygiene. Clinical staff shared health talks and demonstrations of hygiene methods were done which were, the washing

of hands with soap and water, and also using hand sanitizers.

The community was engaged and asked various questions to the clinicians on the day. After these talks the community was treated to some apples from the organising committee.

Various activities were held

in culmination to the Global Hand Hygiene Day, the Infection Prevention Control Nurse Sister Shoba (IPC) and Mr Myaka Health Promotion Officer visited Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities under UMvoti sub district to also create awareness of the campaign and educate communities on the importance of hand hygiene.



# GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL OBSERVED CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2023



With the theme: **“Let us Protect Children during COVID-19 and Beyond”**, Child protection week was observed in Greytown hospital, by the social work department team.

National Child Protection Week is commemorated in the country annually to raise awareness of the rights of children as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and Children's Act (Act No. 38 of 2005).

The campaign is led by the Department of Social Development in partnership with key government departments and civil society organisations rendering child protection services.

Government calls on all South Africans to support Child Protection Week by ensuring that the most vulnerable in our society do not suffer abuse.

It is in our hands to stop the cycle of neglect, abuse, violence and exploitation of children. Children in South Africa live in a society with a Constitution that has the highest regard for their rights and for the equality and dignity of everyone. Protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse is not only a basic value but also an obligation clearly set out in Article 28 of the South African Constitution.

The Greytown hospital social work team observed this year's activities in various facilities under Umvoti sub-district.

The aim of visiting these facilities

was to highlight progress being made by Government towards the realization and promotion of rights of children, it was to promote awareness among children and parents and also improving their welfare. Parents and guardians came out in numbers with their children to attend on this year's activities.

The Social Workers addressed the attendees about the importance of communicating with their young ones to ensure their safety.

Miss TP Dladla mentioned that parents and guardians are supposed to have a bond with their children, being able to talk to them, advise and support them, so that the child can be able and trust parents or a guardians at an early age.

The Social workers also participated in educating parents and guardians about the three (3) types of abuse which are physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse with the public on these days.

Get help

The Department of Social Development has a pilot a 24-hour call centre dedicated to provide support and counselling to victims of gender-based violence:

- The toll-free number to call is 0800 428 428 (0800 GBV GBV) to speak to a social worker for assistance and counselling.
- Callers can also request a social worker from the Command Centre to contact them by dialling



# KZN'S STATE OF READINESS FOR CHOLERA



We as the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health have noted the sad and unfortunate loss of people's lives due to cholera, in certain parts of Gauteng, in recent weeks.

Although no cases of cholera have been reported in KwaZulu-Natal so far, the Province nevertheless remains on high alert.

In a concerted bid to ensure that all healthcare workers are fully informed on cholera, case definitions and guidelines on cholera symptoms and treatment protocols have been distributed.

Furthermore, high-level meetings and refresher training on cholera has been conducted by pathologists and microbiologists from the National Health Laboratory Service, involving outbreak response teams, rapid response teams, and healthcare professionals from all districts in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

While case finding is ongoing with all teams testing suspected cases, water

testing is being conducted across all municipalities, with Moore pads being placed in rivers and streams for early detection of cholera.

Pamphlets and posters are also being distributed, while numerous further interventions are in the pipeline to intensify awareness about cholera, its prevention protocols, symptoms, water purification strategies, and the need for patients to seek help early if they notice symptoms.

## FACTS ABOUT CHOLERA:

- Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*.
- Cholera remains a global threat to public health
- Cholera is an extremely virulent disease that can cause severe acute watery diarrhoea. It takes between 12 hours and 5 days for a person to show symptoms after ingesting contaminated food or water.

- Cholera affects both children and adults and can kill within hours if untreated.
- KZN has not recorded any cholera cases

## HOW CHOLERA CAN BE PREVENTED:

Wash your hands frequently with water and soap  
Wash all food with clean water  
Do not eat raw or half cooked meat  
Boil water / Drink water that is treated or purified  
Maintain good sanitation at all times.

## SYMPTOMS:

Symptoms range from mild to severe and watery diarrhoea and dehydration.

The incubation period (the period from when a person ingests cholera-contaminated water/food to when they first become ill) ranges from a few hours to five days, usually two to three days.

Most persons infected with cholera will experience mild illness or not feel ill.

## WATER SAFETY:

If you think your water may not be safe—treat it with a chlorine product, boil it, treat with bleach, or filter it.

Treat your water with one of the locally available chlorine treatment products and follow the instructions on the label.

## HOW TO BOIL THE WATER:

- If a chlorine treatment product is not available, boiling is an effective way to make water safe. Bring your water to a rolling boil for 1 minute. Note: Boiled water is at risk for re-contamination if not stored and used safely.

## HOW TO TREAT THE WATER WITH BLEACH:

- If you cannot boil water, treat water with household bleach. Add 8 drops of household bleach for every 25L of water (or 2 drops of household bleach for every 1 liter of water) and wait 30 minutes before drinking.

If you experience any diarrheal symptoms, please visit your nearest health facility urgently.

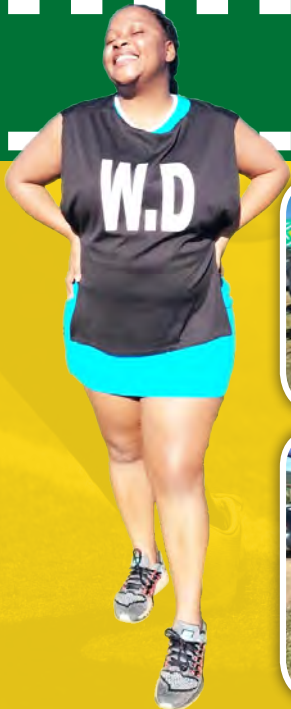


# YOUTH MONTH • CELEBRATION •

YOUTH MONTH WAS CELEBRATED AT THE GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL THROUGH SONG AND DANCE, SEEN ON THESE PICTURES ARE OFFICIALS DRESSED IN SCHOOL APPAREL.



# SPORTS DAY





# HRH PRINCE NHLANGANISO ZULU HAS URGED ADOLESCENT MEN AND ELDERLY MEN

**OF KWADOLO TO TAKE CHARGE AND CIRCUMCISE DURING AN ISIBAYA SAMADODA ACTIVATION**



HRH Prince Nhlanganiso of KwaDlamahlahla speaking during Isibaya Samadoda Activation at KwaDolo area in ward 12 Umvoti Subdistrict



His Royal Highness Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu of KwaDlamahlahla has urged adolescent men and older men to take charge of their health wellbeing and get circumcised to prevent Human Immune Virus (HIV) infections and many other disease.

The appeal was made by Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu when addressing iZinduna traditional leaders, rural men and adolescent men from KwaDolo area in Greytown on Friday, 30 June 2023.

Speaking during an Isibaya Samadoda activation, at Kwadolo area, ward 12, under Umvoti Sub-district in Greytown at about 11 am,

The Prince spoke on the

importance of men to get circumcised and the benefits it has on hygiene. He added that, 'the foreskin is a soft tissue that carries a lot of infections and is harmful to women if not removed, the foreskin causes cervical cancer in women', said the Prince.



'Men take charge of your health status, screen for Tuberculosis (TB), HIV and visit your nearest health facility for monthly check-ups. The appeal was made by Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu when addressing rural men and adolescent men from KwaDolo in Greytown.

The Prince appealed to traditional leadership present including the Local Ward Councillor, to take a leading role when it comes to social ills and health pertaining

issues in the community, he added that leaders should encourage adolescent men to get circumcised.

'When this custom was brought back by my late father, King Goodwill Zwelithini, he was concerned by the number of infected people in his kingdom, there is no grave in our families as the black community that does not have a loved one who has succumbed to this deadly disease'.

'The prince added that he is grateful that the KZN Government listened to the late King and worked hand in hand with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health in this program to circumcise men in KZN. I can mention that since the start of this program the Department of Health has circumcised more than 1, 5 million men in KZN', said the Prince.

The event saw speakers from Harmony retreat, who spoke on social ills affecting the kwaDolo community and gave health

education and advice on how to identify addiction problems, and that there is help available for men at Harmony Retreat a rehabilitation centre in Greytown.

The event was well attended by men and adolescent men from the KwaDolo area and emaBovini areas, after the talks men received check-ups and screening for a variety of ailments.

The men were also treated to INhloko and a fruit hamper and water on the day.

Local leadership present Induna C Ngubane was excited of the intervention made by the department.

The ward councillor also mentioned he supports this initiative by the department of health.

Umzinyathi Health District was also present on the day of the event for technical support and guidance.

The organising team would like to thank everyone that participated in this successful event.





# WE BID FAREWELL

STAFF FARE WELL PARTIES FROM SYSTEMS COMPONENT WERE DONE DURING THE LAST QUARTER FOR EXITING EMPLOYEES





# NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL PASSED IN PARLIAMENT

*Universal Health Coverage for all under Umvoti sub-district*

On 12 June 2023, the National Assembly (NA) passed the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill.

The NHI Bill seeks to provide universal access to health care services in the country in accordance with the National Health Insurance White Paper and the Constitution of South Africa.

The Bill envisages the establishment of a National

The NHI Bill was initially tabled in Parliament and introduced to the Portfolio Committee on Health on 8 August 2019 for processing.

Here are a few frequently asked questions about the NHI.

## What is the NHI and how will it change the system?

The NHI is a Fund, paid by our taxes, from which the government will buy health

health coverage for all. We believe access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all. The government has the legislative mandate to realize this right. And the government has the responsibility to implement universal health coverage to ensure that all people are able to access health care when and where they need it without suffering financial hardship.

**Improving quality of services:** The public sector has constraint budgets that are not sufficient to provide health care services for the 84% of the population that relies on public sector for health care. This results in an overburdened public sector that is characterised by underservicing. The private sector, that serves 14% of the population, is characterised by rising costs of care and overservicing without demonstrating much improvement on health outcomes. Both sectors need a reform to ensure that quality of health is improved. The pooling of funds into one fund will improve quality of services and therefore improve health outcomes.

**Reducing burden of disease:** Extending health coverage for all South Africans will improve access to care, quality of care and continuity of care. NHI reforms will contribute to the health system having a co-ordinated and well-structured

response to burden of

disease.

**Financial risk protection:** The NHI Fund will protect individuals from financial hardship when they need to access healthcare services. Financial hardships take place when you need to pay out-of-pocket payments such as user fees at facilities and co-payments for individuals insured by medical schemes. Contribution to the Fund will be through prepayment methods such as taxes. Services will be paid for by the Fund and the patient will not have to pay at the point of care.

**Economic development and growth:** A healthy population can work more effectively and efficiently and contributes to economic growth. A productive workforce contributes to the economy through growth of local business, attracting foreign investors and growing the domestic economy. An investment in health is an important safety net against poverty by providing financial protection for everyone. **Integration of the healthcare system:** The fragmented, two-tiered system undermines principles of equity and social solidarity and leads to a health system where resources are distributed unfairly.



Health Insurance Fund and sets out its powers, functions and governance structures. The fund will purchase health care services for all users who are registered with it.

The Bill will also create mechanisms for the equitable, effective and efficient utilisation of the resources of the fund to meet the health needs of users and preclude or limit undesirable, unethical and unlawful practices in relation to the fund. It further seeks to address barriers to access.

care services for all of us who live in the country from health care providers in the public sector and private sector. This means when you feel unwell, you can go to your nearest GP or clinic of your choice that has a contract with NHI and not worry about the cost of care.

## Why do we need NHI? What are the benefits of NHI?

Providing health care for all: South Africa is a member of the United Nations community and we have committed that we will implement universal





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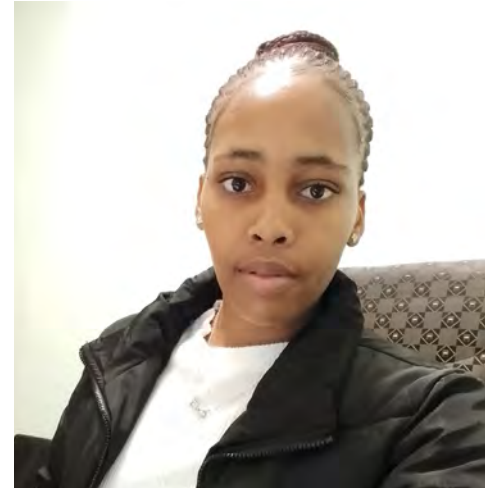
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