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UMVOTI SUBDISTRICT 'ISIBHEDLELA KUBANTU' INITIATIVE IN RURAL MBULWANA AREA

A MAJOR BOOST IN THE REALISATION OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE



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Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Umvoti sub district is real, this is evident in the recent Isibhedlela Kubantu initiative, held on Saturday the 12th of August 2023 in the rural village of Mbulwane ward 1, outside Greytown, under Umvoti Local Municipality.

The initiative saw scores of beneficiaries of health services being screened for health conditions in the area. A total number of 403 beneficiaries were registered at the help desk (point of entry) and channelled to various services within the outreach hospital in Mbulwane.

The Greytown hospital and district teams were in full swing offering various services like dental care, eye screening, dietetics, social worker services, mental health screening, Chronic Medical services, Medical Male Circumcision Marketing, health screening and doctors and clinicians were onsite to see to patients on the day.

The health initiative also saw some households in the Mbulwane area being visited under the 'QOH QOH QOH sikhulekile ekhaya' initiative.

Umvoti Local Municipality ward one (1) councillor Mr Mbongiseni Makhaye was extremely excited that the initiative took place in the rural area of Mbulwane, as the village is mired by health issues and people often have to travel for health services. He added that he was grateful for receiving his eye screening and receiving his new pair of spectacles during this outreach.

According to the World Health Organisation, Universal health coverage (UHC) means that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. It covers



the full continuum of essential health services, from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care across the life course.

Further-more the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature Portfolio Committee on Health will be holding Public Hearings on the National Health Insurance Bill, 2019 (NHI). The purpose of the Public Hearings is to provide all relevant stakeholders and other interested persons an opportunity to make verbal as well as written representations on the Bill to the Health Portfolio Committee

The National Health Bill seeks to achieve universal access to quality of health care services in the Republic in accordance with section 27 of the Constitution; to establish a National Health Insurance Fund; and to set out its powers, functions and governance structures;

to provide a framework for the strategic purchasing of health care services by the Fund on behalf of the users; to create mechanisms for the equitable, effective and efficient utilization of resources of the Fund to meet the health needs of the population; to preclude or limit undesirable, unethical and unlawful practices in relation to the Fund and its users; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

In accordance with section 118(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, the Legislature must facilitate Public Involvement in the Legislative Process.

The public is made aware of this engagement and is encouraged to attend.

THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE AND TIME	DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY	VENUE
18 August 2023 (Friday) at 10h00	Umzinyathi	New Nhlalakahle Community Hall: Umvoti

