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KZN PREMIER AND MEC FOR HEALTH VISITED MOSVOLD HOSPITAL



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Premier of KwaZulu Natal handed over equipment to Umkhanyakude Health District which was received by the MEC of Health in KZN Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu.



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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala accompanied by MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu did an oversight in Umkhanyakude



KZN Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala, INkosi MM Mngomezulu, MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane Zulu and CEO Mosvold Hospital Dr. Bernard Mong'omba



District Director Ms Themba showing the Premier, MEC and Mayors around the newly built Isolation Unit in Mosvold Hospital.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala and MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu visited Umkhanyakude on 7th July 2020. Their programme started with handing over of appliances such as fridges and microwaves to Mosvold Hospital in Ingwavuma, these assets will be used in Covid-19 isolation and quarantine sites; Premier and MEC also assessed the progress on construction of a new Isolation ward that will assist the district in fighting against Covid-19.

Later, they continued to various households in ward 14 under Jozini Local Municipality where One Home One Garden programme was launched. Enablers such as tanks, seeds, fertilizers etc were handed to identified community members.

Umkhanyakude Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo compliance programme



Umkhanyakude Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo enforcing compliance to regulations

Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr Solomon Mkhombo and UMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Nkululeko Mthethwa led a massive Covid-19 regulations enforcement campaign in Manguzi and Mbazwana towns on Monday 4th May 2019.

The campaign included roadblocks where wearing of masks, sanitization of passengers and social distancing was enforced. Visits were also conducted in supermarkets and other shops where health standards were audited, some of the shops had to be closed down due to failure to comply with Covid-19 Lockdown regulations.



Umhlabuyalingana Mayor Cllr N.S. Mthethwa, District Director Ms. M.P. Themba and Manguzi Hospital CEO Dr. S.B. Vumase



Department of Health conducted its massive Covid-19 screening and Testing programme in public areas.

Members of KZN Legislature assessed readiness status in Umkhanyakude



MPL Hon. V Caluza, Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo, MPL Hon Manqele



MPL Hon Singh, MPL Hon S Nkosi, MPL Hon Madlopha



DDG Mr. M.M. Zungu and District Director Ms. M.P. Themba



Umkhanyakude Health District Management Team

Members of KwaZulu-Natal Natal Legislature visited UMkhanyakude Hospitals and clinics from 24-26 June 2020.

The purpose of the visit was to assess and establish the state of readiness as far as Covid-19 is concerned; this is part of their oversight work that they conduct on government departments to ensure that service delivery commitments made by MECs are adhered to.

There was a satisfactory progress in construction of the new isolation ward at Mosvold Hospital which will assist in fighting the surge of Covid-19. The team appreciated work done by health workers in trying conditions.

Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala visited needy communities in Umkhanyakude

KZN Premier Sihle Zikalala supported by Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr Solomon Mkhombo delivered food parcels to the needy in the Umkhanyakude District in Hluhluwe as well as Mtubatuba on 14th April 2020. The Premier, who is the Operation Sukuma Sakhe Champion of the district assessed the situation in the district and whether people are compliant with the lockdown regulations. The parcels were delivered at the Emakopini informal settlement in Ward 5, Hluhluwe under Big 5 Hlabisa LM as well as in Mfekayi in Ward 10 under Mtubatuba LM. Premier further conducted health education and awareness on COVID-19 encouraging community to maintain highest hygienic standards, social distancing, and observe lockdown regulations.



KZN Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala and Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo handing over gifts to impoverished community in Hluhluwe Tin Town informal settlement

Young professionals reflecting on youth month (June)

YOUNG HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REFLECT ON THE YOUTH MONTH THEME

DR NKOSINATHI MLAMBO
MEDICAL OFFICER - COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME

MSELENI DISTRICT HOSPITAL
UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT

I am Nkosinathi Mlambo, a Community Service Medical Officer at Mseleni District Hospital.



It is an amazing experience that as Youth I'm given the opportunity to make a difference in this Global pandemic of Covid-19.

As youth, the future of South Africa is in our hands. We dedicate ourselves everyday to provide the best possible quality of care to our patients.

As everyone runs away from patients with Covid -19, we run towards them because our primary purpose is to save lives.

We make a difference inside and outside the Hospital premises, it is our duty as young professionals to grow South Africa that we would love to see in the future.

We provide care to our Covid-19 patients .

"A physician is obligated to consider more than a diseased organ , more even than the whole man , he must be view the man in his World" Harvey Cushing.

YOUNG HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REFLECT ON THE YOUTH MONTH THEME

KHAYELIHLE ZINHLE CELE
ENROLLED NURSE INTERN

OTHOBOTHINI CHC
UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT

My name is Khayelihle Zinhle Cele, I'm employed as an intern enrolled nurse at Othobothini CHC and am currently working in the community to screen and test for Covid19 under the PHC nursing stream.



My name is Khayelihle Zinhle Cele employed as intern enrolled nurse at Othobothini CHC and currently allocated at Community screening and testing of Covid19 under PHC nursing stream. I have learnt that COVID- 19 is SARS COV2 that is transmitted through droplet infection from one person to another, and or by physical contact with the person who has been confirmed as having the virus. The important thing to prevent the spread of the virus is through social distancing and following infection, prevention and control guidelines at all costs. The community has been health educated strongly on the importance of the correct measures to apply to prevent unnecessary spread , like practicing of social distancing , wearing face mask at all the times when in public places, sneezing and coughing through the elbow just to mention a few

Premier launched screening in testing in April 2020



KZN Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala, and Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo launching massive screening and testing.

KwaZulu Natal Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala on 30th April 2020 officially launched a massive Covid-19 Screening and Testing in Umkhanyakude District. However, the implementation of the Programme had started in the previous two weeks. He was accompanied by Umkhanyakude District Mayor Cllr T.S. Mkhombo. Premier and the Mayor also sanitized residential areas in Mkuze and observed health workers who were conducting screening and testing. Premier Zikalala reiterated that community members must continue to keep social distance, wash hands or sanitize, wear cloth masks, use elbow when coughing, consult department of health if feeling unwell and observe Lockdown regulations. Premier Zikalala commended the district for maintaining good status quo in a fight against Covid-19.

UMkhanyakude's screening and testing campaign drive in April-June



Health workers endured windy, sunny, rainy, hot and cold weather conditions in their determined war against Covid-19. This was during April-June when the department was doing massive door to door screening and testing for Covid-19. Enormous dedication was seen during that time when health workers visited supermarkets, shopping complexes, households and many other public areas, not only to test and screen, but to raise awareness about the pandemic to the community and provide health education on precautionary measures such as: social distancing, wearing of masks, and washing of hands.

“Being a doctor was my mom’s dream” – Dr Lungile Hobe

Building up rural healthcare in Mseleni

Dr Hobe earned her MBChB degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2006 and joined Mseleni Hospital in 2010. In 2018, she received a Discovery Foundation Rural Institutional Award to improve the quality of care at Mseleni Hospital, a 185-bed rural district hospital with 10 primary healthcare clinics that serves about 92 000 people.



Mseleni is more than a hospital, it’s a community centre that takes care of its people. In 2004, Mseleni Hospital spearheaded the clinic-based initiation of antiretrovirals. It has developed specialist surgical services, built a strong network of clinics and community caregivers, and is involved in orphan care, youth projects, an early childhood development centre, and more.

“I hope to witness quality medical care being offered to rural communities,” she says. “My idea is a model that goes beyond the hospital into the community. I think COVID-19 has made us realise this can be done with proper planning, infrastructure allocation and the will to do it.”

Stepping into a new role during a pandemic

Since the COVID-19 pandemic reached South Africa, Dr Hobe’s duties have shifted from being a doctor and seeing patients to managing the hospital.

“I am grateful for having had a medical manager who was very dedicated to her work. Before she left the hospital, she made sure that all the groundwork had been done to prepare the hospital for COVID-19,” Dr Hobe says. “I have had to step up and act as medical manager while we await the appointment of a new manager. Even in this position, I feel I was properly prepared by the previous manager, which made a big difference.”



“There is definitely a lot more work to be done, but I appreciate the medical team of Mseleni Hospital for always pulling together and supporting each other,” she says. “I have a clinical manager who is very experienced; he is my sounding board and I value our chats a lot.”

“Personally, of course, there’s daily anxiety of possibly getting infected and this affects the interactions I have with my family,” Dr Hobe adds. “But they have all been very supportive and for this I’m grateful, especially to my husband.”

Source: Sowetan

District Director Ms. M.P. Themba

Massive health education by Malaria Control Programme

Malaria Control Programme Environmental Health Practitioners and partners engaged in a massive health education and health promotion campaign on Covid-19 to various communities. The team conducted health education such as: encouraging people to comply to regulations, involve themselves to health screening and also correcting myths about Covid-19.

More emphasis was highlighted to the role that can be played by the community members to prevent the spread of the virus, such as hand washing with soap and running water, staying at home and social distancing. The community was also warned about false information that is especially spread through social media.



One Home, One Garden programme re-launched



Umhlabuyalingana Local Municipality Cllr Nkululeko Mthethwa and Mosvold CEO Dr. B. Mung'omba

Umhlabuyalingana Local Municipality Cllr Nkululeko Mthethwa deployed by OSS Champion for Umkhanyakude, Premier of KZN Mr. Sihle Zikalala visited households in ward 14 under Jozini LM in the area of Ingwavuma to launch One Home, One Garden, and One fruit tree. This programme has been revived by the KZN Provincial government to achieve food security in households, especially in rural communities because homes have land to grow their own crops

Provincial Office and World Health Organization visit in Umkhanyakude

World Health Organization (WHO) officials couldn't emphasize more on the matter of precautionary measures such as:

washing of hands, social distancing, and wearing of masks.

Umkhanyakude was commended

for its efforts to fight the spread of the Covid-19 in the district. The district had participated aggressively on screening and testing, health promotion and education to community members on precautionary measures.



MEC for Health commended staff members working in Covid-19 Isolation ward; and all other staff categories.



MEC for Health Ms. Nomagugu Simelane Zulu with staff working at Covid-19 Isolation Ward.



MEC for Health Ms. Nomagugu Simelane Zulu interacting with Hlabisa and Bethesda Acting CEOs

MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu on 22nd June 2020 visited Mosvold, Bethesda, and Hlabisa Hospitals. The visit was meant to assess progress on the construction of new isolation wards. These buildings are meant to assist in the fight against Covid-19. MEC then commended staff for tirelessly working and rendering health services to patients during this difficult time of Covid-19 pandemic.



SIYABONGA TO ALL HEALTH WORKERS IN KWAZULU-NATAL:

WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR EFFORTS
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VITAL ROLE
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



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