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## ILEMBE SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS SHE CONQUERS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND YOUTH DIALOGUE



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# UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES ON MANDELA DAY: 18 JULY



**Far left: MEC Peggy Nkonyeni, right: Mr Tubane COGTA HOD, Dr Moopanar : Acting District Director & Dr Ravin : Sundumbili CEO**



ILembe District Operation Sukuma Sakhe stakeholders commemorated International Mandela day in Mandini Local Municipality. The team was led by the Department of Human Settlements and Public Works MEC Peggy Nkonyeni as the Champion MEC for the district on 18 July 2019.

The day's proceedings started with an unannounced visit to Sundumbili CHC and Mandini South Africa Social Security Agency (SASSA) offices where officials handed gifts to patrons and interacted with the patients.

The highlight of the day was the handover of two houses for disabled people at the Macambini area (Ward 2 and Ward 9). The fully-furnished houses, two of nine in the works, were handed over to beneficiaries Bukwaphi Ngubane in Ward 2 and Khethiwe Mhlongo in Ward 9.

Mhlongo shared her delight for being among the beneficiaries of the programme, saying "I am grateful for everything; our government really listens. It feels great to have decent roof over your head. "Thank you to the government. This has really changed my life ."

The two beneficiaries also received groceries and officials planted gardens at their new homes to ensure they continue to have food on their tables.

Addressing the community, Mandeni acting Mayor Phindile Sishi said Nelson Mandela himself would be proud of this intervention as he believed that all people are equal regardless of their disabilities and background.

"Our government made a commitment to uplift people from all backgrounds. Today, on Mandela day, we are heeding that commitment," said Sishi.

MEC Nkonyeni said that her department has committed itself to prioritising disabled people in the current financial year. "We have resolved to prioritise disabled people, it is our duty as government to identify them and make sure that there are elevated to live decently and to contribute to mainstream economy of our country," said the MEC.

The day's proceedings were concluded at Macambini Multi-Purpose Hall where 10 disadvantaged community members received blankets and food hampers.

## SHE CONQUERS “DEEP DRIVE” CONSULTATIVE ENGAGEMENT, A GREAT SUCCESS IN ILEMBE



**Mrs Thembelihle Mungwe during her presentation**

On 06<sup>th</sup> June 2019 I Lembe District together with Provincial Office conducted SHE CONQUERS “Deep drive” consultative engagement and youth dialogue in KwaDukuza Town hall. The purpose of this event was to address the issues affecting adolescent and youth especially girls in this District. I Lembe District is one of the Districts with high teenage pregnancy, HIV infections and sexual assault rate in the Province. The youth that attended the event debated challenges affecting youth and the possible solutions on the youth’s point of view. Teenage pregnancy, use of contraceptives including condom distribution at Schools was among the topics that were debated. The message for this initiative was to rise and build together. This event was attended by +-100 pupils from ten different schools around I Lembe. There was a representation from School governing bodies and Teachers.



**Middle: Acting Mayor: Cllr D Govender and the team**

Mrs Mungwe from I Lembe Health District gave a presentation on high burden of diseases and challenges faced with testing, adherence, and loss to follow up access to health services.

There were different stakeholders that participated in the programme with messages of support such as Acting District Mayor (Cllr D. Govender), Civil Society (Mr Ntuli), Monica Jama Youth Champion etc...

Ms Jama highlighted that the focus of SHE CONQUERS at provincial level is to increase ground breakers, so they will need assistance from local municipalities. “This year there was an introduction of Soul city -Rise Women club which is funded by Department of Health”. They are also focusing on training young women and boys on different health issues including contraceptives. She indicated that the learners that attended the function will all be adopted by Department of Health as SHE Conquers and they will continue with the programme even in High School.

The engagement was a great success.



**Stakeholders during dialogue**

*Article submitted by Ms Pumla Mba, PRO, General Justice Gizenga Mpanza Regional Hospital.*

# EXCITEMENT AFTER SCOOPING AWARDS DURING MASEA



*Ilembe district office staff excited for MASEA achievements with their Mphathi : Dr Moopanar*

The Ilembe district scooped few awards during MECs Annual Service Excellence Awards (MASEA) on 26 April 2019 at Pietermaritzburg. The district was awarded a certificate of commendation on 90-90-90 strategy 4th position: HIV and Aids cascades. Second certificate received was for 4th position: best performing district on Human Resource Management, 2nd position: achievement of 90-90-90- TB cascades. KwaDukuza Clinic received Gold certificate in ideal clinic, just to

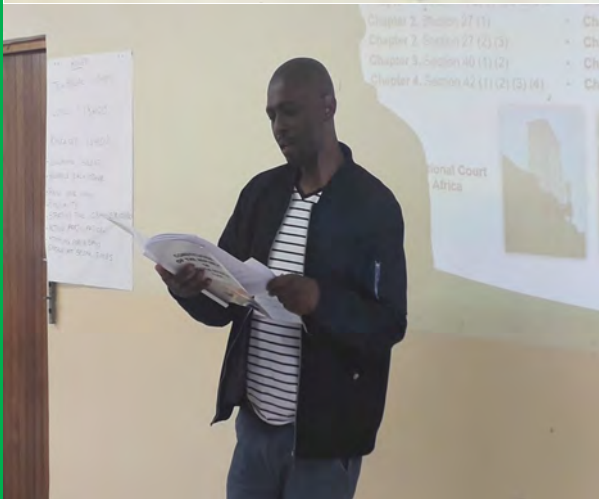
name the few. ***Well done to all teams for such an achievements and hoping to receive more in future!!!***



# A GREAT START FOR CLINIC COMMITTEE TRAINING IN ILEMBE: STORY IN PICTURES



Clinic committee members



Groups presentations and discussions



**Well done Mandini Sub district team for the great start !!!**

# EZABASEBENZI



**Mr Velaphi Bhengu : HAST MMC Coordinator**

**Siyanamukela  
kwisiFunda  
seLembe bozakwethu!  
Zizweleni nisekhaya.**



**Ms Thembeke Mepho : HAST HIV & Aids Coordinator**



**Ms Thabisile Lamula  
General Orderly**



**District office officials  
with HR Manager: left  
back row, Mr Bongani  
Mabika who handed  
over their 10 years  
certificates of service  
Halala!!!**

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