OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE CABINET WEDNESDAY IN ILEMBE A GREAT SUCCESS

MEC for Health: Dr S.M Dhlomo addressing the community members of Mellville in KwaDukuza during OSS Cabinet Wednesday

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The government has come to the realisation that in order to respond effectively to the challenges facing the societies there is a need for coordinated effort. The Province of KwaZulu-Natal has not been an exception to this movement towards coordinating efforts to ensure the efficient delivery of services to communities. According to the UKZN research space, Intergovernmental relations have been the pillar of the efforts to ensure a coordinated response to the challenges facing society. Intergovernmental relations have a long history; they can be traced form pre-colonial times to today. It is against this background that on 28 March 2018 the KZN Cabinet Members of Executive Council visited KwaDukuza Municipality in Ilembe with the aim of engaging citizens on the issues of service delivery. The MEC for Health Dr S.M Dhlomo was deployed in ward 29 of KwaDukuza Municipality at Mellville area. The theme for this year’s Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Cabinet Wednesday was “Human Rights Awareness”. The main aim was to respond to the issues pertaining Human Rights as outlined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa in Chapter 2, Bill of Rights states that people have a right to adequate housing, right to health, safe environment, education etc.

The MEC for Health led the team that visited Ndunduzweni Care Centre and Vulamehlo Hospice. The interventions and engagement with stakeholders of these two sites were done. The community engagement was done and issues were taken and action plan for departments to address issues was done. Each department was therefore tasked to ensure that issues are addressed. The visit was a great success and health services were provided on site.
On 24 May 2018 at 11h20, a 22 year old learner from high school by the name of Afikile Nowewe accompanied by her school mates presented herself at Senembe mobile point complaining of abdominal pain, per vaginal bleeding and reported to be eight (8) months pregnant.

The KwaDukuza mobile nurses led by Sister Majola (Clinical Nurse Practitioner) who was the only Professional nurse on the team stopped everything that they were doing and fully examined the mother and noted to be at full term. While waiting for an ambulance the mother started to be anxious and complained of severe pain and a spontaneous rupture of membrane was noticed. A area was prepared where she can give birth since she could not climb on the mobile clinic vehicle. A healthy baby boy weighed 3.4 kg was delivered without any complications and she was transported by an ambulance to Stanger Hospital for post care delivery.

When talking to Sister M. Majola who was leading the mobile team on the day she said “We thank God for saving a mother and the baby because the conditions that she gave birth under was not conducive”.

The district director Ms. R.T Ngcobo extended her heartfelt gratitude for the work well done by the mobile team of KwaDukuza Sub district.

Keep up the good work!!!
PHOTO GALLERY

Clients waiting for service at a mobile point

CCG: Bonisiwe Nyaba, Mother and sister Majola
Ilembe health district conducted its cervical cancer marathon on 18 May 2018 with the aim of reaching out to women of 30 years and above for papsmears. Ilembe had to perform 400 pep smears and each sub district had to do their own campaign. Maphumulo sub-district performed 59 pap smears at Maphumulo Clinic. KwaDukuza sub-district did the 76 pap smears, and Ndwedwe sub-district performed 130. The total number of 265 pap smears were done. The teams did not do only pap smears but they also treated sexual transmitted diseases and inserted sub dermal implants and intra uterine contraceptive devices (IUCDs). The campaign was a great Success.
The Department of Health in partnership with Transnet annually embarks on providing a comprehensive package of services. In 2018 February 5 to 16 Phelophepa Health care train was in KwaDukuza Municipality in Ilembe District to provide health care services. The services were meant to compliment those offered by the department of health. The primary focus was on health, optometry, dentistry and psychology. The retired and unemployed clinical staff were hired to undertake temporary employment on Phelophepa and they were remunerated by Transnet. Community care givers also took part on the campaign and they received intensive training. The campaign was a great success.

According to statistics collected by Transnet, One thousand nine hundred and fifteen (1915) patients were seen and more clients were seen at the dental clinic where 364 patients were seen for different services. People came in numbers to access services and the screening was a great success.

_Pictures of clients visiting different service points are seen below and on the right._
I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Ms. RT Ngcobo - District Director for the approval to establish Ilembe Health District Social Workers Forum (IHDSWF).

This forum is directly linked and affiliated to Provincial Health Social Workers Forum.

The forum will primarily focus on standardization of policies and operational plans, National Core Standards, CPD trainings, Provincial QIP on Teenage Pregnancy, and placement of destitute patients. The social work day was commemorated by all KZN Health social workers on 20 March 2018 at Addington hospital.

In healthcare, social service professionals works with patients and their families by conducting psycho-social assessments and linking them to the relevant resources in the community with the aim of improving their quality of life. The package of Social Work Services offered includes: Acute and specialized counselling which are crisis, trauma, bereavement, grief, adherence, motivational and supportive. Conduct psychosocial and specialized assessments on patients with chronic diseases e.g. renal, psychiatric, RVD, cancers etc. Engage in family therapy and education. Initiate educational, therapeutic, preventive and support groups. Conduct health awareness and community outreach programs.

Social workers are an integral part of the multidisciplinary team and discharge planning. They make valuable recommendations relating to social aspects of patient care and social issues that affect treatment and compliance. Social workers are based at all levels of the healthcare continuum from primary health clinics to tertiary hospitals including specialized hospitals.

Submitted by Zama Maxhakane.
HAND WASHING RELAY AT STANGER HOSPITAL

A hand wash relay was held at Stanger hospital on the 5th May 2018. All wards and departments participated in the event. The relay was coordinated by the IPC professional nurse S. Moonsamy and supported by the district IPC manager Ms. M. Rambally. The relay commenced at the Paediatric ward and continued to all departments. The relay was successful and each department was asked to continue within the department and the ward with the most signatures will be declared the hand wash relay champions.

The results are as follows:

PEDiatric MAIN WARD: 792
NURSERY 473
MOPD 122
FEMALE SURGICAL 105

The certificates will be awarded to the above winners.

A total of 1582 signatures were achieved at Stanger hospital.

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Above: Staff demonstrating hand washing
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