New Beginning for a revamped hospital renamed Queen Nandi Regional Hospital

This state of the art health facility has been revamped and expanded. It is dedicated exclusively to care for obstetrical, gynaecological and neonatal patients in the Northern part of KwaZulu Natal. Although geographically located in Empangeni under King Cetshwayo District but it also caters for two other Northern districts which are Zululand District and uMkhanyakude District. This facility deals with complicated referrals from the district and the other two neighboring districts. The hospital has 369 beds and an average of approximately 10,000 deliveries per year. KZN HEALTH MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo said that the renaming of Lower Umfolozi War Memorial Hospital after Queen Nandi is a big sign of an affirmation of the big role played by women in our society. The official renaming ceremony was graced by the attendance of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini and the Hon. Premier of KZN Mr Willies Mchunu. The ceremony began with the plague by His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini and the Hon. Premier of KZN Mr Willies Mchunu followed by the community engagement activity that was held at Esikhaleni TVET sports grounds where thousands of community members attended. The MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo urge the community to come early to get screened for cancer since this facility is already a centre of excellence to support the provision of oncology services, as well as all other ailments that target women and children in the Province.

KZN Hon. Premier Mr Willies Mchunu speaking at the ceremony, said the renaming of the hospital is going to clear all confusions around the real name of this facility as before some people were calling it NPA and other names so the new name will bring new proper identity. It will assist to conserve our history and those that do not know Queen Nandi will have an opportunity to relate to the history around this new facility name. Premier Mchunu urged all men in the province to visit a primary healthcare facility (clinic) at least once a year, to get free comprehensive health screening.

Speaking at the ceremony, His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini thanked the KwaZulu-Natal Government for renaming of the hospital after Queen Nandi, only a few years after the renaming of Durban’s King George Hospital after King Dinizulu.