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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DAY

Above: Anesipho Mtshomo In-service Trainee Finance Department, Zibuyile Ngilande Asset Department, Nandi Majali, Bonakele Buthelezi Employee Relations Practitioner and Mthoko Mbhele Supply Chain Department during the Employee Wellness Day held on the 8th of April in Murchison District Hospital.

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WELLNESS DAY GALLERY

SA Home Loans providing education on the special offers for Government employees in partnership with Government Employees Housing Scheme. Old Mutual providing staff services during the day.

Eye Wellness Clinic providing services to staff members.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS

On the 15th of April 2026, the Social Workers of Murchison District Hospital visited Qhinqa High School to create awareness on Drug, Substance Abuse and Crime Awareness. The program was aimed at educating the learners from grade eight to grade nine as the partnering sister Department, South African Police Services enlightened the learners on the legal consequences that the learners ma face which could damage their high school phase of education. .

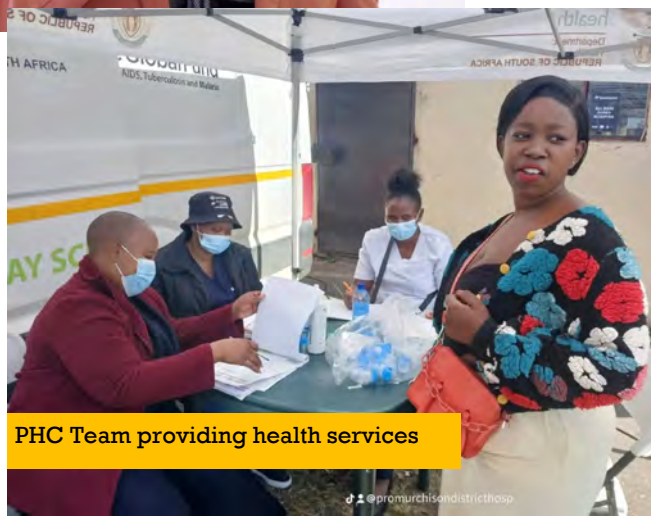
Above: Learners of Qhinqa High School during the health education by Ncane Cele Social Worker at Murchison District Hospital

FREEDOM DAY COMMEMORATION

On the30th of April 2026 Murchison District Hospital provided health services at KwaMaveshe Community Hall Ward 22, Murchison location during the Freedom Day Commemoration. The event was hosted by the Honorable Mayor Cllr Z Mzindle of Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality and the target group of the event was the youth which also gained vast knowledge about Freedom Day and Human Rights. Other health services that were provide on site were pap smear, TB Screening, HIV initiation treatment and health education on Lenacapavir.

Honourable Mayor Cllr Z N Mzindle, Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality

Mr RE Manyokole Chief Executive Officer Murchison District Hospital



PHC Team providing health services

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HAND WASH DRIVE2026

The 5th of May is observed as the World Hand Hygiene Day and Murchison District Hospital commemorated the day under the theme "Action Saves Lives". The focus of the program is to create awareness proper hand hygiene and prevent associated infections. Various Wards and Departments participated in the video competition demonstrating the five moments of correct hand wash and was projected for all to see and share best practices.

Master of Ceremonies Sr Vukuthu Occupational Health Nurse

The word was shared by Mrs Ayannda Mthintso Finance &

Expenditure Department

Mrs Ntetha Monitoring and Evaluation Asssistant Nursing Manager

B-Bruan Representative

Certificates and Awards Table

1st place in Live video on Best Hand Wash Practice TB Ward

2nd place in Live video on Best Hand Wash Practice Rehab Department

3rd place in Live video on Best Hand Wash Practice OPD Department

PHOTO GALLERY

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS

International Nurses Day is hosted an activation at Izingolweni Shopping Complex to educate the public about the Child Protection Month 2026 and the significance of celebrating 30 years of the constitution. Stakeholders present included the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Electoral Commission of South Africa, Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency and South African Police Service.

Mr L Nyawo Primary Heal Care Assistant Nursing Manager

Health services provided to the public during the awareness

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Mrs H Mncwango
Member also prov
support

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TB AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY AWARENESS

On the 14th of May the School Health team embarked on the TB and Teenage Pregnancy Awareness at Stholimfundo High School. Social Partners such as South African Police Services, MATCH and Isibani were non board during the informative sessions and engagement. The learners were also captivated by Ms Ruth Biyela who is the HIV Activist under Ray Nkonyeni Sub-District. Health services were also provided in the school premises as learners also needed to balance their health to produce better academic results during the exam period.

NURSES DAY EVENT

International Nurses Day is commemorated globally on May 12th to honor the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and celebrate the vital contributions nurses make to global healthcare systems. In Murchison District Hospital the occasion recognizes the facility's dedicated healthcare professionals and serves as a call to invest in the nursing. The event was graced by Linda Dlamini, dignified Guests and Partners who provided messages of support and encouragement towards the nurses.

On behalf of the Hospital Board membership Halalisiwe Mncwango shared amazing words or wisdom and empowerment towards the profession of Nursing and applauded the great impact done towards improving the health of Murchison community and surrounding areas. On this days celebration, the unveiling of the Memory Wall where a moment of prayer was observed in remembrance of Nurses who passed on during the difficult time of Covid 19. The foot prints of the fallen soldiers still remains honored in Murchison District Hospital. The awarding session further acknowledged Nurses towards outstanding performance in the Professional Ethics Protocol and achieving excellence in the Occupational Health Standard Compliance and the uGu Health District. Surprise attendance by the Honorable Mayor Cllr Z Mzindle of Ray Nkonyeni Municipality also made the event meaningful to the Trailblazers of the Healthcare system whom also felt revived to continue the good practice of Batho Pele whilst reciting on the Nurses Pledge in providing health services to the population of Murchison and surrounding areas.

Mrs L Dlamini uGu Health District Director

Honourable Mayor Cllr Z Mzindle of Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality

Mrs C Mkhwanazi Deputy Nursing Manager and Mr C Lushaba who was Programme Director

Pastor Effanga of Worldwide Gospel Ministries who opened the event with prayer

Mrs H Mncwango Hospital Board Member also provided the message of support

NURSES DAY PHOTO GALLERY

WOMENS SUMMIT

On the 25 of May 2026 the first Murchison Hospital hosted the first Women's Summit gathered female employees to ignite the spirit of sisterhood. The summit is a trailblazing platform to share best practices and knowledge on Entrepreneurship Empowerment, Stress Management, Self Love and Forgiveness. As part of the Employee Wellness Programme, it is crucial to balance priority of employees mental health in order to provide the community and patients with exceptional services. Mrs N Msimanga who was the guest speaker under the theme ''Forgiveness'', touched on fundamental issues that may hinder blessings blocked by not forgiving as quoted from Mark 11: 25 ''And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father I heaven may forgive your sins''. Mrs Ncane Cele spoke on self love where the importance of accepting one self wholeheartedly and treating yourself with kindness and respect brings value to a woman's worth. Entrepreneurship Empowerment was well unpacked by the Hospital Board Member Mrs Halalisiwe Mncwango while sharing her journey o becoming an Entrepreneur and tips to sustain the business as an African Woman. The Chairperson of the Murchison Hospital Women's Forum Mrs Nokuzola Matshoba expressed sincere gratitude in the event being a success and that the motivational and informative talks were well received by the employees as the opportunity of learning more presented. Forgiveness and fixing each others crown as women was the order of the day.

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