

PHC Newsletter



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News from the WWS Primary Health Care Programme



Patient in the day respite with Hospice Manager.



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Our Purpose Is:

- To improve the health status of the community
- To identify community needs and assist where possible
- To do HIV/AIDS awareness workshops in the townships and farms
- To run HIV/AIDS services
- To strengthen the TB and PMTCT services
- To monitor progress of all clients (TB & HIV infected)
- To transport identified HIV clients to Wellness Clinic for baseline assessment and provision of ARTs
- To assist clients in the application of DG
- To encourage our support group to do small projects to improve their socio-economic status

WWS Provides:

- A daily balanced diet to the support group
- Clothing to those in need
- Training to the support group and the community
- English lessons to the support group by WWS volunteers, to improve their self-esteem

Hospice day respite

Looking for 5 to 6 patients daily from 8:30 to 16:00. Patients are transported to and from by the hospice transport. We have 34 patients, adults and 3 children on Haart and progressing well.

We have 154 patients on the program who are visited on daily basis depending on the category of the patient.

Development

From the support group (PLWA's) we trained and em-

ployed them as follows - 6 HBC and one counsellor. July being a counsellor attended mentorship for the District through government.

One professional nurse registered Palliative Care and will be writing in February 2008 and professional nurse Mabel registered for Dispensing Course and she will be writing in October 2007.

6 staff member attended HPCA conference in Durban for Quality improvement.

Doctors

Fellowship doctors from USA assisted the consultation of patients from June to September. They also do home visit.

Family reunited

One of our patient was separated from her family for 15 years. The family was relocated through the social workers and police station. At last she was back home in Kroonstad. The family was delighted to see her again.

HIV/Aids awareness

Candle light

Remember the PLWA's, those who died with Aids and the affected families.

PMTCT

Awareness campaign - teaching pregnant women the importance of PMTCT, the pregnant women for VCT, T-shirt with pregnant mothers was given to pregnant mothers visited. All staff members

took part for five days. After the campaign VCT statistic for pregnant women increased.

Support group

Visited Lafata organisation for mentoring (as invited). The group disclosed to the community out there. Most of the youth, were motivated and wanted to test for HIV.



PMTCT Campaign

...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... **Matthew 25 v35-36**

Picture Special

From left to right: reuniting patient with family, PMTCT Campaign, Candle light Ceremony, exercises, Support group-Staff choir, Hospice AGM in Durban and Support group-staff choir at candle light ceremony.



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The **Waterberg Welfare Society** (WWS) was formed in 2001 primarily to provide help and support to those individuals infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. WWS merged with Mokolo Palala Community Services which had been providing primary healthcare, Pre-school education and training since the 1980s. Our focus is to: raise awareness; promote preventative measures; provide home-based care, treatment and counseling for HIV/AIDS patients, their families and orphans, as well as the youth and broader community. We continue to educate and train on a monthly basis our home-based care & and community health workers and crèche teachers.

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