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PRESS RELEASE

AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION

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Lephalale Local Municipality employees commemorated World Aids Day at the Municipality on 05 December 2017. Representatives from the District Health Department and supporting institution Care Works educated and empowered the employees with information regarding HIV/AIDS and advice for those who are affected and infected.

World AIDS Day is commemorated annually on the 1st of December and offers an opportunity for people to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS, show support for people living and affected by HIV/AIDS and who died as a result of HIV/AIDS related diseases. Candles were lit as a symbol of remembrance and honour of those who lost their lives to AIDS and support people positively living with HIV/AIDS.

According to the Waterberg District Department of Health's Peter Kolobe, statistics shows that Lephalale has a high HIV/AIDS prevalence. Kolobe said the statistics dictates to everyone to be cautious and stay protected at all times in order to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS which is on a rapid increase and becoming fiercely territorial.

Earlier this year in a presentation by the Deputy Director of HIV/AIDS and STI Cluster in the Waterberg District, Tryphina Bambo, statistics revealed that 578 new cases of HIV/AIDS infection were recorded from October to December 2016 in Lephalale and a further 583 recorded from January 2017 to March. This meant that in six months period 1161 (one thousand, one hundred and sixty one) people were infected

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