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LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HIV/AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

Lephalale Local Municipality held a successful HIV/AIDS awareness campaign at Nicker sports ground in Mokuruanyane Village on 18 September.

The decision to host the campaign at Mokuruanyane follows the recent Waterberg District HIV/AIDS Council meeting, wherein a presentation by the department of health revealed that there a rapid increase in the number of infections in Lephalale.

In his opening address, the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle said that the awareness campaign mirrors the department of Health HIV prevention strategy which was launched by the Limpopo MEC of Health earlier this month. The Strategy is aimed at encouraging young people to fight against HIV.

He added that a healthy community is a productive community. Furthermore the Mayor called upon men to be the champion of their own health, by living a healthy lifestyle. The Municipality was supported by other sector departments such as Health, SASSA, Social Development, Education and SAPS.

The community received health education, mental health, TB and STI screening and HIV/AIDS testing, family planning services, and substance abuse talk.

Learners from Majadibodu and Mokonenkwenoko High Schools appreciated and welcomed the effort by the municipality and sector departments for bringing health education to them, saying that addressing the unique challenges that the youth face in preventing and managing HIV and mental health is important.

This is the first of many campaigns to be hosted at other areas of Lephalale.

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