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MEC OF HEALTH LAUNCHES ZIKHALA KANJANI YOUTH HIV PREVENTION STRATEGY

The Limpopo Health MEC, Dieketseng Mashego on Friday 06 September, launched the Limpopo Provincial Government Youth HIV strategy under the theme 'Zikhala Kanjani' at the Ga-Seleka community hall.

The core mandate of the launch is to communicate the improved access to HIV prevention services and methods while assisting the youth to overcome challenges when using the prevention tools

In his opening address the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle said that such awareness programmes are very important in the community, particularly as they seeks to place youth at the centre of the fight against teen pregnancy, HIV/Aids and STI's.

Adding that the development of the strategy will give insight into issues of HIV/AIDS management, the impact and availability of support systems.

Delivering the main address on behalf of the Premier of Limpopo, the MEC of Health, Dieketseng Mashego said the strategy is an important milestone in the fight against HIV among youth.

"Zikhalakanjani Youth HIV Prevention Strategy is a critical tool in our arsenal to reverse these troubling trends. This strategy, developed by young people for young people, is designed to address the unique challenges that our youth face in preventing and managing HIV".

The strategy will amplify our efforts to educate young people about HIV prevention methods, including the use of condoms, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and regular HIV testing.

"We understand that knowledge is power, and by equipping our youth with the right information, we empower them to make informed choices about their health," said MEC Mashego.

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