

DEPARTMENT BRINGS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES TO LUKHOLO VILLAGE

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The Eastern Cape Department of Health, through its Pharmacy and Allied Health Teams, brought a comprehensive package of health services to Lukholo Village in the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality as part of its Pharmacy Month 2026 programme.

The Community Health Screening Outreach aimed to take essential healthcare closer to rural communities, promote preventative health, and raise awareness about career opportunities in Pharmacy and Allied Health professions.

Despite heavy rainfall, residents braved the weather and came out in large numbers to benefit from the free services on offer.

Services provided on the day included Primary Health Screening, Wellness and Lifestyle screenings, Monitoring of basic vitals, Guidance on preventative health and lifestyle adjustments, General Medical Consultation, Mental Health Screening, Rehabilitation Assessment and Screening, Pharmaceutical Services including Counselling on correct use of medicine and Review of chronic medication, Eye Care Screening, and Dental Screening and Oral Hygiene education.

The Pharmacy Team educated the community on the critical role pharmacists play in ensuring safe and effective use of medicines, while also outlining academic requirements for learners interested in pursuing a career in Pharmacy.

A community member who accessed services expressed appreciation:

“We are truly grateful for this outreach. It is not every day that such services come to our village. We plead that you come back again soon,” said the resident.

Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr T.D Mafumbatha, thanked the Department for prioritising Lukholo:

“We want to express our sincere gratitude to the Department of Health for choosing Lukholo Village for this outreach. This shows that our rural communities are not forgotten. I also want to thank our residents for coming out in numbers despite the heavy rain to access these important services,” said Cllr Mafumbatha.

The Department reaffirmed its commitment to leaving no community behind.



Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Mayor, Cllr T.D Mafumbatha with Pharmacists



Lukholo Primary School Hall full to the brim with community members accessing free services.



Pensioner receiving dental services.