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**21-25
SEPTEMBER
2026**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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The Eastern Cape Department of Health this week focused on strengthening healthcare delivery, staff development and community partnerships.

RTC Performance Reviews | KuGompo
Teams reviewed progress, challenges and areas for improvement, with discussions on health promotion, training, digital systems, monitoring and evaluation, community-based services and mental health integration.

Heritage Day | Qumbu

At Kroza Great Place, the Department joined government stakeholders and traditional councils to bring healthcare services closer to communities. Services included HIV testing and counselling, hypertension and diabetes screening, and referrals.



Remembering Mr Lusanda "Squire" Mjizwa

The Department gathered on 22 September to honour the life and service of Mr Mjizwa, remembered by colleagues as a reliable, respectful and dedicated colleague. His family expressed gratitude for the support received from the Department and colleagues. A week of learning, community service, collaboration and standing together.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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The Regional Training Centre (RTC) Quarterly Performance Review Meetings, held at Garden Court in Ku Gombo, brought together teams to

reflect on progress, achievements, challenges and areas for improvement.

Discussions included Health Promotion activities, monitoring and evaluation feedback, on-site training experiences, digital tools and systems, community-based services and mental health integration.

The meetings highlighted collaboration, shared learning and the role of training in equipping teams with the knowledge and skills needed to strengthen service delivery across the province.



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EASTERN PROVINCIAL HERITAGE DAY COMMEMORATION

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The Eastern Cape department of Health joined other government departments, entities and traditional councils as a means of strengthening collaborations by rendering health care services at the Kroza Great Place, Qumbu where the Provincial Heritage Day Celebrations took place.

Under the theme “Celebrating our living cultural heritage: strengthening the ties that bind us”

Some of the healthcare services provided include HIV testing and counselling, hypertension, diabetes, referrals. One resident Mama Mdivase expressed her excitement at the health services rendered, “most of our facilities are out of reach, which is why we had to come today to access these health services”.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

MR LUSANDA

“SQUARE” MJIZWA

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The Eastern Cape Department of Health held a memorial service for Mr Lusanda “Squire” Mjizwa, on Tuesday, 22 September 2026, bringing together his family, colleagues, friends, and staff to honor and celebrate a life well lived.

Speaking on behalf of the Office of the MEC, Ms Lulama Mabovana described him as a reliable, respectful, and dedicated colleague who performed his duties with dignity and commitment. She said his passing was deeply felt by the office, which had lost not only a colleague but a brother.

In their vote of thanks, the family expressed their appreciation to the MEC, the Department of Health and everyone who supported them during this difficult period. They said the support demonstrated love, hope and unity, emphasising the importance of people standing together and supporting one another.





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MEMORIAL SERVICE MR LUSANDA “SQUARE” MJIZWA

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BEDFORD PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

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Bedford Provincial Hospital, in partnership with Cookhouse Wind Farm Community Trust, conducted a clean-up campaign as part of Heritage Month activities.

The initiative aimed to promote a clean, safe and dignified healthcare environment while strengthening partnerships for community health. We extend sincere gratitude to Cookhouse Wind Farm Community Trust for their support and donation of cleaning materials.





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