

Provincial Heritage Day Celebration Brings Services and History to Mhlontlo Village

The Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Day celebrations were held in Mhlontlo Kroba Great Place, Qumbu bringing together government leaders, community members, traditional leaders, and various stakeholders in a vibrant commemoration of the province's rich cultural heritage. The decision to host this year's celebration in Mhlontlo Village was aimed at ensuring that residents and visitors gain a deeper understanding of the history and legacy of Nkosi Mhlontlo, whose contribution to the area remains an important part of the community's identity and heritage. Through cultural displays, traditional performances and educational engagements, attendees were afforded an opportunity to reflect on the significance of preserving and promoting local history for future generations.

The event was attended by the Eastern Cape Premier, Members of the Executive Council (MECs) from various provincial departments, traditional leaders, government officials and community members. Their participation demonstrated government's commitment to preserving cultural heritage while bringing services closer to communities. As part of the celebrations, various government departments provided services to residents. The Eastern Cape Department of Health deployed healthcare professionals to offer a range of services, including health screenings, consultations, health education, and other primary healthcare interventions. Among the healthcare workers serving the community was Mr. M Sompetha (Professional Nurse), who assisted residents accessing health services during the event.

The provision of healthcare services was welcomed by community members, many of whom face challenges accessing healthcare facilities due to the distance they must travel. Mrs. Mdivase, a resident of the area, praised the Department of Health for bringing services directly to the village. "The Department of Health has done a great thing by bringing these services to us. The clinic is far, and having healthcare services available here today has made it easier for many people in our community to get the help they need," she said. The integration of service delivery with the Heritage Day celebration ensured that residents not only commemorated their cultural heritage but also benefited from essential government services.

Addressing attendees, the Premier highlighted the importance of preserving the province's cultural heritage and ensuring that future generations understand and appreciate the history of leaders such as Nkosi Mhlontlo. He further emphasized the need to strengthen service delivery in rural communities and encouraged residents to take pride in their cultural identity and traditions. The Provincial Heritage Day celebration concluded with cultural performances, exhibitions, community engagements, and the delivery of government services, showcasing both the rich heritage of the Eastern Cape and government's commitment to improving the lives of its people.



Mr. Sompetha, a professional nurse at Qumbu Health Centre.



Mrs. Mdivase, a resident of Mhlontlo Village, shares her experience.



A community member accessing essential healthcare services during the Provincial Heritage Day celebrations.



Eastern Cape Premier, MECs, traditional leaders and other dignitaries gathered to celebrate Provincial Heritage Day.