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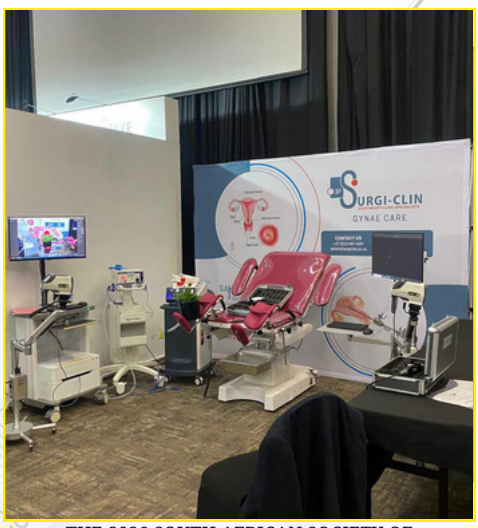
# WEEK AT A GLANCE

A glimpse of healthcare delivery across the Eastern Cape.

# THE WEEK IN REVIEW

This week, the Eastern Cape Department of Health highlighted key healthcare developments through the 2026 South African Society of Gynaecological Oncology (SASGO) Congress in KuGompo, World AIDS Day build-up activities in Zwelitsha, and a Health Programmes Workshop in Gqeberha.

These initiatives reflect the Department's continued commitment to strengthening healthcare services, promoting awareness and expanding access to quality care across the province.




THE 2026 SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY (SASGO) CONGRESS - KUGOMPO CITY



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# THE 2026 SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY (SASGO) CONGRESS



The 2026 South African Society of Gynaecological Oncology (SASGO) Congress, held from 6–8 November, brought together more than 170 delegates, including international and local gynaecological oncologists, doctors and healthcare professionals.

Over three days, specialists explored advances in cervical and ovarian cancer care, innovative treatments, surgical techniques and artificial intelligence, while sharing expertise to strengthen specialised cancer services and improve outcomes for women affected by gynaecological cancers.


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# PROMOTING PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION THROUGH COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS



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The Eastern Cape Department of Health hosted an HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) Awareness Day at O.R. Tambo Hall in Zwelitsha on the 11 November 2026, bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community.The initiative aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and TB, encourage early detection and promote the importance of preventive healthcare.

Community members accessed various health services, including HIV and TB testing, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), family planning, immunisation, Pap smears, as well as dental and eye screenings.















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# HEALTH PROGRAMMES CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



The Eastern Cape Department of Health hosted a 5-Day Health Programmes Capacity Development Workshop at the Town Lodge Conference Centre in Gqeberha.

The aim of the workshop was to improve Programme 2 performance at district hospitals, strengthen integrated health programme implementation , improve quality of care.

Present at the workshop were data capturers, doctors, nurses and pharmacists from the Nelson Mandela Bay Health District and the Sarah Baartman District.



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# MEC CAPA CALLS FOR STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE YOUTH HEALTH AND EMPOWERMENT




Eastern Cape Health MEC, Hon. Ntandokazi Capa, has called for strengthened partnerships between government, civil society and development partners to address the health and social challenges facing young people. Speaking at the bumb'INGOMSO endline evaluation summit, she acknowledged the programme's achievements in HIV prevention, youth empowerment, gender equality and linking young women to economic opportunities.

MEC Capa also raised concern over the recent increase in teenage pregnancies, particularly among girls aged 10–14, emphasising the need for stronger child protection measures, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and community-based interventions.
She highlighted the province's 550 Youth Zones as key platforms for providing adolescent-friendly healthcare, HIV prevention, contraception, counselling and psychosocial support.

She further reaffirmed the Department's commitment to working with partners to ensure that young people are healthier, safer and better equipped to pursue meaningful opportunities.



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# PROVINCIAL HAZARD SIMULATION EXERCISE AND WHO EL NIÑO HEALTH SECTOR READINESS ASSESSMENT



The Eastern Cape Department of Health, in collaboration with WHO, conducted the Provincial Hazard Simulation Exercise and WHO El Niño Health Sector Readiness Assessment in KuGompo City from 9–13 November 2026.

The programme tested contingency plans for cholera, fires, severe storms and drought, identified preparedness gaps, and strengthened coordination and response capacities to protect communities and maintain essential health services.



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