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Department holds No-Tobacco Awareness Campaign

The Department of Health and Nkomazi Local Municipality will on Friday this week, hold the Health Awareness Activation in Kamaqhekeza Stadium, Mpumalanga as part of Women's Month activities to raise awareness about the high rate of tobacco use amongst young people aged 13 - 15 years, which was highlighted in the recent World Health Organization Global Youth Tobacco Survey.

The event will be led by Mpumalanga Health MEC Mr Gillion Mashego and Nkomazi Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Thulisile Khoza, under SheConquers - a campaign for adolescent girls and young women launched by the Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa in 2016.

The activities on the day include social dialogue sessions whereby adolescent girls and young women will have an opportunity to meet with leaders from government, churches, civil society, private sector to discuss challenges they face together with recommendations.

Various health services such as HIV testing, TB Screening and Testing, Contraceptives, Blood Pressure, Diabetes, etc will be offered free of charge on the day.

Meanwhile, in an effort to improve prevention and management of TB epidemic in South Africa, the Department of Health in partnership with Human Sciences Research Council (HRSC), South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), and National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) is conducting a first national TB prevalence survey to determine the true burden of TB disease.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Friday, 18 August 2017

Venue: Naas, Kamaqhekeza Stadium, Nkomazi Sub-district, Mpumalanga

Time: 10h00 – 16h00

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