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Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



2023 Health Awareness Calendar

January 2023

SunSmart Skin Cancer Awareness Month

4 World Braille Day

29 World Leprosy Day

February 2023

Healthy Lifestyle Awareness Month

Reproductive Health Month

Environmental Health Awareness Month

4 World Cancer Day

6-10 Pregnancy Awareness Week

12-16 STI/Condom Week

13 International Epilepsy Day

13-17 National Epilepsy Week

17 Health Lifestyle Awareness Day

20 Feb- 31 Mar Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination first round

March 2023

TB Awareness Month	
3	World Hearing Day
3	World Birth Defects Day
4	World Obesity Day
12-18	World Glaucoma Week
8	International Women's Day
13-19	World Salt Awareness Week
9	World Kidney Day
12	World Glaucoma Day
20	World Head Injury Awareness Day
21	Human Rights Day
21	World Down Syndrome Day
24	World TB Day

April 2023

Health Awareness Month	
2	World Autism Awareness Day
7	World Health Day
17	World Haemophilia Day
24-30	African Vaccination Week
25	World Malaria Day

May 2023

Anti-tobacco Campaign Month	
Burns Awareness Month	
International Multiple Sclerosis Month	
7-13	Hospice Week
5	World Hand Hygiene Day
5	International Midwives Day
6-12	National Burns Awareness Week
8	World Red Cross Day
10	Global Move for Health Day
12	International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases
12	International Nurses Day
15 May-15 Jun	Go Turquoise for the Elderly Campaign
17	World Hypertension Day
28	International Day of Action for Women's Health
29 May-5 June	Child Protection Week
31	World No Tobacco Day

June 2023

Men's Health Month	
National Blood Donor Month	
National Youth Month	
Go Turquoise for the Elderly Campaign	
1	International Children's Day
5	World Environment Day
4	National Cancer Survivors Day
7	World Food Safety Day
5-11	World Heart Rhythm Week
14	World Blood Donor Day
15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
16	Youth Day
26-30	SANCA Drug Awareness Week
25	World Vitiligo Day
26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

July 2023

Mental Illness Awareness Month

3-7	Corporate Wellness Week
11	World Population Day
18	Nelson Mandela International Day
28	World Hepatitis Day

August 2023

Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Month (15 August to 15 October)

National Women's Month

Organ Donor Month

Child Health Month

1-7	World Breastfeeding Week
1-7	Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease Awareness Week
8-14	National Polio Week
9	National Women's Day
12	International Youth Day
26-31	African Traditional Medicine Week
31	African Traditional Medicine Day

September 2023

Albinism Awareness Month	
Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Month (15 August to 15 October)	
Cervical Cancer Awareness Month	
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	
Eye Care Awareness Month (20 September to 17 October)	
Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month	
Heart Awareness Month	
National Month of Deaf People	
National Oral Health Month	
Pharmacy Month	
4 Sept- 31 Oct	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination second round
4-8	National Kidney Awareness Week
9	International Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day
10	International Gynaecological Health Day
14	National Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Day
15	Sunflower Day
17	World Patient Safety Day
18-24	World Retina Week
21	World Alzheimer's Day
24	World Retina Day
25	World Pharmacist Day
26	World Environmental Health Day
26	World Contraception Day
28	World Rabies Day
29	World Heart Day

October 2023

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Month	
Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Month (15 August to 15 October)	
Eye Care Awareness Month (21 September to 18 October)	
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	
Mental Health Awareness Month	
1	International Day of Older Persons
2-6	Back Care Awareness Week
9-15	National Nutrition Week
8-14	National Case Management Week
10	World Mental Health Day
12	World Arthritis Day
12	World Sight Day
12-20	World Bone and Joint Week
13	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
14	World Hospice and Palliative Care Day
15	Global Handwashing Day
16	World Food Day
16	World Spine Day
16	World Restart A Heart Day
16-20	School Health Week
17	World Trauma Day
17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
17	National Emergency Medical Services Day
18-20	Rotary Family Health Day Campaign
20	National Down Syndrome Day
20	World Osteoporosis Day
21	Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day
24	World Polio Day
22-28	International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
28 Oct-3 Nov	National Stroke Week
29	World Stroke Day
30	Africa Food and Nutrition Security Day

November 2023

Quality Month	
Red Ribbon Month	
Disability Rights Awareness Month (3 November to 3 December)	
4	National Children's Day
6	SACD Malaria Day
8	World Radiography Day
9	World Quality Day
14	World Diabetes Day
17	World Prematurity Day
18-24	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
25 Nov-10 Dec	16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children

December 2023

Prevention of Injuries Month	
SunSmart Skin Cancer Awareness Month (1 December to 31 January)	
1	World AIDS Day
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5	International Volunteer Day
10	International Human Rights Day
12	Universal Health Coverage Day