

GG2099775 Melusi “Phela Hantle” Project

Progress Report – June 2021

“Disease and disasters come and go like rain, but health is like the sun that illuminates the entire village.” - African Proverb

As South Africa recently experienced a third wave of Covid cases reemergence and has also been hit hard by unrests and riots, especially during July in the Kwa-Zulu Natal region (which is another province). The importance of community care and essential, holistic, and comprehensive primary care services have become evident.



Image 1: Patients with social distancing, waiting outside to be seen at the Melusi informal settlement health hub

Total number of direct beneficiaries

Primary health care consultations and dispensing of medicine were offered at nocost to the 236 (two hundred and thirty-six) patients on site in Melusi. 776 (seven hundred and seventy-six) patients were screened within the community for Covid symptoms. For more details on the patients seen please view the attached COPC Gauteng Province summary statistical report for June 2021.

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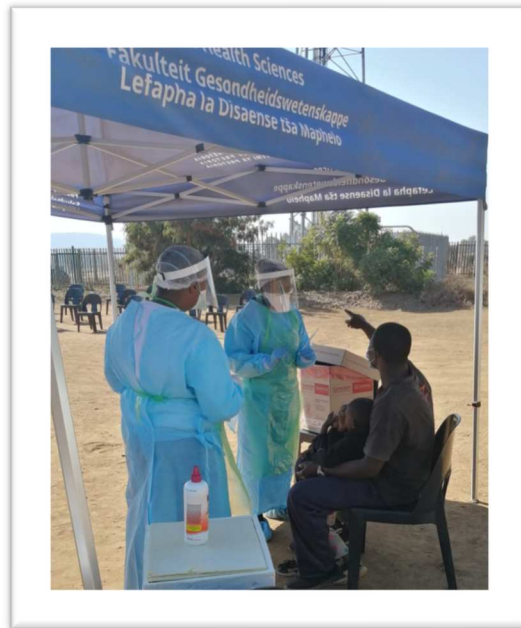


Image 2: Clinical symptom screening (with possible swabbing) of a symptomatic patient on site for Covid-19 PCR testing

Number of maternal and child health professional's trained

Thirteen (13) community health workers and ten (10) fieldworkers were trained weekly within the community and as part of a weekly team meeting. Dietetic and medical care students (4 across both disciplines) enrolled at the University of Pretoria were also included in learning activities as part of their service-learning within communities. The theme for the month of June was *Violence and Injury*. This topic was explored as part of educational instruction and support of health care workers and mothers.

Patients were educated in groups as they were seen at the clinic (236). The following was discussed in small groups as part of health worker training and during clinic days:

Violence and Injury

1. Violence and intentional injury
2. Domestic violence
3. Road Traffic Accidents and Unintentional Injury
4. Pedestrian safety tips for children and adults

The educational sessions were facilitated by environmental health officer, Rebaone Molebatsi, for the community health workers. The CHWs were in turn expected to facilitate small group training sessions outside and in the open air for patients that arrived at the clinic or that were seen at household level.



Image 2: Patients registering for counselling as part of a small group

Nutritional status assessment and interventions

Forty-five (54) children consulted for a clinical condition and were assessed for their nutritional status at the health hub. Thirteen (21) children were treated for respiratory infections. Twenty (17) received a catch-up dosage of Vitamin A and deworming. Two hundred and forty (240) children <5 received micro-nutrient supplementation at the fifteen early learning centers in Melusi. The total number of nutritional assessments/interventions of children in Melusi was 294 (two hundred and ninety-four).



Image 3: Mothers waiting for nutritional screening and supplementation of their young children

Training of mothers, fathers and community caregivers in early learning centers and at the local non-profit organization, MYDO, continued with a theme of a healthy living environment, free of violence and supporting childhood development during times of lockdown

Number of mothers receiving ante- or postnatal care

190 patients received contraceptives within the Melusi community at the health hub. Pregnant mothers that are identified on site are referred for ANC (ante-natal care) to the nearby Daspoort clinic that has more services and resources.