



"Always Needed, Always There"

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MMC

Strategies of promoting Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) in different branches differs depending on District Health plans. UMzimkhulu, KZN has been mobilizing with the Department of Health (DOH) school health teams but they are not available all the time. Peer educators and Home Based Carers (HBC) together with the local clinic and local schools agreed on the plan where SARCS will mobilize, educate, distribute and coordinate consent forms where parents sign and thereafter engage the clinic to set a date of actual procedure.



KwaZulu-Natal Photo: South African Red Cross Society

ARV ADHERENCE CLUBS

Port Shepstone continue with managing 25 adherence clubs. In Pietermaritzburg 5 were initiated. These are clients referred by the Department of Health (DOH) to SARCS care givers where a meeting venue / distribution point was arranged and DOH arrive with medication. Care givers initiated the idea of conducting educational sessions, over and above the medication collection and going back home. Some of those clients are already under Red Cross care. These sessions continue monthly. Zululand branch continues with their involvement in integrated support group which includes other chronic

illnesses medication. Training for care givers and facilitators by CaSIPO has started where 21 people have been trained on initial training of adherence clubs formation.

ARV training Photo: South African Red Cross Society





Community Mobilisation Photo: South African Red Cross Society

COMMUNITY MOBILISATION

On the 7th of April, 2017 SARCS in Upington, (Northern Cape) partnered with various stakeholders to consummate and commensurate with the World Health day. In the event of the day, the stakeholders spoke at the venue which was the Upington Taxi rank.

The Dawid Kruiper Municipality Mayor, speaker and manager were duly represented by a team from the Mayor's

office. A great number of people from different areas and backgrounds attended the event.

SARCS projected that the success of the event would be measured on the number of people who attend the event and it certainly was supported as people listened attentively to various speakers and were entertained by dance groups in attendance.

