

Media Advisory
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LIMPOPO COMMEMORATES WORLD TB DAY

Limpopo Premier, Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will deliver a keynote address at the commemoration of World TB Day on Thursday, 24 March 2022, Mpheni Village, Makhado Municipality. This year's TB Day is held under the theme: Invest in Action to end TB Now! #GetScreened. #EndStigma. #SaveLives.

Last year, during World Aids Day held at Xikundu, Saselemai Stadium, Premier Mathabatha made an undertaking that government will revive its focus on TB, HIV&Aids campaigns as they have taken a back seat since the outbreak of coronavirus.

Premier Mathabatha said, "So what we are going to do is to combine the three (HIV, TB and Covid-19) because they are all pandemics. The Department of Health and Social Development has their own programmes, so we are going to come up with common programmes so that we can reverse these pandemics. The modus operandi is now going to change. Now when we go to a shopping mall will not vaccinate only but teach and test people about HIV and Aids, TB mobilization, and conscientise people about no abuse of women and children". This year's TB will begin with activations in and around Mpheni village to call on communities to get screened and save lives because this disease is curable. World Tuberculosis day event is annually, commemorated to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences brought by TB.

TB is an airborne disease. Symptoms of TB are night sweats, fever, unexplained weight loss, coughing for more than two weeks. It is advisable to visit your local healthcare center for proper medical diagnosis and treatment. According to medical experts, it has been proven that early detection through screening can enable the infected person to proper treatment and subsequent cure tuberculosis.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event planned as follows:

Date: 24 March 2022

Time: 11h00

Venue: Muthuhadini Combined School, Mpheni Village
Makhado Local Municipality

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