

SCHOOL HEALTH WEEK: FREE STATE PROVINCE

DATE: 17 AND 18 OCTOBER 2011

TARGET GROUP: GRADE R AND 1 LEARNERS

DATE	SCHOOL VISITED	DISTRICT	ENROLMENT Gr 0&1	PUPILS SCREENED	PUPILS REFERRED
17/10/2011	Helvitia Farm School	Xhariep District	(47) school enrolment Grade 0& 1 =29	Grade 0&1=29	9
18/10/2011	Unicon Primary School	Motheo District	Grade 0&1=151	Grade R = 22 Grade 1=129	37

Helvitia Farm School:

Key Success:

- Good working relations between Provincial Department of Health and Department of Education including other stakeholders
- Department of Education provide daily transport for all learners
- Sanitary Pads project initiated and supported by DOSD, DOE , DOH and Premier's office (Check page 3)
- Stakeholders supported the school health campaign: Sports & recreation, SASSA, Home affairs . Lovelife, SAPS, Municipality and DOE & DOH District officials

Key Challenges:

- Feeding scheme is not consistence and reliable
- No first aid kit
- Consent forms: language challenges
- Health centre for referral 35km away from school
- No mobile clinic visit the area

Recommendation:

- Mobile clinic to visit the area
- First Aid Kit and training of teachers
- In-service training for teachers on basic health related matters
- IEC material on health related issues such as sexual and reproductive and nutrition posters and pamphlets
- Dedicated school health team and transport

- DOE and DOH to re-visit the issue of the feeding scheme

Unicon Primary School (Farm boarding school):

Key success:

- Dedicated school health teams
- Sanitary towel project roll out
- Support of the district Manager including Province

Key Challenges:

- Consent from not signed: language problem
- No dedicated/suitable transport for school team
- No treatment for minor ailments
- No relevant supporting documents e.g. Y&A Policy, surveys etc.

Recommendations:

- More health teams required
- Orientation workshop for nurses and educators
- IEC material: Local languages
- Treatment of minor ailments
- Strengthen parents involvement

Other key activities:

MEC for health and DOE Provincial officials to participate on the School Health Campaign

Date: 25 October 2011

School: Iketsetseng Primary School

Venue: Bothaville



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SANITARY PADS PROJECT

1. The Departments of Education, Health and Social Development partnership in this Project
2. Launched by the Premier and MEC for Health during June 2011 responding to Minister's Budget Speech and Presidential Nation address
3. Service Providers Protta and Gamble (NGOs) has been identified to supply ? 5 000 learners for the next 3-years.(We'll double check the figures with the Province)
4. Situational analysis was conducted by three (3) Government Departments and criteria was developed e.g. Department of Education provided with the list OVS and schools.
5. Criteria
 - a) Rural Schools
 - b) Learners needs
 - c) Orphans
 - d) Puberty stage (menstruation).
6. Thabo Mofutsanyane District piloted the project in eight (8) schools
7. Distribution strategic – 4 months: stock for each learner (8 – 10 menstruation pads each) and the project has been rolled out in all districts.NB School nurses distributes the Sanitary towels to the school
8. This Project forms part of the School Health services packages.
9. Type of pads chosen by youth in the pilot district: Stay Free, Max slims and Dry Wax Wings
10. Premier under the Operational Hlasela campaign in partnership with the communist youth league to roll out the project
11. Health budget/funding from strategic health programme
12. Minitoring done by : LoveLife and Protta and Gamble