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Dr B Engelbrecht

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Dear Dr Engelbrecht

RE: REQUEST TO PREPARE THE PROVINCE WITH RESPECT TO THE UP-COMING 2019 ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY (RFHD) CAMPAIGN THAT WILL BE ROLLED-OUT FROM 2 - 4 OCTOBER

The Department of Health has worked in collaboration with the Rotarians since 2013 to roll-out the Rotary Family Health Day campaign. This campaign has reached thousands of community members through interactive outreach activations by rendering health and wellness services. The package of services that is synonymous with this campaign includes HIV Testing Services (HTS), TB screening, Body Mass Index (BMI), immunization and screening for diabetes mellitus, hypertension etc.

Most certainly, the RFHD campaign has contributed significantly to our endeavour to attain a long and healthy life for the masses of the population. May I also indicate to you that this year, the RFHD will be rolled-out under the Cheka Impilo umbrella. As you know the Cheka Impilo Campaign is an unprecedented initiative that was launched by the Deputy President of the Republic during the 2018 World AIDS Day

with the aim of harnessing our response to address HIV, AIDS, TB and Non-

Communicable Diseases. It should also be brought to your attention that endeavours

to reach men and adolescent girls and boys will be amplified this year wherein these

target groups will be offered HIV Testing Services, health, wellness and preventative

services.

It is against the above-mentioned backdrop that I request your office to delegate the

relevant Senior Manager/Programme Manager and a team to prepare the Province in

anticipation of the 2019 RFHD. I also request that the Province commence with

discussions and liaise with the Rotarians to select the sites and prepare the necessary

resources, commodities and capacities in order to ensure a successful campaign. I also

recommend that the Province collaborate with sectors that are male dominated such as

the taxi industry, mining houses and most importantly the youth sector as these are the

primary target groups that the campaign aims to reach during 2019.

For information on the RFHD, the office of the Head of Department may contact Dr T

Chidarikire, the Director: HIV Prevention at the National Department of Health. Dr.

Chidarikire can be contacted on the following details: Tel: (012) 395 9153 or email:

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Yours sincerely,

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