
‘SPORT REDUCES THE PREGNANCY RATE OF LEARNERS’



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DEVELOPING the level of sports in the disadvantaged schools in the Northern-KZN city of Mtubatuba has reduced the rate of learners pregnancy in the schools of this area. That is according to Mike Bennish, the Director of the Private Health Organization-NPO - MPILONHLE (a Good Life) located at Mtubatuba.

Yesterday this area was visited by soccer legend Lucas (Rhoo) Radebe with the aim of bringing awareness about the up-coming soccer world cup next year. Mike Bennish also said that in 10 000 learners at least 15 get pregnant, which is the rate that brings hope in an area affected by poverty and high unemployment rate.

He also mentioned that the Mpilonhle visits at schools have highly reduced the rate of pregnancy and HIV transmission to learners.

Speaking to the News reporters, he mentioned that, the area of Mtubatuba especially Dukuduku area has high unemployment rate, which led to the hard life of learners. “Because of these reasons we then met with the organizations of the world and the famous people to offer help to these schools”.

Oprah Winfrey and Charlize Theron, they are the most funders who took the initiative to develop these schools of UMkhanyakude District as they even gave money to make soccer pitches at these schools,” said Mike Bennish. He also said, “The England soccer team- Chelsea funded the project to develop six soccer pitches fixed with lights within UMkhanyakude District Schools. These pitches will be used by both schools and communities for day and late soccer matches”.

Mrs. Dudu Kunene, of Mpilonhle who is a Health Educator of learners, mentioned that there are many learners that have engaged or devoted themselves in HIV tests because of Mpilonhle monthly visits to these schools.