

Coal giant kits out Amangwe staff

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A SUCCESSFUL partnership is like the proverbial threefold cord which cannot easily be broken.

Such a bond has been forged between Amangwe Village, its Home-based Caregivers (HBC) and corporate sponsors who keep teams equipped and in the field, making an enormous impact on HIV/AIDS at grassroots level.

Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) has once again shown its commitment to empower those who actively battle the disease by sponsoring fully equipped medical kits to the HBC.

Amangwe Village Manager Erna Steynberg says the kits

contain gloves, linen savers, healing ointments, bandages and other basic medical equipment to render primary care to AIDS patients in the deep rural areas.

The ointments are made from herbs grown in the Amangwe organic garden.

'We could never have accomplished this task without the help of RBCT.'

'Our caregivers now look professional and carry their equipment with ease.'

'We are also in dire need of sponsorship for 40 umbrellas to protect caregivers from the harsh elements.'

'They travel long distances on foot in wind, sun and rain and basic protection will make a huge difference for them.'

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Hero in training -Nicholas Biyela of Dondwane receives his medical kit from Amose Mtshali



Amangwe's Home-based Caregivers (HBC) Co-ordinator, Amose Mtshali, with 'nurse' Betty Mthiyane of Sokhulu