

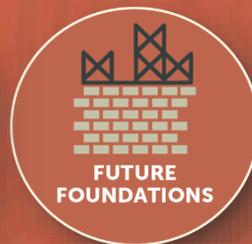


Maputaland - KwaZulu-Natal - South Africa

Mange Health Post: Nurses Accommodation Project

Final Report
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MANGE HEALTH POST – BACKGROUND

Mange Health Post, located in KwaNgwenya, KwaZulu-Natal, was officially opened to the community in January 2022. Before the health post was constructed, a mobile clinic was deployed to the KwaNgwenya community every fortnight. The mobile clinic stopped at 4 sites in KwaNgwenya for 2 hours at a time. It was staffed with a nurse and arrived with minimal equipment and medical supplies. In-between these visits, residents traveled approximately 50 kms to the Bethesda Hospital to receive basic health services and/or treatment. The construction of the 1st phase of the health post was made possible through the generous support of several Africa Foundation USA and SA donors. This included the construction of:

- 2 consultation rooms,
- a waiting area,
- a kitchenette for staff,
- an undercover ambulance area,
- a dispensary,
- 1 block of enviro loo toilets and
- a borehole.



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MANGE HEALTH POST – BACKGROUND

The Department of Health pledged to provide the health post with permanent nurses, if there was accommodation on site. In response, the KwaNgwenya Community leadership and the local municipality requested that Africa Foundation and &Beyond help them raise funds for the construction of this nurses' accommodation. Africa Foundation USA were able to secure the funding required, through the generous support of their donors.

Once the funds had been secured, a series of meetings were held with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, to reach agreement on final designs and the secure their commitment to staff and resource the Health Post once construction was completed.



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MANGE HEALTH POST – NURSES ACCOMMODATION PROJECT – PROGRESS

On the 7th of June 2023 the project was formally approved by the Department of Health, and ground-breaking took place on Thursday 29th June 2023. Construction was completed by 8 February 2024. The date when the nurses will move into their new accommodation is currently being finalized.



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MANGE HEALTH POST – THE COMPLETED NURSES' ACCOMMODATION – EXTERIOR VIEW



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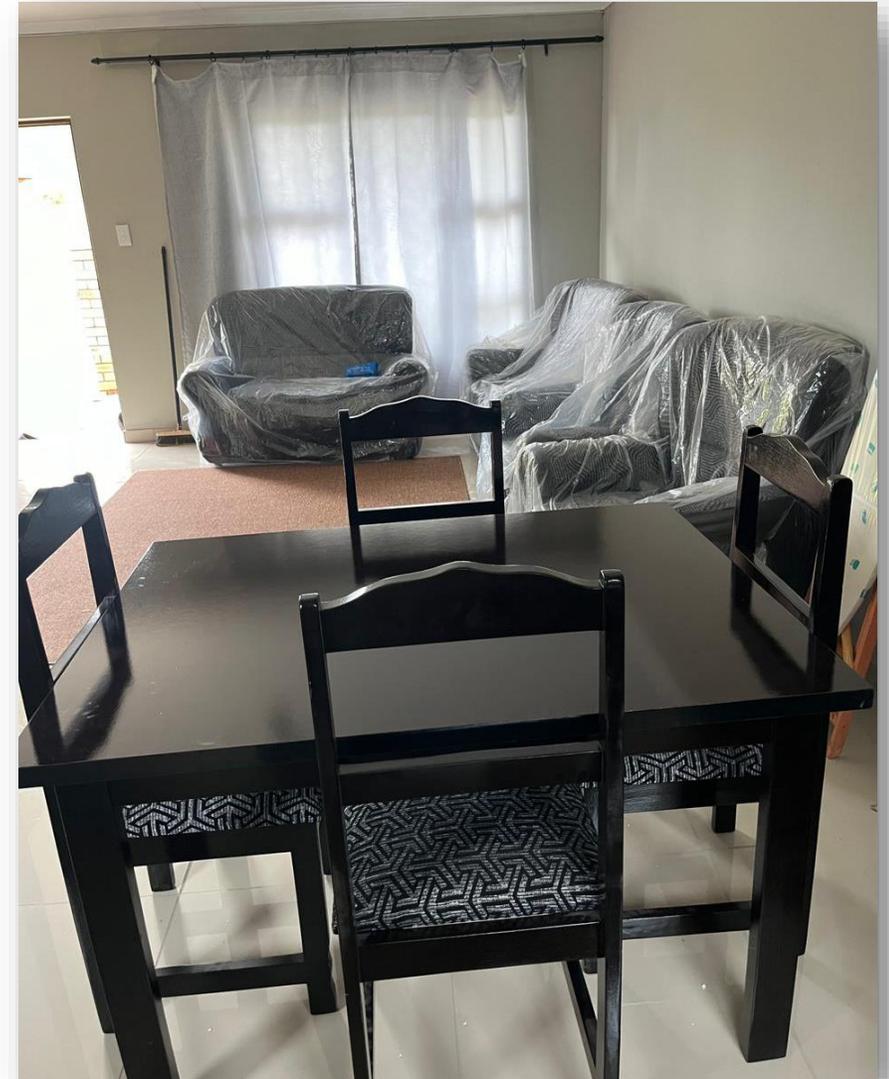


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MANGE HEALTH POST – THE COMPLETED NURSES' ACCOMMODATION – INTERIOR VIEW

The nurse's accommodation is fully furnished including all the below furniture and equipment: Stove with oven, fridge, microwave, kettle, coffee table, double bed, pillows, lounge suite, iron, Tv with DSTV, carpet, a dining room table with chairs, pots, crockery, cutlery, vegetable rack, bins, broom, mop and more as displayed in the pictures below and in the next slide.



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MANGE HEALTH POST – NURSES' ACCOMMODATION - IMPACT

Mange Health Post currently provides health care services to around 240 patients each week, a figure that will increase significantly now that the accommodation is complete. The provision of nurses' accommodation has led to this facility being upgraded from a health post to a formal clinic. It means that the clinic now has one full time nurse stationed permanently at the site, from Mondays to Fridays. This has significantly enhanced the community's access to primary health care because residents no longer need to travel to Bethesda Hospital to access care. Having nurses permanently on site creates the ability to handle emergencies, accidents and children being born, after hours. A doctor will be assigned to the location twice a week after it has been transformed into a Clinic.

Checking vitals, HIV testing, pregnancy tests, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, dipstick tests, TB sample testing, and wound dressing are among the services that will now be available on a daily basis.



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MANGE HEALTH POST – NURSE’S ACCOMMODATION TESTIMONIAL

“Dear Africa Foundation, and Beyond & Donors

I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the new nurses' accommodation provided at Mange Health Post. This facility will significantly improve the clinic's operations and greatly impact the lives of the nurses who work there.

The new accommodation offers a comfortable and secure living environment, which will allow our nurses to focus on their work and better serve the community. The on-site living arrangement will enable them to respond more rapidly to emergencies and provide higher-quality care to patients.

I believe that the improved environment will result in happier and more productive nurses, ultimately leading to better patient care. I appreciate the unwavering commitment of the department to improving the lives of its employees and the community at large.”

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. N. P. Myeni

Nurse, Mange Health Post



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MANGE HEALTH POST – NURSE’S ACCOMMODATION - TESTIMONIAL

COMMENDATIONS:

The Hospital Management of Bethesda Hospital, including the Board is hereby expressing its appreciation for the support it has gained from the Africa Foundation and partners in the support of building the Mange Health Post during the initial phase and in the second phase. This is not only a positive contribution to the community; it is indeed a contribution to the Government itself in affording its people with the basic healthcare services. As the management at Bethesda Hospital, we will consider your support together with your partners the most important phenomenon that has ever happened in the history of the hospital and its clinics. It is the wish of the Executive Management that the current partnership and such a responsive support will be extended to touch on other areas of healthcare service delivery. We also wish that the current project reaches its maturity within the acceptable period of its construction process.

OTHER OUTPUTS:

- The facility has afforded to consult about **1200** people since the handover of the project utilized as the mobile point biweekly during this period **(09.06.2022 to 14.08.2023)**.
- About **727** people have been seen since **15.08.2023 to 08.09.2023** and the attendance is noted to have a potential to increase given the characteristic of the popularity of the structure and identification of the clients in the registers of the neighbor facilities, Mkuze clinic and Mhlekezazi clinic. The process of identifying these clients is in progress.

CONCLUSION:

The support of the Africa Foundation together with partners has been enormous and came at the perfect timing when the Department is lobbying for Isibhedlela Kubantu (Hospital to the People Programme) and Isibaya Samadoda/Mens Corner. Other services of the current focus are the mental healthcare services and the Youth Friendly Healthcare Services at the community levels. These are in line with the Departmental approach to healthcare delivery that focuses on Primary healthcare and Community-Based Model. The Africa Foundation Support should be sustained to reach other spheres of community developments within the catchment area and abroad, as long as the financial strength of the Foundation will be available. The Executive Management together with the [District](#) is waiting for the official handover of the structure in construction in the near future. We will grow the community of Mange together.

Thanking you,

M.I. Mathe
Chief Executive Officer
Bethesda District Hospital

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GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

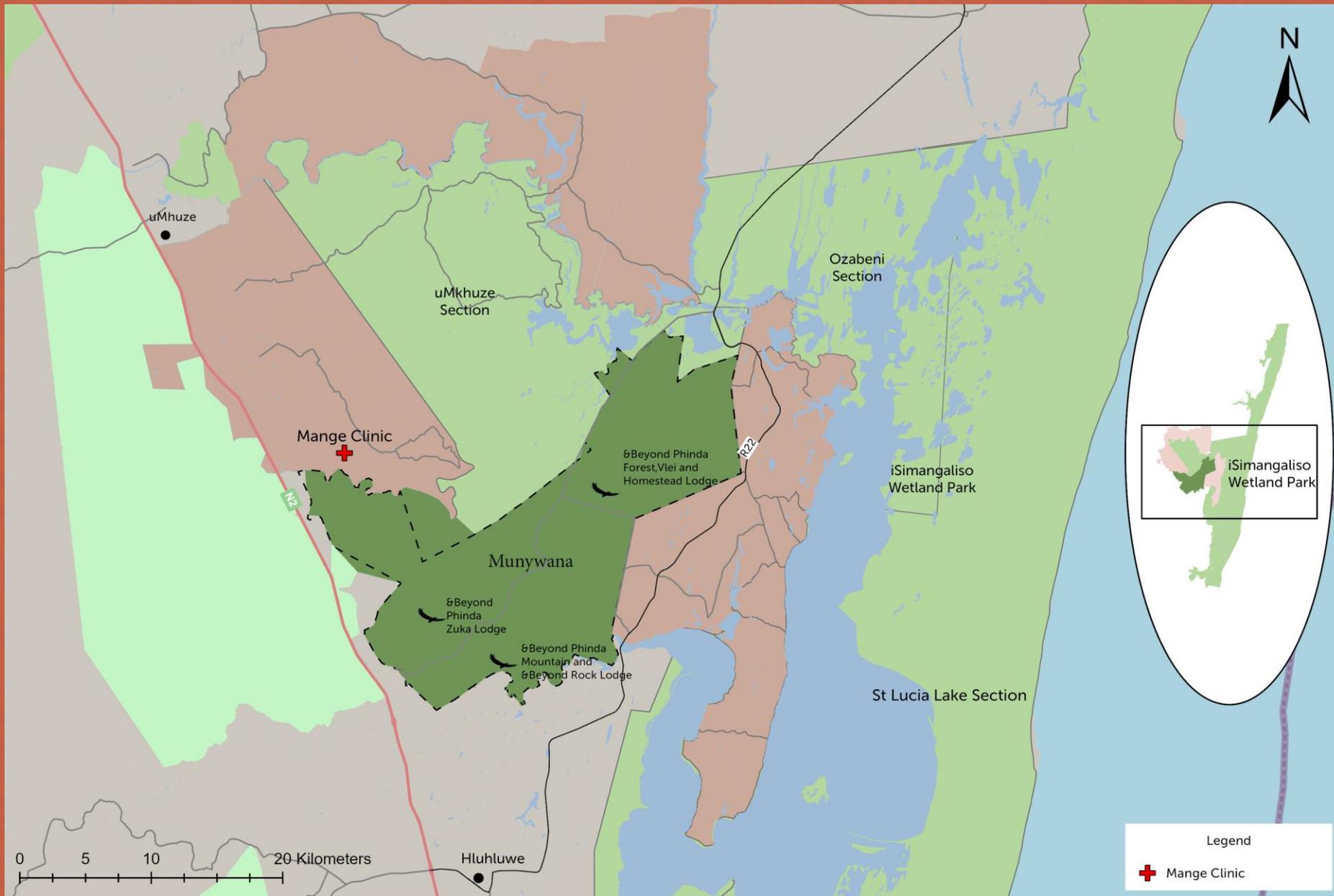
The KwaNgwenya community is situated adjacent to the Munywana Conservancy and the Lake St Lucia section of the **iSimangaliso World Heritage Site**, in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province, South Africa. KZN which is home to 19.9% of South Africa's population, making it the second most densely-populated province, after Gauteng. There are 10 District Municipalities in KZN and the KwaNgwenya community falls within the second largest of these Districts – the uMkhanyakude District, in the Big 5 Local Municipality, which is very poorly resourced. The Big 5 Municipality provides limited water, sewage or sanitation infrastructure to residents, and less than 10% of households have electricity. Formal employment rates are extremely low, with male adults of working age often moving to larger cities and towns in search of employment opportunities. As a result, most homes in the community are female headed.

Africa Foundation and &Beyond have a long-standing partnership with the KwaNgwenya community, having supported sustainable development and conservation projects for nearly 25 years. Over the years, our work has focused on:

- Supporting efforts to address and mitigate human wildlife conflict issues.
- Improving access to Primary Health Care, Early Childhood Development, Primary and Secondary Education
- Improving access to potable water, including the establishment of boreholes, water tanks and the provision of hippo water rollers.
- Providing tertiary level bursaries for local school leavers.
- Facilitating school-based environmental education lessons and activities through our "Echo" program,
- Facilitating creche based food gardens through our "Climate Resilient Communities" program, and
- Supporting the development of the local micro-entrepreneurs through our "Hustle Economy" program.

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**KwaNgwenya community context within the Maputaland conservation landscape,
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

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Thank you for your generous support of the **Mange Health Post Nurses Accommodation project**.

Your contribution helped to improve the living conditions of the nurses at this rural health centre, and has in turn, enabled them to render better health services to this community, in Maputaland, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

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