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Fellow Councillors

Representatives of the Department of Health

Health Workers

Communities of Thabazimbi and Surrounding Areas

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed an honour to address you on this auspicious occasion. I wish to extend a special welcome to the MEC of Health for visiting our humble community and to grace this occasion – National Polio Awareness Week.

Polio is an acute viral disease marked by inflammation of the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord. This viral disease can lead to paralysis, breathing problems and even death. This disease is caused by the poliovirus – a highly contagious virus specific to humans.

Programme Director

Since we are part of the global world and interact with people from different parts of the world we are not immune from this virus unless we take prevention measures.

Therefore we have in our midst the MEC for the Department of Health and Social Development and other representatives from the Department of Health to tell us more about the concerted effort that our government is making via the Polio Eradication Awareness Week regarding their immunisation programme and the prevention of polio as a whole.

Programme Director

Having said that I believe that we have the relevant experts to indulge us more on this very critical issue and without any further waste of time I, once more, wish to welcome you all and I hope that this polio awareness programme will ensure that we are further enlightened so that we can ensure that we remain free of the poliovirus.

I thank you