

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

HELEN JOSEPH CAMPAIGN

Date: Friday, 24 June 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 13:30 pm

Venue: Helen Joseph Hospital

Project Name: Helen Joseph Campaign

Project Partner: UJ Community Engagement Office and Helen Joseph Hospital

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Project description

The Helen Joseph Hospital campaign is the first community engagement activity of 2023. This project tackles Sustainable Development Goal 3, regarding "Good Health and Well-being". Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is essential to sustainable development.

Medical inventory management is critical to the efficient operation of healthcare organizations. The SPMGPP students were involved in medical inventory management in the hospital by keeping track of stock items used in patient's care at the Helen Joseph Hospital. This includes both high-use/low-value items like swabs and syringes and expensive implants and surgical kits. Because these higher-value consumables account for a significant portion of the hospital's budget, proper tracking, management, and accounting of this medical inventory is critical for sound financial management. The students counted and identified each item on hand, counting it, and totalling the quantities by item. A verification step was included, in which the count results were compared to the inventory unit counts in the hospital's computer system.

Good asset management and stocktaking helps the hospital to be able to achieve SDG number 3. The students were involved in helping the Helen Joseph Hospital with inventory and stock taking of the hospital's assets and equipment. The students also inspected various hospital equipment such as furniture's, wheelchairs amongst others. The students were provided with safety equipment such as gloves and masks for protection.

SPMGPP Student Coordinator: Mr Christian Kayembe

Community Engagement Academic Coordinators: Dr S Mavee, Prof Vain Jarbandhan & Dr O Motloung

See pictures below.

