

## HOPE Community Health Workers graduate with flying colours

In any profession, on-going training, practice and gaining of knowledge and skills are necessary for employees to function effectively and efficiently in their daily work. As a learning organisation, HOPE Cape Town places much emphasis on training for its staff and believes that it is critical for HOPE Community Health Workers to be proficient in the community healthcare facilities where they serve the public and for their work to remain relevant in the healthcare sector. To this end, HOPE Cape Town provides monthly in-house training on a variety of topics that focus on both personal development and professional development. The Community Health Workers are also encouraged to further their studies and attend the regular external training courses as arranged by HOPE Cape Town's Dr Ana Houston who is responsible for skills development.

In November 2017, eleven HOPE Community Health Workers left their work stations at the various clinics and embarked on a rigorous ATICC training course held by PDC Training. The course was intensive but the staff did themselves proud. "HOPE Cape Town Community Health Workers are a very talented group." said ATICC Training Facilitator Wilfred Joel of PDC Training at their graduation, "They are extremely competent and know more than any other group I have ever trained. I have no reservations about them going into their clinics and using their new skills and knowledge there."

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