

Inanda Dam Open Day: 17-19 May

The interactive Water Safety Workshop which was held by Lifesaving SA in partnership with the Department of Sports & Recreation at Inanda Dam from 17 to 19 May06 was greeted with great enthusiasm from the primary schools that attended.

Selected schools from around the immediate Inanda Dam region were invited to participate in this workshop. These schools were Laboure Primary School; Ndlokolo Primary School, Umgeni Primary School; Khanyisalni Primary School and Isihlangusabasha Primary School. Schools were supplied with support material such as Lifesaving Nipper Handbooks, Water Safety Handbooks, posters and worksheets.

The workshop was attended by various dignitaries. They were Mr. Maharaj - KZN Sport & Recreation; Mr. Paul Veseley - KZN Sport & Recreation; Councilor Nkhosa - Ethekewini Municipality; Mr. Desmond Myeza, Manager from the Office of the Speaker; Mr. Stembiso Mkhwanazi and Miss Thanda Mazala - Department of Arts, Culture & Tourism; Mr. Rayner Naguran and Mr. Bongani Mkize of Msinisi Holdings; and Mr. Pravesh Boodhoo - Umgeni Water, Central Area Region.

The objectives of this project were to promote the development of Lifesaving as a sport to the disadvantaged sector of the community and to educate them on water safety techniques, rescue and resuscitation skills. Over 300 learners between the ages of 12 to 14 years benefited from this Open Day.

Planned activities each day included a water safety and lifesaving presentation, basic first aid lecture, land based rescue methods, flags and relays and rescue board paddling.

