



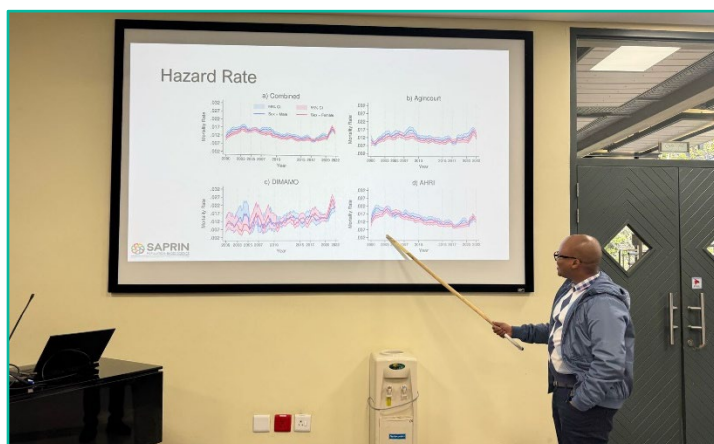
News in Brief

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Dr André Rose, Director (Acting) of SAPRIN graduated from the Kofi Annan Fellowship in Global Health Leadership in Ethiopia on 30 May. He is one of 25 graduates of the fourth cohort of the programme.

Run by the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention ([Africa CDC](https://africacdc.org)), the programme aims to support aspirational health leaders from Africa in acquiring advanced skills and competencies to strategise, manage and lead public health programmes that will transform public health in Africa.



Dr Linda Maoyi, SAPRIN Data Scientist presented a course on, “Health & Demographic Surveillance Systems,” at the Wits University School of Public Health.

The course was directed at students studying towards a MSc in Epidemiology with a focus on Public Health Informatics.

The weeklong course uses SAPRIN data and gives students access to SAPRIN data for research purposes. The course took place from 9 – 13 June.





The Gauteng Research Triangle Inspired (GRT-I) has partnered with the Biokinetics Department at the University of Johannesburg to launch an exercise programme aimed at improving the health and well-being of elderly residents at the Gerald Fitzpatrick Home. This initiative is held on a weekly basis and offers exercises designed to enhance brain health, strengthen bones and reduce the risk of falls, while also promoting overall independence and quality of life for older adults.



Dr Linda Maoyi and Mr Augustine Khumalo of SAPRIN undertook a learning visit to AHRI on 27 February. They were shown various aspects of the HDSS. Dr Dumsani Gumede and Mr Siyabonga Nxumalo of AHRI hosted them. They met with numerous officials including a GIS and migration reconciliation representative.

At the clinic they saw how patients are assisted from start to finish and learnt there is a computer system that connects all data. They went out into the field and saw how fieldworkers collect data. They witnessed the drawing of blood and explanations to questions people had. Augustine cited the process of safeguarding information and the use of GIS to track locations as two key learning points.



As GRT-I embarks on the next phase of data collection, the GRT-I at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) is excited to give back to the Hillbrow community by distributing specially branded GRT-I UJ gift packs. Each gift pack includes a dishcloth with a dishcloth holder, a reusable bag, and a convenient bag holder all created with both functionality and sustainability in mind. These items not only support daily household needs but also showcase the potential of modern 3D printing technology, using recycled and plastic materials to improve everyday life. The gift distribution will be phased, aligned with the data collection cycles.