PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS MEETING,
GREY’S HOSPITAL, 07 MARCH 2018.

BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS ON ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, ACTIVITIES & FUTURE PLANS.

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DREAMS / SHECONQUERS

• SHE Conquers / DREAMS Programme is beginning to yield positive results.

• Youth-Friendly Clinics are becoming more operational & the Happy Hour for the youth is gaining momentum in selected facilities, such as Taylors Halt Clinic.

• Visit of the MEC for Health to Vulindlela helped to unearth some of the great milestones achieved by DREAMS/SHE Conquers of uMgungundlovu.

• A narrative from the perspective of the end-users, the Youth accessing services.

• Yes indeed, there are still shortcomings but we pleased with an overall progress on DREAMS/SHEConquers in the District.
OVC REGISTRATION

Achievement:
- The District managed a 91.4% increase in OVC registration for this quarter.

Future Plan:
- Work closely with Local AIDS Councils in order sustain OVC projects.
CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

Achievement:
• A substantial increase in the number of condoms distributed this quarter, and the target for the quarter was met.

Future Plans:
• Aggressive distribution of condoms to hot-spots and in High Transmission Areas.
TB: Initiated to treatment

Achievement:
- In uMgungundlovu, TB is amongst the highly ranked killer diseases. It is an achievement to have an increased number of people initiated onto TB treatment for this quarter.

Future Plan:
- Conduct more awareness campaigns.
- UTT – Test & Treat.
- Community outreach – Door-to-Door.
HIV Tests Conducted

Achievement:
• An increased number of HIV tests conducted serves to confirm that our UTT – Universal Test & Treat Campaigns & approaches are working.

Future Plan:
• An aggressive roll-out of UTT involving Civil Society & other partners.
• Fully utilize facilities for UTT.
Medical Male Circumcision

Challenge:
- The uptake for medical male circumcision continues to be low for this quarter.

Future Plans:
- Conduct more camps for Men.
- Work closely with Civil Society Sectors in recruiting Men for circumcision.
Female Condom Distribution

Challenge:

• Female Condom distribution still remains a challenge in the District.

Future Plans:

• Women Sector to lead in running campaigns aimed at female condom use and uptake.
Sexual Assault Cases

Challenge:
• Sexual Assault Cases continues to increase in the District.

Future Plans:
• On 22 March 2018, the DAC in partnership with WITSRHI will be running a GBV Workshop where an Implementation Strategy will be developed to counter against the sporadic cases of sexual assaults.
• DSD & DREAMS Partners will lead a District GBV Awareness Campaign.
Future Plans, Activities by the DAC

• The uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council will continue with Taxi Outreach Campaigns, BCC Campaigns using the OSS Kombi, reaching out to Men at Taxi Ranks/Taverns.

• Outreach to communities (Door-to-Door), in partnership with the Edendale Hospital, NGOs & other key Govt. Departments – bringing services to the people.

• Reach out to a number of Adolescent Girls & Young Women throughout the District with the DREAMS/SHEConquers Intervention Programmes / Projects.
Future Plans & Activities by the DAC

• The uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council is ensuring collaborative integration with various Government Dept. and issues discussed are as follows:-

• Substance abuse forum discussions about the Scourge of Substance abuse in the District, unregistered ECD center's, children living in the street, prostitution and other concerns raised by members of the Council.

• Social Development working closely with communities, Leadership, SAPS – spider web and other Government Departments had managed to place children in the rehabilitation centers.

• District Substance Abuse Forum is active & functional. Works jointly with DAC/LACs.
Conclusion

• We remain thankful over the participation of most Government Departments at our last DAC Meeting.
• Civil Society – the representation of Civil Society organizations at DAC Meetings makes our DAC robust and vociferous on issues and solutions.
• DREAMS Partners - your work in the District is showing.
• Key Government Departments – the very impactful collaborations on most of our projects is highly commendable, the Anti-Drug Action Forums with DSD.
• DAC Executive – your commitment on the work of the DAC is rewarding & LAC Coordinators.
• Edendale Hospital – staff and management, the door-to-door community outreach visits – bringing health to the people, is a greatest gift to give to our people.
Thank you