

DECISIVE LEADERSHIP TO DEFEAT HIV & AIDS AND TB IN KZN
WORLD AIDS DAY 2010 “WE ARE RESPONSIBLE”

The role of the AIDS Councils is to:

1. ***Ensure that government, traditional and civil society leadership of the municipality is leading the fight against HIV and AIDS and TB.*** The leadership includes: The Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Speakers, the Councillors, Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders, traditional health practitioners, community based leaders, Women, Men, and Children’s Organisations Leaders, organised labour leaders, and all leadership that is recognised in the District.
2. ***Promote HIV and AIDS awareness in the Municipality.*** Leadership to drive the behaviour Change messages. The message will be on Abstinence and delaying sexual debut for young people, being faithful when in a relationship, to promote the use of condoms, to ensure that all citizens of KZN know their status by promoting the HIV Counseling and Testing Campaign, and the promotion of male medical circumcision.
3. ***Ensure that the people who are negative remain negative and live a healthy life.***
4. ***Ensure that the people who are positive can live a healthy life by testing for TB, having regular follow-ups at the clinic, and by ensuring they take required treatment.***
5. ***Ensure that the people who are taking treatment for TB and HIV and AIDS are adhering to treatment. No one should default on treatment.***
6. ***Ensure that those Mothers who are pregnant are supported to test, and if positive, to take treatment to protect the unborn baby.***
7. ***Ensure that orphans and vulnerable children are being supported by the community and government, that children have access to grants and psychosocial support, and that all children are in school.***
8. ***Ensure that the issue of stigma is addressed through open dialogue about HIV and AIDS.***
9. ***Promote food security through the One Home One Garden Campaign*** to improve the health of the people in the Municipality.
10. ***Promote a uniform approach and cooperation by all organs of state in the local spheres in respect of any matter relating to HIV and AIDS.***
11. ***Ensure that leadership, to sit together and review the response to HIV & AIDS and TB in the Municipality.***
12. ***Promote physical exercise and keeping fit, including screening for diseases such as cancer, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, etc.***
13. ***Mobilise resources for the implementation of HIV and AIDS programmes and strategies at community level.***
14. ***Ensure that all Local Municipalities have Ward HIV & AIDS and TB campaigns, and compile reports to the District.***