

KZN CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT



HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

■ Key campaigns for Higher Education Sector:

■ **First Things First & Graduate Alive**

- Get everyone behind central campaigns
- We need to improve waiting time for testing on these campaigns
- We must also link more local HCT partners to these FET campaigns so that students and staff can test elsewhere and be referred to appropriate care and support in the vicinity of the FET

■ **MMC**

■ **Holistic Health Package** –Prevent and protect

■ **HCT** - HIV Testing Campaign that drives students to test (use competitions to attract testing)

■ **TB screening**

■ **Cancer screening**

■ Suggestion: **Sexual and GBV – Anti-rape campaign**

High Education Campaign

- fits well with his intention to get all of KZN behind one central campaign with one large event in a stadium such as Moses Mabida (in June 2015).
- There is great power in mobilizing together with centralized messaging for testing.
- He hopes to encourage HCT with incentives like prizes.
- There should be excellent reporting of HCT stats for this campaign so the public knows how many people are testing and therefore how many people now know their status in KZN.

MEN'S SECTOR

- **Task Teams will be formed in order to consult LACs and DACs to ensure a 4 pronged strategy against GBV is implemented, this will include:**
 - Prevention of GBV of all forms
 - Response – adequate referral support
 - Care and Support
 - Institutional Arrangements
- **Activities Men's Sector would like to see implemented in each Local Municipality:**
 - **Awareness days re GBV** (linked to above 4 pronged strategy)
 - **Awareness campaigns to educate and encourage MMC** – as there is a need to push up numbers of men circumcising (not just in June but all year around)
 - **Monthly open day for Men at each clinic – only men** (as men do not wait to wait at clinics where many women and children are being seen to) – a safe space for men's issues.
 - Suggestion: **Isibaya Samadoda - Men (hetrosexual and MSM)** must be intentionally involved in all strategy sessions by organisations working in health and wellbeing so that men are consulted and take responsibility. Men should not only be consulted on men's issues. Consultation must be at all levels from ward through to national.
 - Suggestion:

DISABILITY SECTOR

- HIV/ AIDS and STIs are still a serious threat to the disability sector
- **Key activities the Disability Sector want to champion:**
 - **Inclusive consultation in planning and implementation of health and wellbeing campaigns:**
 - Population of disabled in KZN is over 600 000 people
 - Disabled must be consulted and included in planning so that we fight equally the spread of HIV/ AIDs, TB and STIs rather than work and plan activities in silos.
 - **HCT campaign targeting and facilitating disabled participation** is needed in all local and district municipalities – particularly rural areas (from April and culminate in November which is disability month).



FAITH BASED SECTOR INCLUDING RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

- We promote inclusivity and no judgement of others beliefs and customs

- **Priorities**

- **Need an assessment of the FBO sector in KZN**

- Need a comprehensive database – encouraged all to submit database forms they are emailed
 - RfP and info4africa will collate this data

- **Summit needed**

- To create linkages, Share knowledge, Plan cohesively



- **Messaging - Communication and Public Relations to be improved**

- We do not communicate effectively to all our target markets and need to make a concerted effort to improve this
 - Reduce stigmatizing of one religion by another – this can be done through more networking, consultation and sharing of knowledge about each other's beliefs

- **Suggestions:**

- **Curbing Healers that claim to cure HIV** – meetings have been held with these groups and will continue to be monitored and intervene where needed
 - We need to link our work using structures like LACs, DACs and OSS

PLWA SECTOR

- Need to relaunch the PLWA sector in all districts – we hope to have this done by April 2015
 - Consultative meetings to be held at local levels
 - Ethekwini, Umkhanyakude, Umgungundlovu have already launched
- **PLWA Summit need to focus on:**
 - Preparation for the AIDS Conference in June 2015
 - New ways to communicate and celebrate eg Candlelight memorial is no longer relevant. We need to celebrate the people who are living, the fact that treatment is available and that you can live a healthy, long life with ARVs
 - Suggestion: Have the summit during or immediately after the AIDS Conference in June 2015
- **Activities must include:**
 - Develop more support groups for women, esp those living with HIV
 - Train care centre staff counseling PLWA - to be more accepting of and knowledgeable of challenges
 - Ensure a safe environment for women living with HIV and women visiting health care centres
 - Shorter turn around times
 - Campaigns – see below
- Campaigns for:
 - female condoms
 - Stigma and discrimination
 - Decriminalization of sex work
 - HPV campaigns – stress the importance of HPV in opportunistic infection treatment

SPORT, ART AND CULTURE SECTOR

Campaigns and Activities include:

- Mobile Clinics
- Tournaments with local sports activities
- MMC campaigns
- Condom distribution and usage – linked to sports stars who can champion use of condoms and educate on correct use

NGO SECTOR

- **Our focus areas will include:**
- **NGO Sector Funding Crisis**
 - Research into what domestic government funding is being made available to NGOs
 - Lobby govt to provide more domestic support to NGOs to fill the international funding gap
- **Train NGOs and CBOs in organisational development**
- **Strengthen reporting** to LACs, DACs and PCAs to improve statistics and ensure NGO activities are properly accounted for in reporting
- **Annual NGO Summit** is needed to strengthen NGO collaboration & linkages between Districts & Province, ensure consultation & priority development.

GLOBAL FUND PRIORITISING

- Civil Society & PCA Heads of Secretariat met for 2 days to consider **new GF priorities** for SA.
- We **created a civil society charter for SA** which will guide our GF submission. It will be submitted as an addendum to the SA GF submission
- A **new call for Global Fund** is imminent
- On the last round there were **6 Primary Recipients with 600 sub-recipients**
- **We want to ensure that in this coming round PRs and Subs:**
 - Are selected based on provincial priorities
 - Actively engage with LACs, DACs and PCA
- We propose that **KZN submit its own provincial GF proposal** as part of the main submission. This will ensure that KZN receives sufficient priority in GF allocation to SA