



Uthukela District Report Quarter 3 2017/18

**Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting
Venue: Royal Show Grounds
Date: 07 March 2018
Presenter: Cllr (Mr.) AS Mazibuko**



Quarter 2 (July – Sept. 2017)

Challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status (Actions Taken)
High number of teenage pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality to conduct awareness campaigns on teenage pregnancy in collaboration with DOH and DSD and DOE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teenage pregnancy awareness campaigns done in 10 high schools with the assistance from the stakeholders. ▪ Conducted early marriage awareness campaign at Phuthini High in Loskop including surrounding high school.
Increase in first PCR test positive around 10 weeks .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritize pregnant and breastfeeding mothers during adherence and counselling sessions at PHC facilities. ▪ Encourage counselling of both partners during pregnancy and breastfeeding. ▪ Implementation of Index (HAST) case finding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted basic Antenatal care training update in January 2018. ▪ Intensified viral load monitoring using TIER.NET and adherence counseling for pregnant mothers in all Antenatal (ANC) visit and breastfeeding.

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Sexual assault cases against 12 years is constantly high.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District stakeholders to address sexual assault jointly, to curb the high numbers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District is piloting a project that accesses the risk of sexual assault and referral from the communities targeting young girls through NGO partners (Health Systems Trust, Zoe-Life and Duduza Care Centre) piloting
60 infants death occurred in Q2 in public Health Facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure early detection and management of underlying conditions during pregnancy. Ensure pregnant women receive HIV testing and screening for TB & STI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted integrated basic Antenatal care training update (HIV,TB;STI;PMTCT) for health care workers.
Poor reporting of WAC's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the functionality of WAC's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District conducted strategic workshop for district Councillors and DAC members on functionality of LAC & DAC with the assistance of OTP, HST and other departments.

Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec 2017)

Challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
High number of teenage pregnancy still a challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ District to conduct teenage pregnancy awareness campaigns in schools with high rate of teenage pregnancy.▪ DoE to provide Psychosocial support to pregnant learners and parents.
Number of new HIV test carried out and new HIV positive cases target not met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ District to Implement outreach events targeting the vulnerable and key populations in high transmission (hot spots) and hard to reach areas.
Increased number of new sexual assault cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ District to collaborate with other stakeholders in addressing this challenge since this is a social ill.▪ District to empower community for immediate (within 72 hours) reporting in order to access health service available (PEP, emergency pill).▪ Stakeholder meeting to be held on the 12th March 2018 for feedback on child sexual assault project being piloted by NGO Partners.

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<p>Children remaining on ART target (target 4437 – data 3342)not met since they depend on their caregiver and parents to access treatment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District to collaborate with stakeholders to improve HIV testing services targeting priority populations i.e. males, children, adolescents, key populations and people from hard to reach areas. ▪ District to empower health care workers, parents caregivers on disclosure guidelines and skills on how to disclose. ▪ District to communicate messages on universal test and treat as an HIV prevention method through community radio slots; community events and campaigns.
<p>Poor attendance of other government departments, only key departments such as DSD, DOH, DHA & DOE attends most of the DAC & LAC Meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District to involve Head of Departments to improve attendance of officials. ▪ Conduct follow up on HOD that have not yet submitted nominees for DAC representation by the end of April.
<p>Poor reporting of WAC's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office of the Premier to facilitate three workshops for Ward Aids Committee throughout the district target non-functional WAC's.

Achievements/Successes

Goal 1: Accelerate prevention to reduce new HIV, TB and STI infections

- MMC and condom distribution target were exceeded in Quarter 3.
- Total number remaining on ART target has been exceeded.

Goal 2: Reduce morbidity and mortality by providing treatment, care and adherence support for all

- Implemented Adherence guidelines (spaced fast lane, adherence clubs and pick up points) in order to curb the loss to follow up, with the help from the supporting partner and CBOs.
- Weekly nerve centre meetings were successfully conducted in Q3 so as to closely monitor indicators and troubleshoot where necessary this facilitated quality improvement on interventions and performance.

Goal 3: Reach all key and vulnerable populations with customised and targeted interventions

- Conducted community outreach targeting key populations and vulnerable groups for informal settlement (Emagogogweni) on the 6th October 2017.
- Conducted a mapping exercise and developed the plan for key and vulnerable populations.

Achievements/Successes

Goal 4: Address the social and structural drivers of HIV, TB and STIs

- Facilitated life skills and parenting skills sessions and workshops in Okhahlamba sub-district.
- 11 Social Workers employed to provide social behaviour change and psychosocial support to children and families affected and infected by HIV/AIDS.
- 100 young people reached through substance abuse workshop conducted by Ithemba lethu on the 5th December 2017 at Wembezi (ILM)

Goal 5: Ground the response to HIV, TB and STIs in human rights principles and approaches

- 1500 beneficiaries reached through You Only Live Once program rolled by Home Community Based Organization.
- 120 young people reached through awareness campaign on issues affecting youth at Okhahlamba Christian Council on the 1st November 2017.

Goal 6: Promote leadership and shared accountability for a sustainable response to HIV, TB and STIs

- Facilitated rotation of District Aids Council Meeting venue among Local Municipalities to strengthen participation by Local Municipalities.
- Conducted training sessions for political leaders.

Plans for the Next Quarter

- Conduct MMC camps with the supporting partners to maintain the regular performance.
- Distribute condoms in non-health facilities through a combination of stakeholders to reduce new infections.
- Revive civil society structures at the local and district level to strengthen community linkages and involvement.
- Coordinate district teenage pregnancy awareness campaign in 5 schools to reduce unplanned teenage pregnancies.
- Support DOH outreach campaigns for priority population to improve service delivery in hard to reach areas.
- Coordinate sexual assault & rape awareness campaigns to raise awareness and inspire action against sexual assault in communities.
- Coordinate capacity building workshops for performing WAC's.

Thank You