



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



# KWAZULU-NATAL HIV & AIDS, TB & STIS MULTI- SECTORAL RESPONSE

## MENTIONS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS MEETING

**07 JULY 2021**

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# MENTIONS

1. Behavioral Change Campaigns
2. Provincial TB Caucus
3. People Living with HIV Summit
4. Establishment of People Living with HIV Support Groups

# 1. BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE CAMPAIGNS

- It has been noted with great concern from District reports that most Districts have high number of loss to follow up. One key remedial action across Districts is to intensify HIV and TB Campaigns.
- The campaigns aim to enhance the uptake of the HIV Testing services and will include a drive to reduce loss to follow up and defaulting to Anti Retroviral Treatment and TB treatment among community members as a result of the impact of COVID-19.
- Proposal is that Campaigns are led by MEC Champions
- Office of the Premier – HIV and AIDS Directorate will coordinate and support all Districts on Behavioural Change Campaigns.
- Preparations for conducting Behaviour Change Campaigns (BCC) across all the districts have commenced.
- On 14 July 2021 presentation will be done to Executive Council.

## 2. PROVINCIAL TB CAUCUS

- The Office of The Premier HIV and AIDS Directorate co-ordinated a meeting between OTP, Department of Health, Speaker Of KZN Legislature and SANAC to discuss Launch of TB Caucus in KwaZulu Natal
- The purpose of the meeting was for SANAC to engage with the Speaker of KZN Legislature on the process to establish the TB Caucus and stakeholders involved
- SANAC shared the steps to the establishment of the TB Caucus
- The MEC for Health will lead a debate in the next Legislature sitting on 15 July 2021 and thereafter a TB Caucus for KZN will be launched.
- KZN TB Caucus launch will be virtual and Legislature is leading this activity.

### 3. PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV SUMMIT (PLHIV)

- Department of Social Development in collaboration with Office of the Premier hosted a PLWHIV Summit on 26 to 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.
- The main aim of the summit was to discuss progress and future plans on HIV and AIDS Programs between the PLWHIV Sector and the Department of Social Development.
- Global Fund through AIDS Foundation of South Africa(AFSA) and PEPFAR through TB/HIV Care supported the summit
- 109 people attended a 3 days summit, and the keynote address was provided by The MEC for Social Development- Mrs. N.M Khoza
- Key summit resolutions were:
  - ✓ Linkage of funded NPOs to PLHIV Sector
  - ✓ Involvement of all Departments to support PLHIV sector on HIV and AIDS Programs
  - ✓ Provision of tailor-made programs for PLHIV in rural areas and increase access to services



## 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV SUPPORT GROUPS

- The establishment and revitalization of support groups emanated from the World AIDS Day 2020 and during PLHIV Strategic Plan meeting.
- Poor functioning of support groups has contributed to high number of loss to follow up and poor treatment adherence.
- The submission has been approved and two service providers will be contracted to run the project which will start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the financial year 2021/22.
- This activity will be led by PLHIV in all Districts supported by implementing Partners, Private Sector and Key Departments
- Department of Health and Department of Social Development are key departments in the establishment and revitalization of support groups, and they have a key role in ensuring well functioning and sustainability

# THANK YOU

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