

# By 2030 eThekwini will be Africa's most caring and liveable city

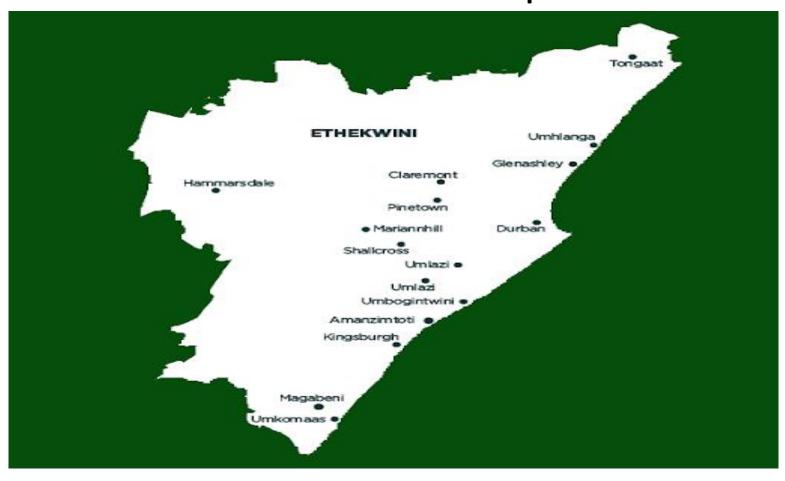


**eThekwini District Report** 

**Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting** 

Presenter: His Worship Honorable Mayor Cllr M. Kaunda

#### **Metro Overview Map**



Indicator	Challenges	Key Interventions
HIV Viral Load Completion and Viral Load Suppression Rate	VL Completion declined, while VL Suppression increased	<ul> <li>Community structures and CHWs continue to raise awareness to promote VL testing in the community/home</li> <li>Facilities sending VL appointment reminders to patients</li> <li>VL testing due list generated weekly with tracing of all patients</li> </ul>

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Teenage Pregnancy/Deliveries     10 - 19 years at public health     facilities	Teenage pregnancy in eThekwini is a multifaceted problem with many contributing factors such as poverty, gender inequalities, gender-based violence, substance use, poor access to contraceptives and issues with termination of pregnancy; low, inconsistent and incorrect use of contraceptives	<ul> <li>Expanded access to contraception for girls (10-19 yrs.) in AYFS entry points (facilities and community)</li> <li>Launched DREAMS/She Conquers Campaign</li> <li>Profile and identify girls at risk for pregnancy by school health and DREAMS /AYFS and refer to case management and psycho-social support</li> <li>Scale up DREAMS package of services in the community</li> </ul>

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Sexual Assaults	There are many different theories explaining the causes of sexual violence and there has been an increase of sexual violence during hard lockdown which have created profound impact on physical and mental health, as well as causing physical injury, associated with an increased risk of a range of sexual and reproductive health problems in eThekwini	<ul> <li>Community structures to promote reporting of sexual assault within 72 hours</li> <li>Screen for sexual assault and GBV in health facilities and community services for early identification and referral including school health</li> <li>Strengthen community referral pathways and ensure access to PEP through community-based platforms (Thuthuzela Centers)</li> <li>Continue to support GBV prevention community programmes among men</li> <li>Strengthen awareness and promotion of GBV prevention</li> <li>Adolescent Girls and Young Women Dialogues</li> </ul>

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• Tuberculosis	We remain with poor adherence to treatment our patients remain infectious for longer, and are more likely to relapse or succumb to tuberculosis. eThekwini remain with high tuberculosis burden in the province	<ul> <li>Expand screening for TB with COVID-19 in all public places including faith based venues</li> <li>Strengthen referral network/pathways with all sectors for TB suspects</li> <li>Scale up home based TB screening with HIV by Community Health Workers</li> <li>Collaborate with OSS, workplaces and People Living with HIV networks to expand TB screening</li> </ul>

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Health Testing Services	HIV service delivery has become more challenging during the pandemic because of social distancing, which restricts large group gatherings; reduced demand for services because community members are fearful of COVID-19 transmission in facilities; and reduced availability of services when providers are assisting with the pandemic response. The lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) also reduces confidence among beneficiaries and service providers because both feel exposed and vulnerable to transmission and acquisition of COVID-19	<ul> <li>Scale up index case partner tracing</li> <li>Increase index testing at community and for client returning to care</li> <li>Provider HIV testing in key Entry Points in health facilities including hospitals</li> <li>Screening all people at health facilities and community events and hotspots</li> <li>All mobile services and CHWs offer HTS with referral for ART initiation</li> </ul>

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Condom Distribution	Facilities are not giving people condoms who are visiting our clinics There is a lack of stock in our facilities, because they are not collecting them from the primary collection centres	Agreement have been reached with all supporting partners including all fieldworkers (CHW) to distribute condoms and feed the statistics to the DAC

#### **Achievement and Successes**

- HTS 110%
- VLS: 90%
- Oral PrEP annual achievement: 113%
- TB symptom child under 5 years screened in facility rate: 109%
- TB client 5 years and older start on treatment : 96%

**26 Wards AIDS Councils** were re-establishing WACs from between **February and May, 2021** and awaiting for the induction from the Office of The Premier.

The successful re-establishment of Ward AIDS Councils in the North, North Central and South region has restored hope to all stakeholders in the fight against HIV/AIDS, intensification of field-workers and local structures in the ground has been proven to be progressive in community development and empowerment as these nominated people are ready to hit the ground running and meeting government halfway in the fight against social ills

We are in the process of launching MINA Campaign, since July is a Men's month and His Worship, the Mayor will be championing this campaign

## THANK YOU!







Miss South Africa, Shudufhadzo Musida, joined eThekwini Municipality mayor, Mxolisi Kaunda at the launch of DREAMS in Durban. Picture: eThekwini Municipality

Miss SA joins Durban mayor in unveiling campaign to fight new HIV infections and GBV