



PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS MEETING,  
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QUARTER 4 REPORTING.

PRESENTED BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR:  
CLLR. T MAPHUMULO



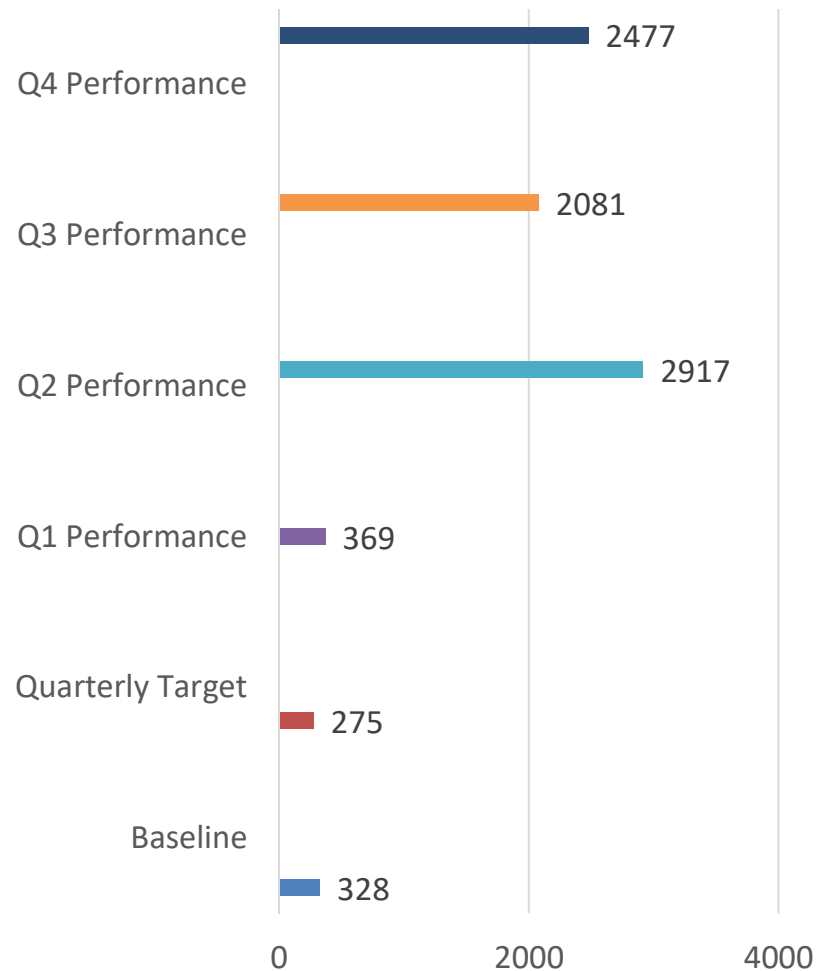
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# Coordinated efforts through DSD: Social Relief Programmes

Social Relief Programs



- Issuing of food parcels to needy families. These families were identified through coordinated efforts amongst which CCGs networks, LACs and referrals to the DSD Office for processing of cases. The target is well achieved and surpassed in Q3.

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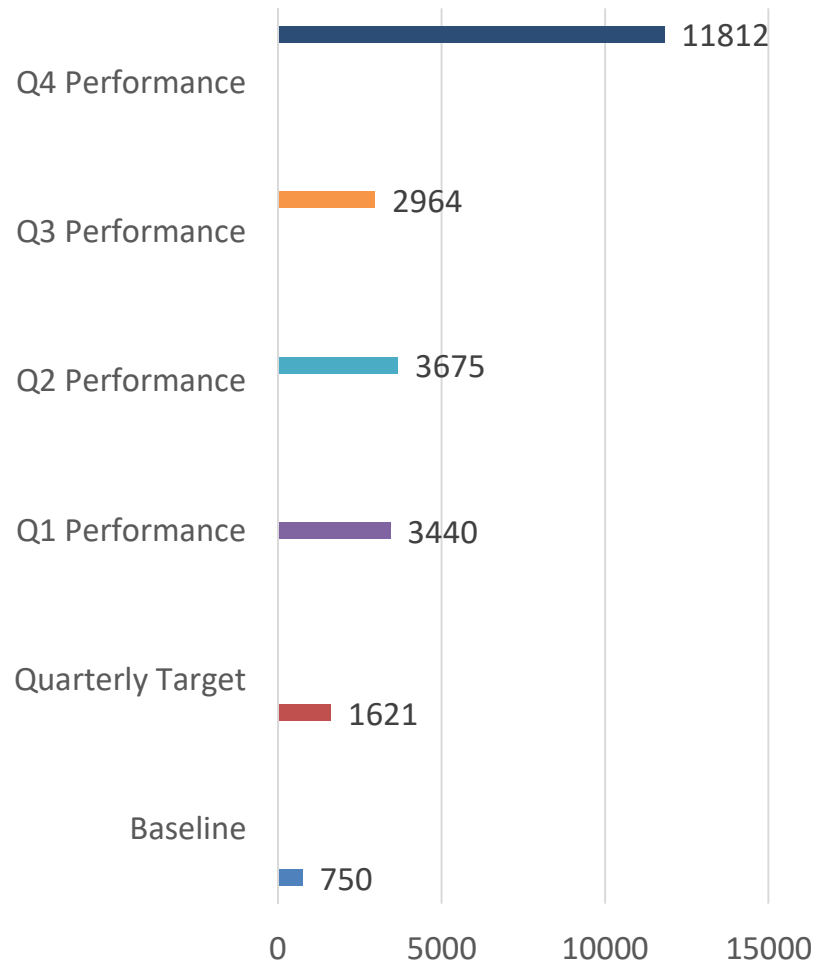
- Demand for relief reduced due to COVID-19 interrelated interventions. Nevertheless, most of the interventions by DSD were carried out successfully.





# Coordinated efforts through DSD: Family care & support services

## Care & Support Services



- Diverse interventions rendered to families with a focus on providing an extended care and support to Orphaned & Vulnerable Children (OVCs).
- The quarterly target was achieved in Q1, Q2 & Q3 despite COVID-19 national lockdown regulations.

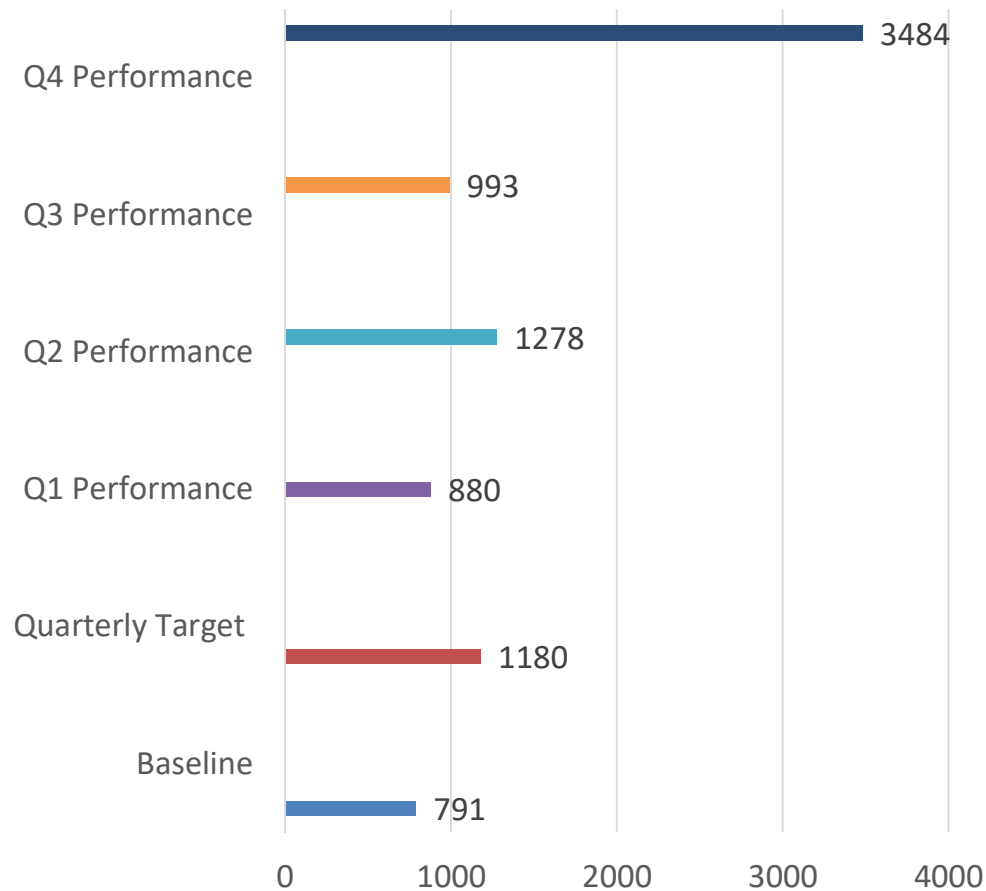
### Reasons contributes to:

- The performance on this indicator is hugely attributed to effective support systems from the CCGs, War Rooms (OSS), DAC / LACs and Ward Cllrs identifying priority cases / families.
- Strong referral systems, through a multisector coordinating structures, at a Local/Ward level.



# Coordinated efforts through DSD: People reached through GBV prevention programmes

Gender-based Violence



The District AIDS Council has established a District GBV Committee to advance a coordinated response to GBV throughout the District, and a multi-stakeholder Action Plan on GBV has been established at uMshwathi, and this is through multi-stakeholder collaboration with DSD as a leading stakeholder.



# GBV: DAC & CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSES

Currently, uMgungundlovu is faced with an intersection of challenges whereby GBV and HIV/AIDS meet at cross-roads.


DAC Civil Society engagements seek an approach that considers the intersections of the two two pandemics, HIV & GBV&F.

Civil Society strategic responses showcases the intersections:

- 1) a Man Against GBV in the District has been established.
- 2) a District GBV Coordinating Committee has been established.
- 3) a GBV Digital Response System in uMgungundlovu District has been launched in uMshwathi incorporating Mpofana, **funded by VulaTech.**
- 4) Strategic Action Plans on GBV&F have been started with uMshwathi & Mpofana through partnership with Office of the Premier under HIV/AIDS Directorate and Office on the Status of Women & Children.







# GBV: DAC collaborative efforts through partnerships: AFSA, TBHIVCare, Office of the Premier, HST, BTGFSA, Govt. Depts and other civil society organizations.

An informative session from speakers representing different government institutions with messages centred around prevention of GBV, and the escalation thereof.

Encouraging men to uptake on the health provisions, for instance: HIV testing, promoting the achievement of 90-90-90 Goals through men, utilizing clinical spaces and family health outlets to advance the health of a society and men.

Engaging social workers, as men, to providing solutions to issues facing men. Centres of emotional support and care for women, and it was highlighted a need / or a gap for such outlets dedicated to men.

Civil Society formations (Men Sector) taking a centre stage in the fight against GBV and HIV/AIDS, STI & TB, and this should be balanced by the Women Sector formations.



# ACHIEVEMENTS/SUCSESSES

Due to high instances of GBV&F and the killings / attacks facing the LGBTQI community, the DAC through support from the Office of the Premier revived and launched the following civil society sectors:

- 1) Women Sector
- 2) Key Populations Coordinating Committee (with Sectors representing all key populations in the District).
- 3) Rebranded Gays & Lesbian Network to a more inclusive and all accommodating name, which is uThingo Network – thanks to a collaborative effort from PEPFAR.
- 4) In response to GBV cases and other related social-ills, Men Sector through partners: Dept. of Health, HST, CDC, PSI, PEPFAR, CMT, convened a successful gathering of men to discuss men-driven interventions to curb the spread of GBV&F in uMgungundlovu, and this included men encouraging men to uptake health services.
- 5) A conversation between boys and fathers on morale regeneration and addressing HIV/AIDS, STIs, TB and GBV+F amongst the ABYM – Adolescent Boys & Young Men done in collaboration between DAC & INCEMA organization..





# ACHIEVEMENTS/SUCSESSES

6. uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council, through partnership with TBHIVCare, hosted a showcasing of mask making project by Youth During youth month – June 15, 2021. This was preceded by the sitting of a District AIDS Council Meeting which was led by the Mayor and co-chaired by Civil Society Chairperson.

**(Mayor, Cllr T Maphumulo followed by Mrs. G Shabangu – from the Premier's Office leading the showcasing event at uMgungundlovu)**

7. The Mask Making Project is an Economic Strengthening Project funded by CDC. The Principal partner in the District is TBHIVCare, and the sub-recepients are: CMT & Noluthuso both responsible for younger participants demonstrating mini-tuckshops, bakery and beads. All participants are capacitated on business management skills.



# ACHIEVEMENTS/SUCSESSES

8. DAC Meetings chaired by the Mayor with full attendance physically and through digital platform. DAC Sectors are active, vibrant and participating.

9. During youth month, the DAC Youth Sector chose to make strategic interventions on the **Mshengu family**. This initiative is done through partnership with:

DAC, Mayor, Edendale Mall, Inkunzilematholeni, DSD, TBHIVCare, CMT, Idwala, Noluthuso, VukaAfrika, Ukhozi, Pisani Foundation, and the Pisani Foundation pledged to build a house for the family.

10. This is a DAC Youth Sector-led initiative, supported by the DAC and its partners.

11. The Mshwengu family matter was discussed at a DAC Meeting, and all partners pledged support and made commitments to provide with interventions.





## CHALLENGES...

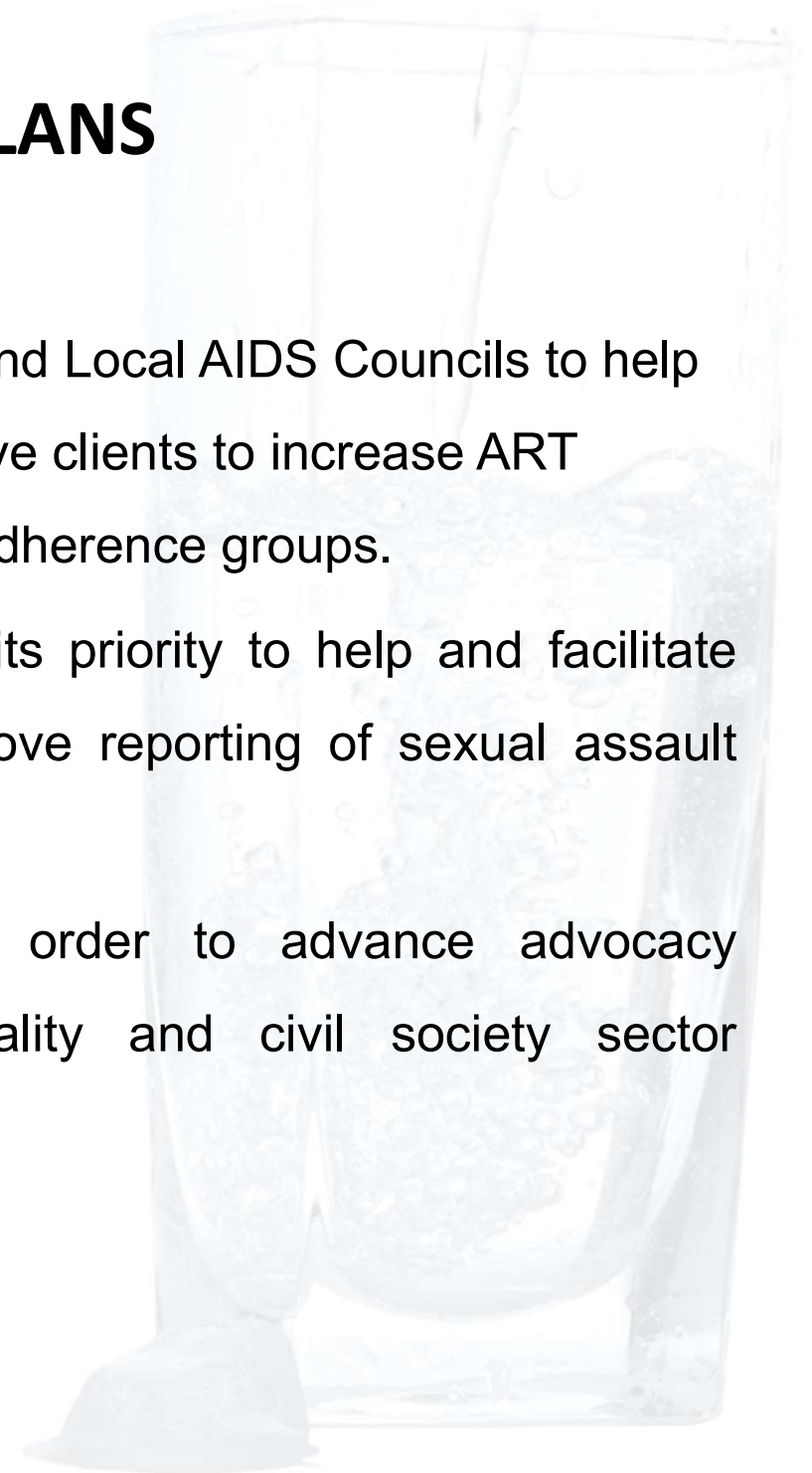
- The DAC has a zero budget to enable it to coordinate its programmes and activities much effectively.
- Local AIDS Councils – only about 40% sit with Mayor chairing the meeting.
- Lack of sufficient resources – dedicated vehicles for civil society sector coordination, sector meetings / functions.





## FUTURE PLANS

- Civil Society Sector organizations and Local AIDS Councils to help Improve index testing for HIV positive clients to increase ART initiation through mobilization and adherence groups.
- DAC Women Sector has made it its priority to help and facilitate open discussions in order to improve reporting of sexual assault cases
- Absorb the Health Promoter in order to advance advocacy programmes, war room functionality and civil society sector engagements.





## CLOSING

- The DAC would like to thank all partners operating within its jurisdiction for changing lives of ordinary people needing services. The DAC has also welcomed the DREAMS expansion programme which has seen positive programmes emerging and facilitated by the Principal Implementing Agent and its subsidiary partners.
- We are highly grateful on the support from AFSA / Global Fund Programmes / PPEFAR / CDC and the Embassy of the United States to continually supporting the District.
- We look forward to an everlasting relationship going forward, and most importantly – helping those who are in need.





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