



**MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022 AT ARCHIE GUMEDE CONFERENCE HALL IN MAYVILLE DURBAN
AND VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**CHAIRPERSON: MR S ZIKALALA, PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE
CO-CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS	
ITEM	DISCUSSION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson declared the meeting opened and welcomed everyone present. He informed the meeting that the co-chairperson Mr Patrick Mdletshe has lost his mother and therefore he could not join the PCA meeting.

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1.2 APOLOGIES	<p>The following apologies were tendered by Director- General Dr Nonhlanhla O Mkhize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Mdletshe – CSF Chairperson • MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube who is not well • MEC Nonhlanhla Khoza who is not well • MEC Sipho Hlomuka who has a family bereavement • MEC Kwazi Mshengu requests to leave early because of the doctor's appointment • Speaker of KZN Legislature Ms N Boyce • Inkosi PDH Chiliza • Mayor of Harry Gwala Councillor ZD Nxumalo • Mayor of King Cetshwayo District - Councillor AT Ntuli • Mayor of uThukela District - Councillor NB Tshabalala. • Mayor of Zululand District - Councillor TD Buthelezi • Head of Department (HOD) for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr SB Sibande • Head of Department (HOD) for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Mr T Tubane • Acting HOD for Sports Arts and Culture and Recreation Dr NI Ndlovu who will be joining on virtual platforms • The Advisor to the Premier Mr NVE Ngidi is not well • The Director General, Dr Nonhlanhla O Mkhize request to leave the meeting early due to an emergency
1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	<p>The chairperson proposed for moving of the adoption of the meeting agenda. MEC for Sports Arts and Culture Ms H Mavimbela moved for adoption and was seconded by eThekweni Civil Society Chairperson, Mr S Nzimande. The agenda was adopted with no changes,</p>

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1.4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	<p>1. Adoption of the PCA minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021. The PCA minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021 were adopted with no changes. MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane moved for the adoption and the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Ms P Nkonyeni seconded the move for adoption of the minutes.</p> <p>2. Adoption of the PCA minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2021. The PCA minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2021 were adopted with no changes. MEC for Education Mr Kwazi Mshengu moved for the adoption and the MEC for Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Ms Bongi Sithole Moloi seconded the move for adoption of the minutes.</p>
1.4.1 PCA RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS	<p>Progress on key resolution of the PCA held on 7 July 2021.</p> <p>Agenda Item 1.4.1 Health Promoters Absorption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Promoters contract to be attended and resolved by the following 3 Districts 1) uGu;2) uMgungundlovu and 3) King Cetshwayo. - eThekweni – 3 Health Promoters resumed duties on the 1st of April 2022; uMgungundlovu – the District indicated that there is no budget; King Cetshwayo and uGu - indicated that there is no budget. Matter to be in PCA agenda until it is resolved. The three Districts without Health Promoters will be engaged again by the Office the Premier and the report will be tabled in the next PCA Meeting. <p>Agenda Item 2.1 National Strategic Plan deferment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provinces to develop catch up plans- KZN has developed its Catch-Up plan. <p>Agenda Item 2.2 Q4 & Annual 2020/21 Provincial Synthesis, PEPFAR and Global Fund Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Fund to review and reconsider the decision to leave out iLembe on the Global Fund- 1) PCA

	<p>Secretariat submitted Request for Funding (RFF) for iLembe District and it was declined by CCM because the District is already being supported by PEPFAR on Sex Worker Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amajuba District has not held a District AIDS Council (DAC) meeting for the financial year 2020/21: DAC Meeting not held yet at Amajuba District, however DAC Strengthening was done for the District on the 21-23 September 2021. • Impact of economic relief given to women to fight GBV. Office on the Status of Women and Children coordinates GBVF in the Province. A full report to be presented in the PCA of 18 May 2022. <p>Agenda Item 2.5 MECs and District Mayors Inputs:</p> <p>Monitoring malnutrition should be revived: Districts reported on data on malnutrition. Severe Acute Malnutrition inpatient under 5 years – Quarter 3 2021/22 =447 and Severe Acute Malnutrition death under 5 years - Quarter 3 2021/22 = 422</p> <p>Pregnancy in Young girls 10-14 years is a concern: OTP leading the response assisted by DSD, DOH, Community Safety, SAPS and NPA. Key finding reports obtained from Departments: NPA – will put unresolved cases back into the court roll; Education – will encourage young girls to go back to school through the back to school campaign; DSD – will enrol young girls to parenting programmes; Health – will encourage young parents to vaccinate their children and consider taking up contraceptives. Office of the Premier – Office on the Status of Women and Children is monitoring progress for each Department on quarterly basis through GBV Technical Working Group. Some of the indicators collected for October-December 2021 are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of statutory rape case opened – 45; 2. Number of girls who attended ANC-8130; 3. Number of convictions made-01 and 4. Number of arrests done – 25
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SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS	
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2.1 ICASA CLOSE-OUT REPORT AND SANAC PRIORITIES	<p>SANAC was represented by Reverend Zwoitwaho Nevhutalu SANAC Executive Manager for Stakeholder Management and Campaigns. His presentation was entitled “SANAC National Updates” and discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Provincial Catch -Up Plans. 2. Development of the new NSP 2023-2028. 3. Global Fund Grant Update. 4. Development of the SANAC Multi-Sector Policy Framework for HIV, TB and STIs. 5. South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Portfolio Based Inductions for new Councilors 6. International AIDS Conference 2022 <p>1. Development of Provincial Catch-Up Plans The development of the NSP 2023-2028 had been deferred and replaced with development of Provincial Catch Up Plans to revitalise the HIV, TB and STIs multi-sectoral programme. SANAC supported the development of Catch-Up plans and the process has been completed in all Provinces. SANAC has developed a dashboard to support the Provinces to actively monitor the Catch-Up plans. The PCA was requested to note update on PIP Catch-Up plans and to support the implementation of the KZN PIP Catch-Up Plan</p> <p>2. Development of the new NSP 2023-2028 The development of the NSP 2023-2028 has commenced. This will be done concurrently with development of the Provincial Implementation plans. The new NSP will be launched World TB Day on March 2023. A high-level workshop was held in February 2022 to solicit inputs from and develop a blueprint with key opinion leaders in South Africa on HIV, STIs and TB to guide the development of the NSP 2023-2028 and came up with 11 emerging themes for the development of the new NSP. The PCA was requested to note timelines for development of NSP for HIV, TB and STIs 2023 – 2028</p> <p>3. Global Fund Grant Update The Country had secured the Global fund allocation for 2022-2025. The revised allocation by the country and</p>

approved by the Global Fund was 536 766 626 United States dollars which is 8 773 128 442 ZAR at 16 Rands/Dollar exchange rate. A surge investment was prioritized for TB interventions, responding to the recent findings of South Africa's first TB prevalence survey which showed a TB burden about twice as high as was previously estimated.

The PCA was requested note the updates on the new Global Fund grant cycle in South Africa and the arrangements for the Province.

4. Development of the SANAC Multi-Sector Policy Framework for HIV, TB and STI.

SANAC is developing a Multi-Sector Policy Framework to achieve standardization of all SANAC structures, to be approved by Cabinet. SANAC was also conducting a high-level review of the SANAC Procedural Guidelines as a backbone of the SANAC Multi-Sector Policy Framework. These will be thoroughly consulted with all SANAC stakeholders. SANAC will share with the provinces process outline.

The PCA was requested to note the development of a Multi-Sector Policy Framework and the high-level review of the SANAC Procedural Guidelines.

The PCA was further requested to support and participate in this process.

5. SALGA Portfolio Based Inductions for new Councillors

SANAC was working with SALGA to develop Policy Position for the Strengthening of the Local Government HIV, TB, STI response. The aim of the position paper is to determine local government niche and clarify its role in response to HIV and AIDS within the intergovernmental and multi-sectoral approach. The first round of stakeholder consultations (internal) had been completed, a draft Policy Position developed and shared for external inputs.

SANAC was working with SALGA to prepare for the Portfolio Based Inductions for new Councillors. The objective of the inductions is to familiarise councillors in this term of local government with their portfolios and the attached roles and responsibilities. The inductions will target MMCs/Portfolio Councillors and E/Mayors.

The PCA was requested to note and support SALGA on the development of the SALGA Policy Position and to input into the draft Policy Position.

The PCA was further requested to note the SANAC/SALGA collaborated plan towards Portfolio Based Inductions and to urge the PCA to work closely with their provincial counterparts of SALGA.

6. International AIDS Conference 2022

The 24th International AIDS Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada from 29 July 2022 to 2 August 2022. The theme is RE-ENGAGE AND FOLLOW THE SCIENCE. Focus will be on:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defining future research agendas 2. Shift latest evidence to action, and 3. Chart a new consensus on overcoming the HIV epidemic as a threat to public health and individual well-being <p>The inter-ministerial committee has issued communication to the Premier on the conference and expectation of the province.</p> <p>South African participation will be centrally coordinated by the SANAC Secretariat. Lessons from previous South Africa's participation in other International AIDS conferences such as Amsterdam 2020 will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>The PCA was requested to note details of the upcoming 24th International AIDS Conference to take place in Montreal, Canada and to share the Province's plans for the Conference with SANAC.</p> <p><u>Requests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free State, North West, Gauteng to have a study tour in KZN • Request the acceptance and approved of the study tour by provinces • The study tour to be addresses by the Premier himself • The other Premiers will also visit the province
<p>2.2 DISCUSSIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane noted that 95-95 -95 had been adopted while in some cases the districts are still on 90-90:90 • Response-UNAIDS has moved to 95:95:95:so, the country needs to adopt that strategy and move on. • Mayor Ngubane sent condolences to the Co-chair and applauded KZN province for having best practices and enable other districts to benchmark on. • PEPFAR to be brought into the SANAC framework of monitoring and co-ordination • MEC Ms P Nkonyeni -acknowledged that the country is receiving a huge allocation for GF and she enquired how much then is the allocation from PEPFAR • Question: Is how these donated funds are monitored, can the PCA decide on other programmes to be funded e.g. Police stations to have victim friendly facilities • Response -the funds are monitored CCM: GF ensures that funds are used as per allocation, those that are closer to the projects should be able to monitor them. • Response-allocations are based on programmes funded for - GF requests the deviation in writing and it will

	<p>need to be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Premier ensured SANAC of the commitment by KZN PCA to those of excellence.
<p>2.3 Q3 2021/22 PROVINCIAL SYNTHESIS, PEPFAR AND GLOBAL FUND REPORT</p>	<p>Mrs Gugu Shabangu presented the Provincial Synthesis Report for Quarter 3 FY 2021/22. The report provides an overview of the status/progress on the implementation of interventions and programmes of the multi-sectoral response to HIV, TB and STIs by stakeholders i.e. Government departments, Non-Governmental Organisations, Community Based Organisations and a Partners such as the Global Fund and PEPFAR. The report was outlined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobilisation of Resources 2. Coordination, Leadership and Accountability 3. Prevention 4. Treatment, Care and Adherence Support 5. Reaching all Key and Vulnerable Populations 6. Addressing the Social and Structural Drivers of HIV, TB and STIs 7. Human Rights 8. Strengthening Strategic Information 9. Provincial Priorities for 2022/23 <p>1. Mobilisation of Resources and Coordination, Leadership and Accountability (Goal 7 the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Fund and PEPFAR are the key funding partners supporting HIV, TB and STIs programmes in the Province. Global Fund 2021/22 funding-R 143 317 403,00. PEPFAR 2021/22 funding: R 1 399 471 121,44. • 7 districts-uGu, King Cetshwayo, Zululand, eThekweni, uMgungundlovu, uThukela and Harry Gwala supported by through Global Fund and PEPFAR programmes. • Two districts -Amajuba and uGu -did not have dedicated AIDS Coordinators. • 4 districts-King Cetshwayo, uGu, uMgungundlovu and uThukela-reported no funding allocations for coordination of HIV, TB and STIs activities in 2021/22. <p>2. Coordination, Leadership and Accountability (Goal 6 the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amajuba, Zululand and uMzinyathi have not held any DAC meetings. • 5 DAC meetings chaired by Mayors in 7 of the DAC meetings held. 4 DAC meetings co-chaired by District Civil Society. • 354 stakeholders reached across all 11 districts with capacity building workshops as part of District AIDS Council Stakeholders Strengthening.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 districts reached with orientations for Political Leaders on HIV, TB, STIs and GBV response in collaboration with COGTA- iLembe, Zululand, Amajuba, uMzinyathi, eThekwini and King Cetshwayo <p>3. Prevention (Goal 1 of the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing reduced by 8% in Q3 2021/22 as compared to 0,01% reduction for Q2 2021/22. Decrease in testing noted in 7 districts. HIV positivity remained below target for all districts. • Male condoms distribution increase noted in uThukela and eThekwini. Generally, condom distribution remains low. • Medical male circumcision affected by COVID-19 but gradual increase in numbers getting circumcised noted. No district however achieved targets. • Under 5 years deaths continued to reduce quarter on quarter with Q3 recording a 15% decrease. Harry Gwala, uMkhanyakude and uThukela recording increased deaths for 2 consecutive quarters. • Deliveries 10-14 years decreased by 17%. All districts-except iLembe, uMkhanyakude and uThukela-recorded reductions. • Learner dropouts recorded in 2021 was 106054 as follows: Males- 54351 and Females- 51703 • Learner pregnancies reported 2021 was 800. • Teenage pregnancy dialogues held in 7 districts-King Cetshwayo, uMkhanyakude, iLembe, uMzinyathi, Zululand, uMgungundlovu and eThekwini. A total of 700 participated in the dialogues across the 7 districts. Teenage Pregnancy Summit planned for August 2022 <p>4. Treatment, Care and Adherence Support (Goal 2 of the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 districts-Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, uGu, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi and Zululand with 90% and above of targeted PLHIV remaining on ART. • Province commemorated 33rd WAD on 1 December 2021 in eThekwini. Event was led by the Premier Mr. S Zikalala. An estimated 600 people who were mainly youth attended). All districts except for King Cetshwayo and iLembe commemorated WAD 2021. • 8 districts-eThekwini, uMzinyathi, iLembe, uThukela, uMgungundlovu, Amajuba, uMkhanyakude and uGu conducted Behavioral Change Campaigns (BCC). An estimated 1800 community members participated across the districts. • Provincial World TB Day hosted on 24 March 2022 in uThukela district. MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane and MEC Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube led the commemoration. About 700 community members attended. <p>5. Reaching all Key and Vulnerable Populations (Goal 3 of the NSP/PIP)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% (1764) of the targeted Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) using Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and 92% (146) of targeted AGYW linked to care. 27% (16) of targeted Male Sexual Partners (MSP) linked to care. 65% (266) of the targeted Sex Workers using PrEP. 1257 People who Inject Drugs (PWID) in eThekweni and uMgungundlovu reached with a minimum package of services. 11% (282) of the targeted men who have Sex with Men (MSM) using PrEP. • Revitalisation of uGu LGBTQIA+ sector done in November 2021. • The girls' empowerment camp held in February 2022 in King Cetshwayo District. 50 AGYW from all the 5 local municipalities in the district participated in the camp. Adolescent and Young people (AYP) Champions placed in 4 districts -uThukela, uMgungundlovu, eThekweni and Zululand from October 2021. Youth summit held in November 2021. About 150 youth from across the province attended. • PrEP indaba planned for May 2022 <p>6. Addressing the Social and Structural Drivers of HIV, TB and STIs(Goal 4 of the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts with highest number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Youth (OVCY) receiving psychosocial support services in Q3 1) uMkhanyakude; 2) eThekweni; 3) Zululand; and 4) King Cetshwayo. • 5% increase in sexual assault cases seen at health facilities. 7 districts- Amajuba, eThekweni, Harry Gwala, iLembe, uMkhanyakude, uThukela and Zululand recording increased numbers. • Children sexual assault cases increased by 6%. 6 districts- Amajuba, eThekweni, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, uMzinyathi and uThukela recorded increases. <p>7. Human Rights (Goal 5 of the NSP/PIP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Fund through AIDS Foundation of Africa supporting interventions on Human Rights. Implementation of Human Rights Interventions gradually picked up in 2021. • The most frequent human rights violations reported were sexual and gender-based violence; right to health and; assault and violence. Key populations with most frequent human rights violations recorded were People living with HIV and Adolescent girls and young women <p>8. Strengthening Strategic Information (Goal 8 of the NSP/PIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and Evaluation workshops and Mentorship conducted for District AIDS Councils and Local AIDS Councils Teams. 354 stakeholders reached across all 11 districts • District Monitoring & Evaluation Task Teams revitalisation and establishment commenced.
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	<p>9. KZN Catch Up Plan – Key Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention – Focusing on key populations • TB Prevention and strengthening case finding. • Focus on second 95. • Gender Based Violence and Femicide. • Community mobilization and demand creation. • Coordination, leadership and political will. <p>10. KZN PCA Priorities for 2022/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Term Evaluation of the KZN Multisectoral Response Implementation Plan for HIV, TB and STI's 2017 2022. • Development of new PIP for HIV, TB and STI's 2023-2028. • Implementation of KZN Catch-up Plan 2022/2023. • Integration of HIV, GBVF and Nutrition and Food Security Council. • Establishment of Resource Mobilization Plan Committee. • Teenage Pregnancy Summit in August 2022. • Strengthen Focus for Impact project. • Revitalization of PLHIV Support Groups. • Provincial Council on AIDS Meetings on the following dates-18 May 2022;27 July 2022;05 October 2022 • Human Rights Summit. • Site support visits-Households, Schools, Clinics, CBO's, Adherence Clubs, CCMDD. <p><i>The PCA was requested to 1) note and endorse HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs Quarter 3 2021/22 Report 2) note and endorse KZN HIV and AIDS,TB and STIs Catch up Plan 2022/23; 3) note and endorse HIV and AIDS,TB and STI PIP 2017 – 2022 End Term Evaluation and4) note and endorse Roadmap for the Development of KZN HIV and AIDS,TB and STI Provincial Implementation Plan 2023- 2028.</i></p>
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<p>2.4 Q3 &ANNUAL 2021/22 PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT</p>	<p>Mr S Zungu the Secretary of the Provincial Civil Society Forum presented the Civil Society report. The presentation outline was as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provincial Civil Society Remarks 2. Coordination and Governance 3. Opportunities in Programming 4. Challenges in Programming 5. Programme Focus Areas 6. Successes and Good Practices <p>Below are the highlights:</p> <p>1. Provincial Civil Society Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter three (October 2021- December 2021) had been one of the busiest quarters of 2021. Province hosted the Women Now Summit, the ICASA, the Women's month, 16 days of activism; the World AIDS Day and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. • Gender-based violence and femicide cases continued to increase. Latest crime statistics showed KZN was the only province to record an increase in crimes against women. Inanda and uMlazi continued to be in the lead police stations recording the highest increase in rape and sexual offences. <p>2. Coordination and Governance</p> <p>Civil Society participated in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Behaviour Change campaigns (BCCs) in all the 8 districts. Civil Society noted that King Cetshwayo, Harry Gwala and Zululand districts were outstanding in terms of holding BCCs. • Provincial AID Councils Strengthening workshops in all 11 districts. • Global Fund Roadshows to present new cycle for Global Funding 2022-20225 in January 2022 in 5 districts-eThekwini, uMgungundlovu, uGu, Zululand and King Cetshwayo. • Woman Now conference in December 2021. Issues affecting women living with HIV were discussed including stigma reduction strategies. ICASA held in December 2021. The Youth sector was instrumental in organising the KZN Youth Village. The Youth village provided a vibrant, interactive, empowering and active safe space for youth engagement and dialogues. • Provincial Traditional Men's Parliament held in November 2021 and led by MEC DSD, KZN Deputy Speaker, and KZN Traditional Leaders EXCO. The parliament discussed GBV&F, HAST and other social
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	<p>ills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of 16 Days of Activism against GBV & F in November 2021. • The Provincial and District World AIDS Day 2022 commemorations. World TB Build up events held in different districts and the main event in uThukela District in March 2022. <p>The following sector activities took place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGTBQI held a stakeholder meeting in February 2022 to discuss progress on resolutions taken during the KZN LGTBIQ summit and develop KZN LGTBI implementation plan. • PLHIV Sector District revitalization workshops conducted in March 2022 for Zululand, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi and uMgungundlovu. • Elections held for Provincial Sex Worker Sector and Research Sector in February 2022. New structures in place • PLHIV Sector led teenage pregnancy dialogues held in 7 Districts. • KZN Youth Summit in November 2021. <p>3. Opportunities in Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching outstanding sectors giving priority to Children and Persons with Disabilities sectors • Continued PCA strengthening with focusing on Resource Mobilization, Coordination, Leadership and Accountability <p>4. Challenges in Programming</p> <p>Civil Society noted the lack of resources for Sectors and the Civil Society Forums. For example, Sectors do not have access to office space or transport to facilitate implementation of their activities.</p> <p>5. Programme Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the PCA Civil Society Forum (CSF) • Consultations on the recently updated terms of reference the CSF and Sectors • Provincial Sector Plans linked to PIP Catch-Up Plan • Site visits to strengthen implementation of Sector Plans • Leading advocacy in the implementation of the response • Orientation of the recently elected Councillors to understand their role in the role and working with Civil Society
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	<p>6. Successes and Good Practices</p> <p>This included the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the CSF and participation in the Local Organising Committees (LOCs) during ICASA • Strengthened collaboration with the government departments especially the social cluster • Mapped out districts with existing support partners and identified gaps on resources • A resource mobilization plan development • Developed a draft constitution for CSF • Occupy the media spaces in the community radio station communicating issues of HIV/AIDS, TB and GBVF 				
<p>2.5 INPUTS BY MEC CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT AND METRO MAYORS</p>	<p>The District Mayors and District MEC Champions provided inputs as follows</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="562 778 2177 1364"> <tr> <td data-bbox="562 778 909 1114"> <p>AMAJUBA Mayor Councillor (Cllr) VV Bam</p> </td><td data-bbox="909 778 2177 1114"> <p>The Mayor informed the meeting that she was newly appointed and was in the process of learning. She highlighted the following issues as the challenges the District was facing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high rate of teenage pregnancy, this may be attributed to the Technical Vocational Education and Training Colleges (TVETs) in the district. Many young women attending these institutions are vulnerable and therefore exposed to exploitation that can lead to pregnancies. • TB had increased due to a high number of treatment defaulters. </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="562 1114 909 1364"> <p>ETHEKWINI Mayor of eThekwini Cllr M Kaunda</p> </td><td data-bbox="909 1114 2177 1364"> <p>The Mayor highlighted that the Metro remained an epicentre of HIV, TB and STIs. He pointed out that Civil Society was active in eThekwini and mentioned the Men's programme that was reaching out to Hostels. On the other hand, the Faith Based Sector needed to be resuscitated. The Mayor believes that eThekwini should be more vigorous on programmes that will show an impact and move away from events or summits.</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p>AMAJUBA Mayor Councillor (Cllr) VV Bam</p>	<p>The Mayor informed the meeting that she was newly appointed and was in the process of learning. She highlighted the following issues as the challenges the District was facing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high rate of teenage pregnancy, this may be attributed to the Technical Vocational Education and Training Colleges (TVETs) in the district. Many young women attending these institutions are vulnerable and therefore exposed to exploitation that can lead to pregnancies. • TB had increased due to a high number of treatment defaulters. 	<p>ETHEKWINI Mayor of eThekwini Cllr M Kaunda</p>	<p>The Mayor highlighted that the Metro remained an epicentre of HIV, TB and STIs. He pointed out that Civil Society was active in eThekwini and mentioned the Men's programme that was reaching out to Hostels. On the other hand, the Faith Based Sector needed to be resuscitated. The Mayor believes that eThekwini should be more vigorous on programmes that will show an impact and move away from events or summits.</p>
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	HARRY GWALA Mayor Councillor Mr Z Nxumalo	The Mayor stated that condom distribution had improved. He attributed this to the appointment of a Condom Distribution Officer. Of concern to the district was the high learner pregnancy as well as Ukuthwala. He further noted that the number of infant deaths was also high.
	ILEMBE MEC Champion for iLembe Ms P Nkonyeni.	The District MEC Champion noted that Local Government elections disrupted the response and programme activities. She mentioned that the iLembe Civil Society was very cooperative. The district was not supported by Global Fund or any other funder and she wanted to know the reason for this.
	UGU Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane.	The Mayor stated that they will address the issue of having the Health Promoter in place. She mentioned that Sexual Harassment Policy was not being implemented accordingly and confirmed that gender meetings will sit accordingly.
	UMGUNGUNDLOVU District MEC Champion Mr R Pillay.	The District MEC Champion concurred with the report, He indicated that the issue of Malnutrition should be escalated and discussed at Cabinet.
	UMKHANYAKUDE	No report
	UTHUKELA	No report
	UMZINYATHI Councillor NP Ngubane and District MEC Champion Ms H Mavimbela.	<p>The Mayor of confirmed that the DAC did not sit for its meetings. He said that COVID-19 as well as change of officials from the DOH contributed immensely to the non-performance in the district.</p> <p>Commenting on the DBE Policy, he said that the figures highlighted were not a true reflection of what was happening on the ground. The figures were far less. He proposed that June month be used to create an awareness on learner Pregnancy. He mentioned that the violence by angry men was an issue and stated that there should be more programmes for women in combatting the GBV& F.</p> <p>District MEC Champion Ms H Mavimbela said that the programmes are not well coordinated in the district and assured that areas of concern and the issues of school sport in uMzinyathi District will be attended to.</p>

2.5 DISCUSSIONS	<p>MEC Ms. P Nkonyeni asked what are the programmes that the Civil Society are driving in the Province</p> <p>Response: There are programmes in Mpofana Local Municipality that are led by Civil Society.</p>

SECTION 3: MATTERS FOR PROGRAMMATIC ACTION

ITEM	DISCUSSION
3.1 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) PROGRESS REPORT	<p>The report was presented by Ms P Mngomezulu, Director of Office of Status and Women in the Office of the Premier. She presented the report based on the 6 pillars of the GBV&F strategic plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pillar 1: Accountability, Coordination and Leadership 2. Pillar 2: Prevention and Rebuilding Social Cohesion 3. Pillar 3: Justice Safety and Protection 4. Pillar 4: Response, Care, Support and Healing 5. Pillar 5: Economic Power 6. Pillar 6: Research and Information Management <p>1. Pillar 1: Accountability, Coordination and Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eThekwini was the only district with a functional District Gender Machinery. • The Provincial Gender Machinery met in October 2021. The meeting discussed the Women Empowerment Programmes, and GBVF programmes implemented during 16 days of Activism for no violence against women and children. • In December 2021, the Office of the Premier coordinated an orientation workshop for District GBVF Rapid Response teams. <p>2. Pillar 2: Prevention and Rebuilding Social Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Districts have sexual harassment policies-these were uGu, eThekwini, King Cetshwayo, iLembe and Zululand. eThekwini is the only district that has implemented its sexual harassment policy. • The DOH, COGTA, Treasury Public Works, Sport and Recreation, DSD and the OTP were the only departments that were fully implementing the Sexual harassment policy in workplace. • About 4330 people reached with GBVF prevention programmes. Just above 1500 men had been reached with programmes to shift behaviour in men. 651 people reached with programmes on prevention of bullying in schools. • 651 Community Development Workers trained on GBVF prevention. 686 people reached with capacity building on sports and recreation.

	<p>3. Pillar 3: Justice Safety and Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7653 GBV cases reported to police, 34% of which were in eThekweni. • A total of 8055 sexual assault cases seen in public health facilities cases for April 2021-December 2021 of which. 2466 of these were for children under 12 years. 3094 sexual assault cases reporting in public health facilities after 72 hours. • 314 Domestic violence cases reported. 44% of these reported in eThekweni. • 43 Child abuse cases reported. Mostly were from eThekweni Metro, followed by King Cetshwayo, iLembe and uMkhanyakude. <p>4. Pillar 4: Response, Care, Support and Healing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Social Development provided psychosocial support services to 7 918 women. 83702 beneficiaries reached through Social Relief of Distress programme in October to December 2021. <p>5. Pillar 5: Economic Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 Women contractors from Zululand district benefitted from the Women in Construction Symposium organised by Department of Public Works. • 55 537 women reached through economic empowerment programmes. • A training conducted for women owned contractors in uGu District courtesy of the Department of Public Works (both National and Provincial) in collaboration with National Home Builders Registration Council. • 367 women benefitted in housing • Department of Human Settlement reported 337 work opportunities for women through 119 projects. • 2177 Land and house titles or leases provided in the names of women. • COGTA reported 36 812 jobs created for women. <p>6. Pillar 6: Research and Information Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The province held a colloquium on GBV focusing on “why men are angry.” <p><i>That the Provincial Council on AIDS was requested to notes the Quarter 3 (October – December 2021) progress report on GBVF programmes implemented by government departments and civil society organizations.</i></p>
<p>3.2 DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION POLICY ON THE</p>	<p>The presentation was made by Mrs TPJ Khoza Chief Director: Social Enrichment Programmes in the Department of Education. She discussed the following:</p>

<p>PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF LEARNER PREGNANCY IN SCHOOLS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background 2. Policy Goals 3. Scope of application of the Policy 4. Policy Provisions and Objectives 5. Strategies for the Prevention and Management of learner pregnancy in schools. <p>1. Background.</p> <p>The Department of Basic Education (DBE) Policy was developed to address the conundrum of learner pregnancy in South African schools. In terms of data, she indicated that 800 learners fell pregnant in the KZN province in the last financial year 200/21.</p> <p>2. Policy Goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the incidence of learner pregnancy through the provision of quality Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and access to adolescent and youth friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services. • To promote the constitutional right of learners to basic education by ensuring they are not excluded from schools as a result of pregnancy and childbirth. • To provide a supportive environment for them to complete their basic education. <p>3. Scope of Application</p> <p>The policy applies to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners • Educators • Principals • School management teams • School governing bodies • School based support teams • DBE staff and • Other co-curricular service providers and NGOs that are directly involved in the prevention and management of learner pregnancies in the basic education system at all public and independent schools in the Republic of South Africa.
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4. Policy Provisions

The policy provisions and corresponding objectives are shown on the table below.

PROVISION	OBJECTIVE
Enabling environment	To ensure that schools are safe, free of stigma and provide a non-discriminatory environment for pregnant learners, guaranteeing them the right to education during their pregnancy and, following childbirth, facilitating their re-entry into schools.
Prevention	To ensure that learners have access to SRH information and skills, accurate knowledge about delayed sexual debut, abstinence and contraception, and information about the role of gender and power in relationships, in order to make informed life choices and help protect them from unintended pregnancy.
Care counselling and support for pregnant learners	To ensure that schools provide a positive and supportive environment where all pregnant learners can access professional advice, information, referrals, treatment, care, counselling and support.
Impact mitigation	To mitigate the impact of pregnancy on the affected learners through the provision of a systemic, sustainable, structured, safe and empowering environment.
Policy management and implementation	To put sustainable management structures and strategies in place at all levels of the basic education system to ensure implementation of this Policy and to monitor and report its progress and success over the life of the Policy

5. Strategies for the Prevention and Management of learner pregnancy in schools.

Mrs Khoza stated that the strategies for the prevention and management of learner pregnancy in schools was as show below.

FOCUS AREA	STRATEGY
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	PREVENTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy campaigns• Classroom interventions• Extra-curricular health education sessions.• Baby not now intervention• Educator support sessions	
	CARE AND SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home visits by Learner Support Agents to pregnant and vulnerable learners	
3.3 DISCUSSIONS	<p>The MEC for Health Ms N Simelane summarised the following as the way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The OTP to attend to the issue of releasing the vehicles to be used by Health Promoters in the districts• Policy on Ukuthwala should be developed by KZN• Mayors and MEC Champions to ensure the functionality of LACs and DACs• Attendance to the PCA meeting is a cause of concern, many of the Mayors are not in attendance in this meeting.		
SECTION 4: MENTIONS			
There were no mentions			
SECTION 5: CLOSURE			
<p>In closing the Chairperson requested the MEC Champions to work in support of the districts and be able to monitor the progress he further encouraged that work should continue in districts even in the absence of Political Leaders and work through the Civil Society Structures. The Chairperson thanked everyone present and the active participation and declared the meeting closed at 17h00</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 17:00.</p>			

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the PCA meeting held on 18 May 2022.

Signed:

PCA Chairperson, Premier Mr S. Zikalala

Date:

PCA Co-Chairperson, Mr P Mdletshe

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