

MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 JULY 2021 VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

CHAIRPERSON: MS N DUBE -NCUBE, LEADER OF KZN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS CO-CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	The Leader of KZN Provincial Government Business and Member of Executive Council (MEC) Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube welcomed all members present and acknowledged the presence of the PCA Co-Chairperson Mr P Mdletshe.	
	She informed the meeting that she will co-chair the meeting with Mr P Mdletshe as the Premier was still held up in another engagement. She requested Deputy Director General (DDG) Mr S Ngubane to open the meeting with a prayer.	

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1.2 APOLOGIES	 Premier who will be joining the meeting later. Director-General Dr Nonhlanhla O Mkhize who was attending a Forum of South African Directors-General (FOSAD) meeting. SANAC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr T Xulu. Speaker of KZN Legislature Ms N Boyce. Mayor of uGu Councillor SR Ngcobo. Mayor of iLembe Councillor SS Gumede who had a family bereavement. Mayor of eThekwini Councillor M Kaunda. The Mayor of Zululand Councillor TD Buthelezi MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Mr J Sibiya who is not well. Head of Department (HOD) for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr SB Sibanda 		
1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The adoption of the meeting agenda was proposed with no changes, MEC for Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation Ms H Mavimbela moved for adoption and was seconded by eThekwini Civil Society Co-Chairperson Mr S Nzimande.		

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1.4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FOR THE MEETING OF 10 MARCH 2021	Adoption of the PCA minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021. The PCA minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 were adopted with no changes. KZN Provincial Civil Society Forum Deputy Chairperson Ms Neziswa Mdaka moved for the adoption and the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Ms P Nkonyeni seconded the move for adoption of the minutes.		
	Matters Arising Absorption of Health Promoters: Mr Sakhile Xaba of the Civil Society Forum (CSF) highlighted the issue of lack of budget as reason for not absorbing the Health Promoter in uGu District. He requested for the intervention of the District's MEC Champion and the Mayor.		
	Mr S Zungu from the Civil Society Forum mentioned that the in uMgungundlovu, the HP has been a critical resource for Civil society support, therefore the absence of a HP continues to affect the Civil Society activities in the District. He suggested timeline be put in place to finalise this matter.		
	The Chairperson of the Provincial CSF Mr P Mdletshe stated that uGu district was one of the districts experiencing high new incidences of HIV and it was necessary that there is a back-up plan in the absence of an HP. He stated that the issue of HPs should continue being part of the PCA agenda until the matter was resolved.		

	SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS
ITEM	DISCUSSION
2.1 A REFLECTION ON OUR RESPONSE TO HIV, TB & STI LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION AND SYNERGIES	 The UNAIDS strategy is now 95:95:95. The NSP has been now deferred to April 2023. A catch up will be developed The focus for the remainder of the NSP 10-point plan is as follows 1. Prevention agenda to reduce new infections. 2. Adapting HIV programmes in response to COVID 19. 3. Initiation of new clients and welcome back treatment interruptions. 4. Galvanise and reinvigorate political leadership and financing. 5. Strengthen partnerships and accountability for HIV, TB and STIs responses. 6. Improve on multi sectoral response and community led responses. 7. Deal vigorously with the issues of stigma and discrimination and punitive laws. 8. Spearhead the integration of HIV and AIDS TB, STI and COVID 19 9. Conduct Community literacy programmes talking to HIV & AIDS and COVID-19. Vaccination programme 10. Measure the resource allocation and monitoring of the catch-up plan The process outlining the development of the NSP catch up plan was discussed with time frames The PCA meeting was requested to note the following The approved deferment of the process of the development of the new National Strategic Plan for HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs to commence in January 2022 The National Strategic Plan term has been extended to March 2023. The process outline and time frames for the NSP catch up plan

Discussions

Mr Mdletshe enquired on how the deferment of the NSP will affect the provinces.

Mr S Nzimande enquired on whether the issue of costing had been taken into consideration.

The provinces had been consulted through the Head of Secretariats. Provinces were expected to make a final approval.

Ms Honey Allee was concerned that non-biomedical activities were not being reported on correctly.

Resolution/Action:

1. KwaZulu-Natal province to embark on its own catch up plan on the NSP.

2.2 Q4 &ANNUAL 2020/21 PROVINCIAL SYNTHESIS, PEPFAR AND GLOBAL FUND REPORT

Mrs Gugu Shabangu presented the Provincial Synthesis Report for quarter 4 and annual FY 2020/21. She highlighted the following.

- Districts with high HIV burden also have high COVID-19 cases.
- Restrictions due to COVID-19 have caused disruptions on response services. This has included the coordination of the response as DACs have had challenges in holding meetings.

Districts response performance was as follows

NSP/PIP GOAL1			
HIV testing	HIV testing had increased by 9%. 8 districts achieved and surpassed their		
	targets eThekwini,		
	uGu, uMgungundlovu, uThukela, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi, uThukela and		
	Zululand.		
	HIV positivity yield remained below target for all districts was low across all		
	districts		
	Condoms distribution per male remains low		
Male Condoms	Male Condom Distribution target performance increase by 25% in Q4 as		
Distribution	compared to 4% in Q3		
	5 districts – aMajuba, iLembe uGu, uMkhanyakude and uThukela achieved		
	condom distributions targets in Q4 as compared to Q3		
MMC	Male Medical Circumcision all 11 districts continued to be affected by COVID-		
	19.		

Infant Deaths	Overall increase of 28% in Q4 as compared to over double in between Q2 and Q3.
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Infant Deaths	Under 5 deaths increased by 15% as compared to 14% increase in Q3 All districts recorded increases in under 5 deaths in Q4 as compared to 7 in Q3. Increases in deaths attributed to COVID 19
Deliveries 10-14 years	Deliveries 10 – 14 years increased by 24% in Q4 as compared to a 22% in Q3
Deliveries 15-19 years	7 districts- aMajuba, eThekwini, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude and uThukela with increased deliveries 10-14 years. Average annual increase deliveries 15-19 years of age was 9% All districts recorded an increase in deliveries 15-19 years in Q4 compared to all districts recording a reduction in Q3.
Learner	31 cases of learner pregnancy in the reporting quarter.
Pregnancies	38200 learner dropouts' cases recorded.
NSP/PIP GOAL 2	·
ART	93% on PLHIV remaining on ART compared to Q3 there is an increase of 1% Generally, children's viral load completion rate is lower. No district achieved 90% of child viral load suppression rates at 12 months in Q1, Q 2, Q3 and Q4.
NSP/PIP GOAL 3	
Key Populations	Low linkage to care across all key populations-AGYW, Sex Workers, Men who have Sex with Men, Male Sexual partners of AGYW.
NSP/PIP GOAL 4	war men, male coxtact partitions of the time
Social Behaviour Change	Beneficiaries receiving social behavioural change programmes increased by 169%
Orphans and vulnerable childrer and youth (OVCY)	OVCY receiving psychosocial support services increased by 57%. eThekwini and Harry Gwala with highest increase of OVCY receiving support.
Sexual Assault Cases	Children sexual assault cases remain high. Sexual crimes recorded at police stations decreased by 21% in Q4 as compared to 31% in Q3
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	Human Rights	Implementation of human rights interventions in the Global Fund supported districts. All districts did not reach their targets.
	NSP/PIP GOAL 6	
	AIDS Councils Meetings	Second PCA meeting FY 2020/21 .2 of the 3 planned meetings in FY 2020/21. 7 districts namely eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, King Cetshwayo, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude, uThukela held District AIDS council meeting in Q4 as compared to 7 in Q3,5 inQ2 and 0 in Q1. aMajuba, uGu and uMzinyathi did not hold DAC meetings in Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. 6 District AIDS meetings chaired by Mayors namely eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude and uThukela.
	NSP/PIP GOAL 7	
	Funding	5 districts are without budget allocations for AIDS coordinators: King Cetshwayo, uMgungundlovu, uMzinyathi, uThukela and Zululand.
	District AIDS Coordinators	4 districts with no HIV coordinators i.e. aMajuba, iLembe, King Cetshwayo and Zululand
	ange campaigns to be led by Political Champions in all 11 districts to bring back all treatment due to COVID 19 ding of Ward AIDS Committees in all districts. iew of the Provincial Multi -Sectoral HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs Implementation plan / and AIDS support groups in all 11 districts.	
2.3 Q4 &ANNUAL 2020/21 PRIVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY	rincial presented the Civil Society report. Below are the highlights	
REPORT	PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY REMARKS	
	Service provider for F	PCA strengthening was introduced to the Civil Society.

PIP MTR -the CSF has participated in the review of the PIP and is part of the steering committee

Provincial CSF held consultation meeting with Global Fund and SANAC on 25&26 March 2021 to discuss and request For Funding for the next cycle

Supported and participated in the District M&E workshops conducted by the Office of the Premier.

Participated in the 16 days of Activism against GBV and World AIDS Day 2020 activities in all districts

Participated in the PIP mid-term review process and awaiting final document

Participated in the Global Fund national and provincial civil society consultations.

KZN Treasury to apply as Principal Recipient for Global Fund

Recommit on meeting 90 90 90 targets especially the last 90 retention and care

Stigmatization of people living with HIV (PLHIV) is still a problem.

Evident that during lockdown where there was huge decline of adherence and lost to follow up.

Psychosocial support for people living with HIV is key

The effort of integrating HIV and COVID-19 response has been of assistance

There is a need to draw lessons and document our experiences about COVID-19 response

Consultations taking place with NGOs leading the work on GBV and femicide in KZN to find ways of integration

HIV and GBV response.

A 25 years jail term was handed down by uMlazi court in December 2020, in the matter of a 9 years old girl who was raped by her biological father.

Psychosocial support is needed for the child and the mother.

The budget cut of R1.3 billion on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and Community outreach has a potential of regressing some achievements made towards these programmes.

Confronted by the issue of PLHIV women, who report that they were faced forced sterilized early as 1998 to 2014

in KZN.

The commission on Gender and Equality (CGE) report 2020, KZN CSF, OTP and DOH has met to investigate

the matter.

DISTRICT CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

AMAJUBA

No report

ETHEKWINI

Launched TB Sub Sector with members who are TB survivors and TB advocates. The Metro also

receive SANAC support on APP development for Human Right cases to be reported. They also recorded over 210 Human Rights Violation cases.

HARRY GWALA

The District CSF attended M& E workshop held on 15 February 2021 conducted by OTP

ILEMBE

A DAC CSF meeting was held in March 2021 to evaluate existing CSF Sectors of iLembe On 22 March 2021 the LGBTIQ+ community established a district sector structure

The PLHIV Sector held meeting in KwaDukuza, Mandeni, Maphumulo and Ndwedwe sub districts The NGO Sector held dialogue on GBV led by House of Hope

The NGO Sector also held TB and HIV awareness activities led by TAC

UGU

On the 29th of January 2021, the CSF attended the District M&E workshop held virtually District CSF attended the District Consultative meeting held physically on this 24th of February 2021 between DOH, OTP and District Partners to discuss progress on implementation In January and February awareness campaigns on COVID-19 regulations held for old day pension days and school children.

UMKHANYAKUDE

uMkhanyakude DAC virtual meeting held on 10 February 2021.

The district CSF consolidated the database for all partners working in the district.

16 loss to follow up cases returned to care in uMlalazi ward16

Relaunched the new DAC CSF structure on the 16 April 2021

UMGUNGUNDLOVU

The district CSF attended M&E workshop held on the 23rd March 2021, conducted by OTP.

UTHUKELA

uThukela CSF intervened between uThukela DOH and Beyond Zero SS on the issue of letter of support for the MMS programme. Services resumed as expected after intervention.

District CSF revival meeting held virtually on the 11th off February 2021.

The District CSF attended M&E workshop held virtually on the 12th of February 2021 conducted by OTP

On the 9th of March meeting with 2 local municipalities planning to revive local CSF structures

KING CETSHWAYO

HIV and TB including GBV activities held in 3 Local Municipalities under King Cetshwayo (uMfolozi uMhlathuze and uMlalazi)

16 lost to follow up cases in uMlalazi Ward 16 were brought back to care

ZULULAND

District CSF attended the District Consultative meeting held between DOH, OTP and District Partners to discuss progress on implementation on 8th March 2021

District CSF attended the M&E workshop held on 30th of March 2021.

PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR ACTIVITIES

PLWHIV SECTOR

Had strategic planning workshop with the KZN DOH, PEPFAR, AFSA, Global Fund, SANAC, THINK SA and KZN Office of the Premier.

The PLHIV sector leadership from all districts attended this meeting.

Held meeting at DSD offices in Durban. The purpose was to discuss the MEC for DSD Ms N Khoza's utterances on Ukhozi FM on the World AIDS Day (01/12/2020) which caused tensions. The matter had been laid to rest.

YOUTH SECTOR

Held Human Rights on GBV whole of March with DAC physical and online in Amajuba, uThukela, eThekwini, uGu and uMkhanyakude.

SEX WORKER SECTOR

Held a commemoration of colleagues lost due to HIV, TB and GBV on the 8th of December 2020.

MEN SECTOR

Held District Men's parliaments in iLembe, uMzinyathi, uThukela. The Provincial Men Sector structure together with Provincial CSF Chairperson attended the National Men's Parliament held in December 2020 in Cape Town.

RESEARCH SECTOR

Research strategic planning meeting held on the 25th of February 2021. Different institutes presented the work being done especially focusing on HAST and COVID 19 Vaccine.

Planning meeting held for the Research Sector Symposium proposed for the 1st week of April 2021.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Durban University of Technology held silent virtual silent protest against GBV.

Upcoming events

- Provincial Scientific Research Symposium
- uMzinyathi and King Cetshwayo election of the CSF structure

	 Induction of uMkhanyakude and iLembe CSF Structure Amajuba revival of Civil Society Forum. Youth sector HIV ambassador will be representing South Africa at the Kosovo Republic in August 2021. Youth appealing for financial assistance. Provincial PLWHIV summit Provincial LGBTQIA + event Resolution/Action: 2. The Global Fund should review and reconsider the decision to leave out iLembe on the Global Fund support	
2.4 INPUTS BY MEC	District	Inputs/Comments
CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT AND METRO MAYORS	AMAJUBA HARRY GWALA:	The Mayor Councillor Ngubane confirmed that Amajuba AIDS Council meeting did not sit He further said that the district will act on the issue of HIV Coordinator. The district will provide and update in the next PCA meeting. The Mayor Councillor Mr Z Nxumalo stated that
		condom distribution had improved. He attributed this to the appointment of a Condom Distribution Officer. The district was concerned about the high learner pregnancy. Ukuthwala is an additional factor. The number of infant deaths was also high.
	ILEMBE	The Deputy Mayor of iLembe District, Councillor D Shandu stated that civil society was very active in supporting HIV, TB and STIs programmes within the district. The Maphumulo Local AIDS Council is not yet functional. The district was concerned that MMC continued to under achieve.
	UGU	MEC Champion N Khoza in uGu there are no structures in place and emphasized that Health Promoter issue should be attended to. Ingwemabala High School issue needs to be attended
	UMGUNGUNDLOVU	The Mayor Councillor T Maphumulo appreciated the

2.5 DISCUSSIONS	There were no discussions	
	J. J	reported in his presentation that cases are for teenage pregnancy are high in from 550 to 713. He confirmed that as a district they are fighting the social ills that affect the district.
	UMZINYATHI	AIDS Councils to be strengthened also have a synergy with the Civil Society and the budget has been set aside for HIV and AIDS coordination The Mayor of uMzinyathi, Councillor NP Ngubane
	UTHUKELA	The Mayor Councillor Mazibuko mentioned that as uThukela District they are working hard at getting the
	UMKHANYAKUDE	The Mayor GP Moodley was concerned that HIV and AIDS is an unfunded mandate. The district was waiting for the appointment of the driver and there are still challenges with the Local Municipalities.
		efforts of NGOs, OTP, DSD who are working closely with the District. She reported that documentation of the Health Promoter is with Municipal Manager and it will be finalised. The Mayor committed to ensuring that the Local Mayors chair the Local AIDS meetings.

SECTION 3: MATTERS FOR PROGRAMMATIC ACTION			
ITEM	DISCUSSION		
3.1 AIDS COUNCIL STRENGTHENING	SANAC through the Global and AIDS Foundation of South Africa AFSA supported the procurement of Best Effort Investment to provide training on strengthening of AIDS councils. A Project Plan has been outlined by Service Provider The project commenced in June 2021 with initiation meetings District Consultation meetings will take place for 3 days		
3.2 GENDER BASED	The quarter 4 progress report on addressing Gender-Based Violence and Femicide was presented by the		
VIOLENCE (GBV) PROGRESS REPORT	Key highlights are as follow	ation Branch Mr SW Kubheka.	
	ncy ingringing are as follows.		
	KZN GBVF TRAJECTORY		
	Time Frame	Activity	
	September 2019	KZN Premier called for a provincial emergency roll-out plan	
	October 2019	Conducted a multi-sectoral stakeholder consultation	
		Implementation of GBVF programmes	
	June 2020	Establishment of the multi-sectoral KZN GBVF task team	
		Developed a conceptual framework based on literature review	
	July – September 2020	Conducted a multi-sectoral stakeholder consultation	
		First draft presented to the gender machinery	
	December 2000	Launched the final provincial GBVF strategic Implementation plan	
	December 2020	Conducted stakeholder consultation with CSO and PGM TANO TANO	
	January – February 2021	Established GBVF technical working group (TWG) Proporation for districts orientation workshape	
	April -June 2021	Preparation for districts orientation workshopsConducted orientation workshops	
	April -3drie 2021	Executed immediate strategic tasks	
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	IMMEDIATE TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN		
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Gender Machineries

- Vulnerable groups Focal Points from Departments must submit reports to District Municipality
 Vulnerable Groups Focal points for consolidation and reporting to the Office of The Premier.
- The Social Development Population Unit in partnership with DUT and Office of The Premier shall conduct a colloquium on why men are angry and hurting women and children.
- Revitalisation of District Gender Machinery structures
- Capacity building and mentorship of Gender Focal Points
- GBVF Community conversations with men and young boys in taxi ranks, hostels, traditional healers and traditional leaders.
- Strengthen partnerships with tertiary institutions to support evaluations and research.
- Strengthen partnerships with the Private sector for improved coordination of resources ring fenced to fight scourge of GBVF in KZN province.
- Development of a GBVF Nerve Centre supported by UNFPA
- Reinforce stakeholder and community mobilization as well as advocacy on GBVF.

SECTION 4: MENTIONS

- 4.1 Behaviour Change Campaigns are to be held in all 11 districts and will be led by MEC Champions. OTP HIV Directorate will coordinate and support all Districts on Behavioural Change Campaigns
- 4.2The Provincial TB Caucus-The MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane will lead a debate on TB in the next Legislature sitting on 15 July 2021.
- 4.3 The Department of Social Development in collaboration with Office of The Premier hosted a PLWHIV summit on 26-28 May 2021
- 4.4 The support groups are to be revived in all districts OTP will lead and collaborate with all the relevant departments.

SECTION 5: CLOSURE

The Chairperson thanked MEC Ms Dube-Ncube and Mr P Mdletshe for co-chairing the meeting. He also thanked all the stakeholders, and particularly the Civil Society. He commended the PCA Head of Secretariat for a job well done. He cautioned the meeting that COVID-19 will stay for longer and there needs to strategies in place that will assist in not halting the HIV, TB and STI programmes. He emphasized that all issues that emanated from the meeting should be dealt with.

The meeting adjourned at 16:30.

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the PCA meeting held on 7 July 2021.		
PCA Chairperson, Premier Mr S. Zikalala Date:	PCA Co-Chairperson, Mr P Mdletshe Date:	