

KZN CIVIL SOCIETY QUARTER 3 AND 4 REPORT



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Provincial Civil Society Remarks

- Quarter three (Oct- Dec) has been one of the busiest quarters of 2021 with KZN hosting the Women Now Summit, the ICASA, the women's month, the 16 days of activism; the WAD and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities;
- The gender-based violence and femicide cases continue to increase; KZN women seem to be getting the worst, according to the latest crime statistics we were the only province to record an increase in crimes against women;
- Inanda and uMlazi continue to be in the lead police stations which record the highest increase in rape and sexual offences which see them being dubbed the "rape capital" in the country; and
- The COVID-19 cases increased in this quarter with Omicron driving these infections, it is critical that we observe COVID-19 protocols and get vaccinated as it has become clearer that the vaccines work to minimize critical illness.

Coordination and Governance

Sector Strengthening Meetings

Meeting Held/ Participation

Behavior change campaigns taking place in all Districts, currently only 3 District outstanding King Cetshwayo, Harry Gwala and Zululand.

PCA Strengthening workshops took place in all Districts, targeting Districts DAC members and stakeholders. The 1st draft report ready for presentation

PCA Special Meeting held in October to discuss the then upcoming ICASA and Woman Now conferences.

Global Fund Roadshows took place from the 24th to the 28th of January 2022 in 5 Districts (eThekweni, uMgungundlovu, uGu, Zululand and King Cetshwayo) to present new cycle for Global Funding.

LGTBI held a stakeholder meeting in February 2022 to discuss progress on resolutions taken during the KZN LGTBI summit and develop KZN LGTBI implementation plan

PLHIV District revitalization workshops in Zululand, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi and uMgungundlovu in March 2022

Elections held for Provincial **Sex Worker Sector and Research Sector** in the month of February 2022, new structures in place

Teenage pregnancy dialogues led by PLHIV Sector held in 7 Districts, only outstanding Districts are Harry Gwala, uGu, uThukela and Amajuba

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Woman Now conference 3-5 December 2021 where issues affecting women living with HIV were discussed including stigma reduction strategies.

World AIDS Day 1st of December 202. The 2021 provincial World AID day was centred around youth as they are disproportionately affected by HIV & AIDS.

ICASA held from 6th to the 11th of December 2021.

Provincial Traditional Men's Parliament held in November 2021 to discuss GBVF, HAST and other social ills. This was led by MEC DSD, KZN Deputy Speaker, and KZN Traditional leaders' EXCO

16 Days of Activism against GBV & F launched on the 25th of November 2021

KZN Youth Summit took place from the 16th to the 19th of November 2021. The summit was centred around revitalisation of youth sector in the province in order to improve youth engagements in districts which can then contribute to the achievement of the PIP

KZN Youth Village held from the 6th to the 11th of December 2021 during ICASA. The ICASA youth village was to provide a vibrant, interactive, empowering and active safe space for youth engagement and dialogues

Opportunities in Programming

- Finalize development of PIP catchup plans aligned and guided by extension of the NSP;
- Launch outstanding sectors with priority given to Children and Persons with Disabilities; and
- Continue with PCA strengthening focusing on Resource Mobilization, Coordination, Leadership and Accountability

Challenges in Programming

- Resources that are linked to sectors and district CSF these include office space, administration and transportation

Programme Focus Areas

- PCA CSF Strengthening in accordance with the mandate of the structure;
- Consultation on the recent updated TORs for SCF and Sectors;
- Provincial Sector Plans linked to catchup plan (PIP;)
- Site visits to strengthen implementation of Sector Plans;
- Leading advocacy in the implementation of the response; and
- Orientation of the recently elected Councilors to understand their role in the role and working with civil society

Successes/ Good Practices to Share

- SCF recognition and participation in the LOCs during ICASA
- Strengthened collaboration with the government departments especially the social cluster;
- Mapped out districts with existing support partners- identified gaps on resources;
- A resource mobilization plan development- in process;
- Developed a draft constitution for CSF- in process
- Developed a draft reporting tool- in process
- Occupy the media spaces in the community radio station communicating issues of HIV/AIDS, TB and GBVF

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