



KZN CIVIL SOCIETY QUARTER 1 and 2 REPORT: 2022

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OPENING REMARKS

- ❑ Civil society is distraught by the continued discrimination and violence towards sex workers and calls for the decriminalisation of sex work.
 - ❑ 13 missing sex workers in Johannesburg
 - ❑ Six bodies found in Johannesburg
 - ❑ One body found in Mthwalume
- ❑ Civil society is distraught by the unacceptably high rates of Child and Teenage pregnancies and strongly advise that the government take immediate actions.
- ❑ We strongly advise that the speaker launches the TB caucus by 15 November 2022.
- ❑ Civil Society strongly advise that the Office of the Premier do a full handover of the OSS/HIV vehicles to district municipalities for Health promoters and Civil Society Forum to conduct HIV & AIDS, TB and STI Behavioural Change Campaigns.
- ❑ The issue of uKuthwala is of great concern and need urgent attention from all stakeholders

OVERALL PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

NSP EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Civil society actively participated in the evaluation and the development of the new National Strategic Plan (NSP) and PIP



U=U literacy workshop

- CSF organised treatment literacy workshop for all CSF leaders to be informed of new ARV drugs developments and how to further assist communities in understanding side effects of new drugs.
- District task teams were selected for the U=U campaign
- Each district presented their action plans to promote the U=U campaign.

TB CONFERENCE

- Civil Society was supported by SANAC, OTP and developmental partners to attend on the TB conference held in Durban from 13-16 September 2022.
- The Provincial Civil Society Chairperson Mr. Patrick Mdletshe and the Secretary, Mr Siyabonga Zungu actively participated in the TB conference programme.
- Civil Society recommends that tb caucus is launched no later than 15 November 2022.



GIJIMA MARATHON

uMkhanyakude participated in the Gijima Marathon for PWD in collaboration with SANAC and PCA



OVERALL PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES.....

Revitalization of support groups

- Civil Society is driving the revitalization of support groups.
- This initiative aims to address issue of defaulter rate and adherence amongst PLHIV within the province.
- Lubanzi uLwazi resource center is the service provider from the PLHIV sector selected to drive the process.



- Inception report has been shared, presented and supported by the HIV & AIDS, TB and STI Technical Working Group.
- District engagements have resumed.

Revitalisation of sectors provincially, district and locally

- Elections of CSF leadership and audit is done in preparation towards elections
- The following districts have selected their new structure: Zululand and uMgungundlovu.
- The process of electing new structures in the districts is still ongoing.

SECTORS' ACTIVITIES

Provincial Youth Sector:

- The Provincial Youth Sector Structure was inducted in June 2022. The sector is currently in the process of revitalizing youth sector structures in all the districts. Interim district youth task teams have been selected.
- Provincial Youth sector participated in the launch of the new youth HIV prevention campaign “Zikhala kanjani” which was launched 30 June in Limpopo province.



Provincial PLWHIV Sector

- The sector hosted a workshop for KZN Stakeholders on U=U literacy workshop
- CSF organised treatment literacy workshop for all CSF leaders to be informed of new ARV drugs developments and how to further assist communities in understanding side effects of new drugs.
- District task teams were selected for the U=U campaign
- Ms Zonke Ndlovu from the PLHIV sector selected at the Champion for the U=U Campaign.
- The sector advocated strongly for the government and stakeholders to urgently address the issue of child and teenage pregnancies. The participated in the
- Service provider from the sector leading the revitalisation of support groups in the province

SECTORS' ACTIVITIES

Provincial LGBTQIA+

- Held Durban pride and LGBTQIA+
- The purpose of the celebration was to sensitize the community and raise awareness against hate crimes committed against members of the sector.



Sex worker Sector

- Participated in a sex work symposium led by the legislature.
- Quarterly meeting will be held with the PCA to discuss progress report on the issues raised.
- The sector is currently formulating a database of all sex workers in the province to assess needs and identify areas of support by the PCA.
- The sector held a workshop to capacitate members on HIV, STI & TB prevention strategies in collaboration with DOH.



SECTORS' ACTIVITIES

Provincial Children Sector

- eThekweni and Provincial Structures revitalized; Provincial Interim Committee has been put in place.
- Revitalization of children sector led by Civil society in collaboration with CINDI network, UNICEF, USAID and IAPAC.
- The interim structure will focus on interventions to promote high ART adherence among children and increasing the number of initiation of HIV positive children into ART.



Men Sector

- In collaboration with uMtwana uNhlanguaniso, the men sector held Isibaya Samadoda in the following districts: uThukela, uMgungundlovu, eThekweni, iLembe, Amajuba and uGu district.
- The seeks to address issues that affect men including issues of health and mental health among them. It also engage men on how to start building families and their role in ending Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF).



SECTORS' ACTIVITIES

Provincial Research Sector

- The research sector was inducted in June 2022.
- The sector presented during the TB conference through THINK on the 14th of September 2022.
- Sector is busy collecting research Database
- Research sector is now looking at new vaccines and engagement are underway to address TB vaccines.



- Research Sector held its quarterly meeting. THINK disseminated results on TB Studies.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

HARRY GWALA

- ❑ District Teenage pregnancy dialogues held in NDZ
- ❑ Youth Sport's day by Woza Moya NPO on the 25 June 2022 at Chibini sport's field. UBuhlebezwe
- ❑ Support group Revitalization workshop 12- 13 September 2022 in HGDM Council Chamber and HGDM Disaster Centre

UMKHANYAKUDE

- ❑ Teenage pregnancy round table session held over 2 days at Jozini LM.
- ❑ GBVF rapid response at Ndlondlweni area
- ❑ uBombo and iNgwavuma Child Care Forums conducted

ZULULAND

- ❑ District and Local CSF elections held. New structure elected, Awaiting induction.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

UGU

- ☐ District CSF induction for the new structure held on 1st of July 2022.
- ☐ TB Campaigns held in different municipalities
- ☐ Human rights and psychosocial activities
- ☐ Prayer for GBV by religious leaders held

UMGUNGUNDLOVU

- ☐ District CSF elections held. New structure awaiting induction.
- ☐ Launch of Button project for GBVF – referrals done to DSD
- ☐ GBVF activations done in different local municipalities
- ☐ Boys camp held in the winter months (June/July)
- ☐ Khala Ndoda and Isigcawu sablesifazane dialogues held
- ☐ Walk against crime, GBVF and substance abuse.

ETHEKWINI

- ☐ Civil society working with DAC, partners to revitalise and train WAC Training
- ☐ Civil Society led the Youth Policy workshop aimed and capacitating youth about policies.
- ☐ FAST Track Cities project is still being implemented in eThekweni and has identify challenges and supported by eThekweni Civil Society and other stakeholders

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

UTHUKELA

- ☐ Okhahlamba municipality elected the LGBTQIA+ sector and launched in Alfred Duma Local Municipality.
- ☐ Inkosi Langalibalele elected the Youth sector
- ☐ Launch of Park and Test strategy that aims to increase the no of people testing for HIV
- ☐ Isibaya samadoda held in all 3 local municipalities
- ☐ Teenage pregnancy round table discussions with DSD

AMAJUBA

- ☐ Held a march and an intergenerational dialogue to raise awareness about the high number of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) cases in the district.
- ☐ Launched PLHIV support group
- ☐ Conducting school visits and addressing the students and community members about all social ills faced in the district.

ILEMBE

- ☐ Four support groups launched
- ☐ Loss to follow up campaign held at Groutville

OVERALL CHALLENGES

CHALLENGE	PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT/SECTOR
The issue of clinic committees within districts is not yet being finalised and needs MEC health to respond on placements as soon as possible. this must be treated as an urgent matter,	DOH to advice on the process and progress on this issue by 15 November 2022	DOH
OSS is not functional and this needs to be addressed and strengthened	OTP to revitalize OSS across the Province and to share the plan by 15 November 2022	OTP
Crime/ hijackings of CFS and government vehicles remain an issue that need to be priorities as it compromises service delivery.	All local stakeholders including Political, Traditional and Community leadership priorities this issue	SAPS

OVERALL CHALLENGES

CHALLENGE	REMEDIAL ACTION	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT/SECTOR
AYFS is not functional and needs to be strengthened as it can assist in addressing the issue of high child and teenage pregnancies in the province.	Indicate which facilities have fully functional, partially and non- functional AYFS program and advise on the plan for establishing or revitalizing the rest	DOH
LACs and WACs functionality still a challenge in all Districts. Leadership not taking HIV issues seriously in most Districts.	Ensure sitting of the LACs Establishment of WACs in all wards	District and Local Mayors OTP

CHALLENGES WITHIN DISTRICTS

Amajuba: Civil society is not supported, have issues with transport and reviving of LAC's. Need interventions to address the issue of high GBVF cases and gangsterism in Osizweni. Madadeni schools are also touched by these issues in schools and out of school gang leaders.

uMgungundlovu: Health promoter deployment in uMgungundlovu still a challenge. even though several engagements has happened between Municipal manager and Community Service Office

ACTION REQUIRED

- Revitalisation of OSS
- Audit of functional DAC/LAC/WAC
- Participation of Government Leadership is required in all levels
- TB Caucus needs to be launched by 15 November 2022
- OSS/HIV vehicles need to be donated to District Municipalities by 31 October 2022

CLOSING REMARKS

- CSF partnership with global fund and PEPFAR partners enable CFS to monitor progress within target and interventions rendered. Happy that the new global fund grant has been allocated for local organisations.
- Civil society has actively participated in addressing the issue of child and teenage pregnancy in the province through partnership with government, partners and OTP.
- Civil society has actively participated in GBVF activations within districts were implemented as a build up toward GBVF summit, this is critical considering the high rates of GBVF in the province
- Civil Society Forum is committed to advocate and promote service delivery among our communities, hence will continue to monitor and evaluate health facilities to address issues of stock out and attitude of health care workers within health facilities.
- We appreciate Fast- Qs for man and boys that's is being implemented in other districts and will continue to monitor from time to time

End

Thanks