



Amajuba District AIDS Council Report Quarter 1-Quarter 3 FY 2021/2022

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS MEETING

Presenter: Honorable Mayor Cllr. VV BAM

Annual Report- Action Item Update

Indicator	Challenge	Status (Actions Taken)
Death in facility under 5 years	Delivery in facility 15-19 years has increased in the 3 quarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaviour Campaigns Programmes on Teenage Pregnancies/HIV/AIDS/TB and Family Planning to schools, TVETS and youth out of school implemented during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter have been facilitated by sector Departments and Civil Society.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death of 5year old children and under in facilities 	Increased Child mortality throughout the financial year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antenatal support and associated causes have been factored as part of Behaviour Change Campaigns in all Community Outreach programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TB clients lost to follow up 	TB clients lost to follow up increased	<p>TB Awareness campaigns and screening implemented throughout the District on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TB prevention -Identifying TB Signs & symptoms -TB/HIV/Prep -Covid-19 -Cough etiquette

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male condom distribution Female Condom Distribution Male Urethritis Syndrome and new STI cases treated 	<p>Female condom uptake is low</p> <p>Male STIs have increased and District still the highest in the Province</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male and Female condom distribution boosted during dialogues on SRH. Intense distribution at all TVET entrances, public ablutions facilities by CHW and Peer Educators. OSS Local Task Teams and Civil Society identified “HOT SPOTS” where CONDOCANS have been placed to boost condom distribution in the 3 Local Municipalities in the District Ikhosomba LaMajita activities initiated on World AIDS Day 2021 event and future activities planned for February 2022 focusing on promoting health screening, testing, mental health issues, active lifestyle focusing on men in their safe spaces etc. Men’s and Women’s Programmes/Dialogues on issues specific to their general health, mental health, financial issues were implemented.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of students in TVETS and Universities reached through combination prevention interventions Number of AGYW tested for HIV (15-24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inability to host Full Activations/ Campaigns due to COVID 19 Regulation, this leading to compromised output. 	<p>Programmes implemented at TVET Campuses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogues on SRH/HIV&STI Dialogues GBV& Mental Health Screening for STIs Screened Hypertension& Diabetes Successful referrals & Initiation on ART Distribution of sanitary towels and hygiene packs Silent Activation hosted on a monthly basis at each campus in partnership with Higher Health. Strengthened the work of all Campus clinics, through marketing of service, information on Social Media Pages. Intensified dialogues to sensitize students about available health and wellness services; focus on PREP.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Viral Load completion at 12 months for 15 year olds and under Adults with viral load completion at 12 months 	<p>Children under 15 years HIV viral load suppressed rate (VLS) at 06 months decreased, which was an indication of a defaulter phenomenon in children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities including actively tracing unconfirmed lost to follow up clients using the following avenues, PHONE CALLS, Physical tracing using CHWs and Outreach teams commenced. Nomination of Facility Viral Load Champions to avoid missed opportunities has had positive effect throughout the year. Strengthened Adherence Club participation and counselling suitable for children established at (Umndozo Clinic) ; Caregivers and PLHIV Sector promoted adherence club establishment in the District. Remaining 02 LM to initiate clubs for youth and adults before end of financial year. EPWP/DOH/DSD CCGs, CDWs, extension officers, sports volunteers have been contracted and placed in all 3 Local Municipalities to strengthen and support Behaviour Change and Community Outreach Programmes, Condom distribution, promotion of prevention, testing, treatment initiation and adherence. Resource Mobilisation: within the District Municipality to fund EPWP Social Sector (never less than 30 contracted every 06 months) focusing on prevention and health promotion on identified “hotspots wards”
Learners pregnant (number)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High numbers of learners reported to be pregnant in District, unreported cases were also reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific schools identified for targeted Behaviour Change Campaigns. Back to school and Reproductive Health sessions planned for implementation Learners, educators and SGBs reached with Advocacy and social mobilisation events on HIV and TB prevention, with Civil Society leading majority of the programmes Reported Data gaps-Current standing item for DDM-Social Cluster/LACs/LTTs is correlation of Learner Pregnancy data between DOH and DOE, for BCC which are sustainable not just events

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children younger than 18 years reached through substance abuse programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased Drug intake in schools and in the general community was noted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific schools and communities identified for targeted Behaviour Change Campaigns, beneficiaries reached through substance abuse prevention programmes and service users who accessed substance Use Disorder(SUD) treatment Services Civil Society initiated and led the initiation of the “ Man Stand Up Programme” in Osizweni schools to address the Gangsterism issue, implemented on a monthly basis, working in conjunction with the initiated Boy’s Assembly Programme, focusing on mentoring Young Boys, along with CHOMMY and YOLO Dialogues have been implemented on drug issues, challenges faced by ex-offenders and drug users; and their reintegration into communities.
<p>Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) aged 15-24 years reached with life skills empowerment programmes</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amajuba Special Programmes, Disaster Management and Municipal Health Services targeted 28 schools during the Child Protection Week as a response to Child Sexual Assault, Cyber Bullying cases and the Covid-19 Pandemic. PPE and hygiene packs were distributed to young boys and Adolescent girls, with special focus on Disabled youth in a number of activities 16 Days of Activism programmes implemented as main and build up programmes towards WAD, commendable partnership through (DDM) DOH, DSD, COMM Safety very instrumental this financial year ADM participated in Children’s Provincial Programmes that equip them to engage with issues and challenges they identify with in schools, families and society in general District Civil Society has led a number of campaigns in various schools, focusing on GBV, hygiene, sexual reproductive health education, the rise of teenage pregnancy, distribution of clothes/ school uniforms and blankets to identified needy families and children, facilitated implementation of awareness campaigns, dialogues and counselling sessions on Child neglect, Abuse and Bullying at various schools in the District -ITC training for youth scheduled for 03 months at NQF Level 4 was successfully implemented to enhance employability and economic empowerment in youth -Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop on Creative Arts collectively targeting 125

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key and vulnerable populations sectors represented in the Local AIDS Councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reluctance in participation by Key Populations in LACs Lack of funding for NPOs and NGOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community dialogues and capacity building on conducted on Gender Based Violence and Femicide, M&E and Strengthening of the District Women's, Youth, LGBTQIA+ and Men's Sector during May, June and September 2021 Consolidation and registration of Commercial Sex Workers in Cooperative/Sustainable Livelihoods programme commenced in June 2021 in order to enhance participation in LACs and DAC through Enterprise Development Quarterly visits by the DSD DM to the District assisted in capacitating NPOs and NGOs on registration funding criteria that will support Key and Vulnerable groups Civil Society played a key role in re-establishing contact between communities and access to health and basic services after the July unrest PLHIV, THP, Men's and LGBTQIA+ Sectors gained momentum in the past year and has become visible, has received capacity building
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local and District AIDS Councils with full membership representation as per guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal representativity of Key Populations in the DAC Resignation of Civil Society Chairperson Induction of Councils (LACs and DAC) on expected outputs 0 DAC meeting, 02 LAC meetings in Newcastle and 01 in Emadlangeni 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Civil Society Structure was restrengthened and capacity building sessions on various issues were implemented Mobilization and Capacity Building of Civil Society and Sector Departments involvement in the establishment of the LACs commenced in the District

Plans for the Next Financial Year (FY 2022/2023)

- Ikhosomba LaMajita activities initiated on WAD and future activities planned for February 2022
- Behaviour Change Campaigns are to be implemented in March 2022
- Adherence Clubs establishment and support planned for remaining 02 LMs
- Continuation of open Dialogues for the community on testing, treatment initiation/adherence, GBV, empowerment and active involvement in programmes
- Activation Programmes at 05 TVET campuses to continue
- Focus for Impact approach to be revived in District for informed programme implementation in “hot spot” wards/areas, especially in addressing indicators on which the District is underperforming on (e.g., STIs)
- Induction of Council requested from OTP (**COVERED in Mrs. Shabangu’s presentation**)
- CS Elections – filling of vacant Chairperson portfolio
- Funding and strengthening of programmes by the different sectors within the CS for focused impact planned, to be informed by annual plans of each sector
- Filling of vacant HIV/AIDS Coordinator post



Thank You