



**By 2030 eThekweni will be Africa's
most caring and liveable city**



**eThekweni District Report
Quarter 3 (2021/2022)
Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting
Presenter: His Worship Honorable Mayor Cllr M. Kaunda**

Q2 (July – September 2021) Action Item Update

Condom distribution challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	STATUS
Dropped and below target in Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase distribution support by NGOs and CBOs, FBOs.	Increased above target in Q3. Distribution increased by participation of partners, departments, mayor's office in condom drives and campaigns.

Q2 (July – September 2021) Action Item Update

Sexual assault challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	STATUS
Increased sexual assaults from 880 to 904 in Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication with community structures:• Engage community leaders in highly affected areas• Conduct focus groups and dialogues with boys and men to raise awareness and identify mitigation strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectors conducted activities addressing GBV.• Sexual health and reproductive health training for nurses including GBV.• Activities to be intensified, since the problem remains.

Q2 (July – September 2021) Action Item Update

1 st 90% challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	STATUS
<p>HIV testing for adults above the target of 90%</p> <p>Children HIV testing far below the target</p> <p>HIV testing positive for both adult and children below target</p>	<p>Marketing of the index testing targeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isibaya samadoda,• CRUs and• Hot spots testing• Target youth through AYFS• Provide HIV testing for all children at all entry points in the health care facilities.	<p>Remains below target with children, interventions continuing.</p>

Q2 (July – September 2021) Action Item Update

2 nd 90% challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status
<p>Both HIV positive adult and children initiated on ART are below target of 90% in Q2.</p> <p>High Lost to follow Up at 6months.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue with tracking and tracing• Community Health Care Worker:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking & Tracing;• medication delivery and• VL sample collection• Same day ART Initiation• Case Management approach	<p>Target not met, interventions continuing</p>

Q2 (July – September 2021) Action Item Update

3 rd 90% challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status
<p>Viral load that were done below target for both adult and worse for children.</p> <p>Viral load suppression low for both adults and children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensify VLD at facility and community level through: • Literacy classes –promoting U=U • Case management • VL sample collection in all outreach teams • Facilitate switching of Clients to TLD. • Monitor the return to care from all early missed children for tracing. • Strengthen tracing & tracking of clients and Home Delivery of medication through the WBPHCOT . 	<p>Target not met, interventions continuing</p>

ACHIEVEMENTS

Behaviour Change Campaign (October 2021 launch)

- Aim: to bring all patients lost to follow-up back into care and treatment
- Twelve Community Dialogues on gender-based violence, reaching 100 participants
- Community participation was good = something to build on
- PLHIV sector took ownership = led well



ACHIEVEMENTS

World AIDS Day Commemoration (01 December 2021)

- To raise awareness about HIV and AIDS as ongoing public health crises, promote screening & testing for HIV, TB and Covid-19.
- Equitable access to medicines, vaccines and health technologies.



ACHIEVEMENTS

HIV testing

- Good overall testing results, but not finding the PLHIV as needed
- Innovations that are working:
 - HIV Self Testing (HIVSS)
 - Ithaka

ACHIEVEMENTS

Reaching Important Populations

- **Men**
 - MINA CAMPAIGN
- **AGYW**
 - DREAMS
 - “AGYW Champion” in Mayor’s office
 - PreP uptake
 - Working with DoE re teenage pregnancy
- **MSM** (men who have sex with men)
 - Peer led – community based services (Aurum)
- **Sex Workers** (CSWs)
 - peer led – community based services (TBHIV Care)
- **PWID** (People who inject drugs)
 - peer led – community based services (TBHIV Care)

ACHIEVEMENTS

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- VL monitoring improved (facilities are able to track bloods online – rejected tests, viral loads suppressed, not suppressed, etc)
- Easy to use tool... rapid turnaround
- For HIV and COVID

MAJOR CHALLENGES

Leadership

- Not all wards have WACs, and not all WACs are fully functional
- Civil society not fully functional (not reporting; not planning)

Co-ordination

- Unco-ordinated 'partnership'
- Need NGO database, mapping

DoH challenges

- Dependence on VMMC partner (DoH must take responsibility)
- AYFS Champions are Professional Nurses with other responsibilities; need dedicated champions in facilities (must be prioritised by DoH)
- Condom stock-outs (logistical issues – how to solve?)
- Adherence clubs are no longer partner-funded.

Challenges Q3 (Oct- Dec 2021)

Goal 1	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
<p>Infant PCR positive at 10 wks is increasing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teenage pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AYFS activities working with Mayors sector and DREAMS supporting partners ie TB/HIV Care.• Facilities added that have launched AYFS• Number of employees trained on AYFS• Paeds Project initiated addresses AYFS, Teenage pregnancy and MCWH. This project addresses breastfeeding moms and education around prevention of seroconversion• Scaling up on initaiting of PreP• Implementation of post-natal club

Challenges Q3 (Oct- Dec 2021)

Goal 2	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
<p>LTFU at 6 months for HIV is 29% above target of 26%</p> <p>LTFU at 6 months for TB cases is 12% above target of 5%</p> <p>Viral Load Suppression – 67% below target of 90%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door-to-door tracking and tracing• Actioning of missed appointment lists• Implementation of appointment system• Pre-retrieval of files prior to appointment• Sending of reminders via sms for appointments• Implementation of welcome back campaign

Challenges Q3 (Oct- Dec 2021)

Goal 3	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
<p>Low Viral Load completion (done) for young girls 15-24yrs.</p> <p>At 6months 74% vs 90% target</p> <p>At 12 months 72% vs 90% target.</p>	<p>AYFS activities working with Mayors sector and DREAMS supporting partners ie TB/HIV Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of facilities that have launched AYFS• Number of employees trained on AYFS• Paeds Project initiated addresses AYFS, Teenage pregnancy and MCWH. This project addresses breastfeeding moms and education around prevention of seroconversion• Scaling up on initiation of PreP• Implementation of post-natal club

Challenges Q3 (Oct- Dec 2021)

Goal 4	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
Sexual assault numbers are increasing quarter to quarter	To increase GBV activities in all community structures

PRIORITIES

DAC Functionality

- DAC Monitoring and evaluation task team.
- Strengthen coordination of partners, departments, and civil society.
- Functional DAC secretariat with TOR and implemented action plans.
- Establish other sectors and strengthen functionality of the existing sectors.
- Briefing of the mayor before DAC/PCA meeting

DoH – community service delivery

- Community approach critical but not sufficiently supported
- Need transition to address lack of outreach teams, school health teams, own lay counsellors and general staffing challenges

PRIORITIES

- **Research to support HIV response**
 - South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour, and Communication Survey (SABSSM VI) (HSRC)
 - Ritshidze 'State of Health' survey report (TAC, NAPWA, etc.)
 - Fast Track Cities Quality of Care (IAPAC)
- **Reduce teenage pregnancy**
- **Reduce gender-based violence**
- **Keep girls and boys in schools**
- **Identify and refer for mental health issues**
- **Identify and refer for alcohol and substance abuse**
- **World TB Day**

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Thank you