



iLembe District Report For The First Quarter Of 2022/2023 (April– June 2022)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting

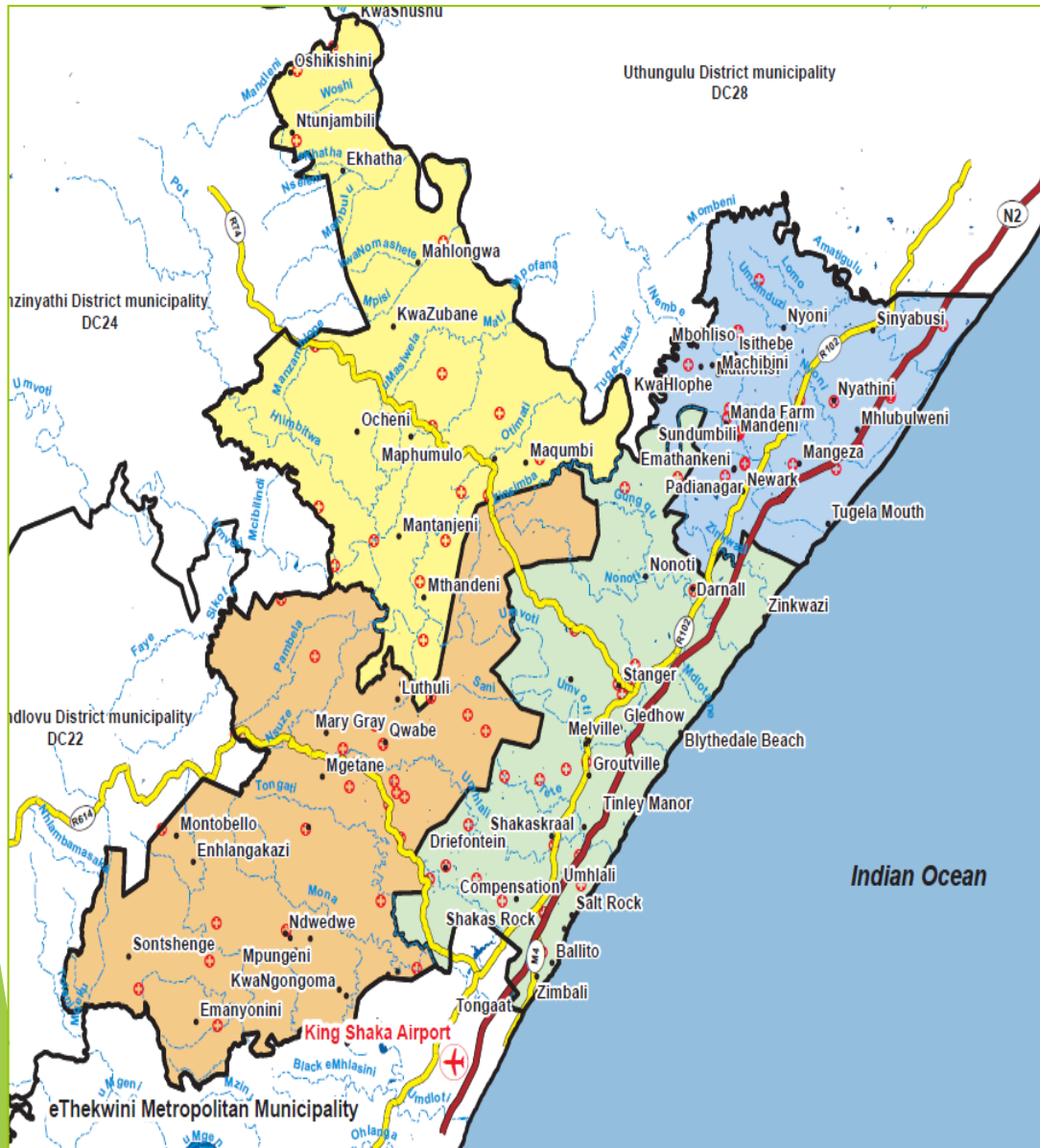
Date:19 October 2022

Presenter:His Worship Honorable Mayor Cllr. T.P Shandu

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- **ILEMBE BACKGROUND;**
- **PROGRESS ON ACTIONABLE ITEMS;**
- **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES;**
- **STATUS OF DISTRICT AIDS COUNCILS;**
- **IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION MEASURES;**
- **CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD.**

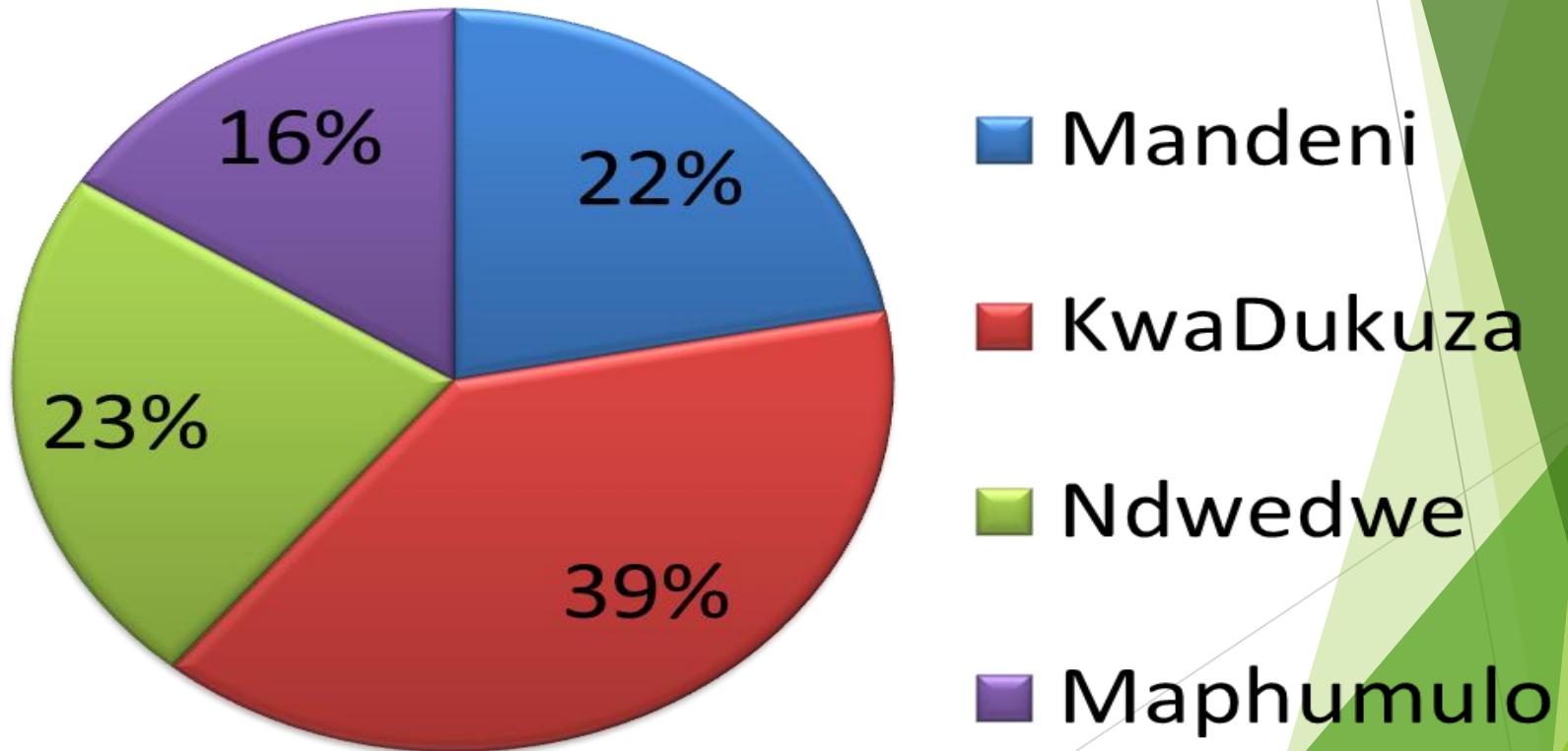
ILEMBE DISTRICT OVEVIEW



- East Coast of KZN
- Smallest of 10 Districts at 3260km
- Total population 657 612
- 38 Traditional Councils cover 63% of total area.
- Total wards - 79
- 4 Local Municipalities, namely, Ndwedwe, Maphumulo, Mandeni and KwaDukuza.

Percentage Of Population Per Local Municipality

% District Population



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- The District Aids Council is a structure that is established to facilitate the **multi-sectoral response** to challenges of **HIV and AIDS** within the local sphere of government.
- It is also important to mention that the iLembe District does have structures that are designed as follows:
 - Ward Aids Councils (WAC's) that are chaired by Ward Councilors;
 - Local Aids Councils (LAC's) that are chaired by Mayors from Local Municipalities; and
 - District Aids Council (DAC) which is being by the Mayor of the District.
- During quarterly Local and District Aids Councils, Mayors are supported by designated officials that serve as the secretariat of these structures, whilst also playing a coordinating role for multi-sectoral responses and programmes that get delivered as and when there is a need.

BACKGROUND CONT'D

- All District Aids Councils are expected to submit their quarterly reports to the Provincial Council on Aids (PCA), which is a structure that is convened by the Premier Of the Province.
- Provincial reports also submitted to the South African National Aids Council (SANAC) which is chaired by the Deputy President Of The Republic Of South Africa.
- The District continues to experience challenges relating to **dysfunctional Wards And Local Aids Councils** and **poor participation by certain Sector Departments**, and this leads to compromised District reports to the Provincial Council on Aids.

QUARTER 1 Actionable Items Cont'd

INDICATOR	CHALLENGES	KEY INTERVENTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condom Distribution Number of Medical male Circumcision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges with condom supplier April floods that made road infrastructure inaccessible Challenges from our VMMC supporting partner GPs in honoring scheduled camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To distribute at least double the condom distribution target per facility. VMMC supporting partner to allocate and share allocation of GPs per scheduled camp. To conduct at least Two Izibaya Zamadoda in Q2

QUARTER 1 Actionable Items Cont'd

INDICATOR	CHALLENGES	KEY INTERVENTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of adults and children living with HIV on ART	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low HIV positivity yield• Missed appointments• Poor filing systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To identify all facilities that are struggling with lost to follow up, conduct operation mbo together with DAC, LAC, WAC stakeholders• Discuss index testing during OSS and community gatherings

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES

- The District Aids Council (DAC) and Civil Society continue to be very active in supporting all programmes that are aimed towards the reduction of HIV/AIDS within the District and its family of municipalities.

(a) Ndwedwe Local AIDS Council

- Ndwedwe LAC was successfully held on the 04th of June 2022.
- **18 - May 2022 - Child Protection and HIV Campaign** conducted in Ward 16 Schools (i.e Gcinimfundo Secondary and Kwangoza Secondary) ,Ward 2 Schools (Indukwentsha Secondary and Lukhasa Secondary) and Ward 11 Schools (Phuzulwazi Secondary and Jessop Primary).
- **21 June 2022 - Men's Sector Meeting** was held to discuss the role of civil society in addressing the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS (including looking at programmes to be implemented iduring July 2022.
- **27 June 2022 - Civil Society Meeting** to discuss the role of civil society in addressing the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS and towards raising awareness

ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D

(b) Mandeni Local AIDS Council

- **28 April 2022 - Launch Of The HIV/AIDS Support Group** to join forces with the DoH and Civil Society towards launching a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS at Hlomendlini Hall. The main aim of this programme was also to open a room for people to engage in challenges that they face, including possible solutions for people who do not take medication properly. The programme targeted Ward 3 and Ward 4.
- **09-12 May 2022 - Child Protection Week held by** Mandeni Local Municipality in partnership with iLembe District, DoH, DSD and SANCA. Mandeni schools were also visited to raise awareness to learners on the negative impact of social ills (including teenage pregnancy etc).
- **26 May 2022 - Commemoration Of International Nurses Day** was held. This was a partnership between Mandeni and the Department of Health embarked, where members of the public were encouraged to live a healthy lifestyle, including utilization of public health facilities. The programme was in Sibusisiwe hall, also to bid farewell to Matron Mabaso, who was the deputy chairperson of the LAC/LTT.

STATUS OF THE DAC, LAC's AND WAC's (Apr 2021 – June 2022)

QUARTER	WAC	LAC	DAC
FY 2021/2022 (Apr 2022 – June 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandeni: All 18 out of 18 WAC's have been resuscitated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No LAC Meeting was held during the period under review The next LAC Meeting was scheduled for 3RD August 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All quarterly DAC Meetings were held, with the Quarterly Meetings for the period under review being held on 17 June 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KwaDukuza: All 25 of 30 WAC's have been resuscitated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAC Meeting were held during Q4 In June 2022 The next LAC Meeting was scheduled for August 2022 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maphumulo : All 12 are not functional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No LAC Meeting was held during Q4 and nothing submitted to the secretariat. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ndwedwe All: 19 WAC's have been resuscitated, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAC Meeting was held during in July 2022 	

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION INTERVENTIONS

CHALLENGES	REMEDIAL ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High number of new sexual assault cases reported in KwaDukuza Local Municipality. 	Promote community engagement and leadership i.e. Traditional Leadership, Political Leadership and Isibaya Samadoda in addressing new sexual assault cases , GBV and gender inequality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing number of clients who intentionally stop treatment, thereby defaulting. 	Community engagement on the importance of taking treatment and disease progression.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level of teenage pregnancy leading to school dropouts. 	Implementation of SHE Conquers programmes - To identify all facilities that are struggling with lost to follow up, and to conduct operation MBO together with DAC, LAC, WAC stakeholders.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Aids Council meetings not held in Quarter 1 	Support to LAC Coordinators thereby making sure that they convene their meeting as per their schedule.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor Functionality of Civil Society Forums 	To revive all sectors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate budget for HIV/AIDS programmers in the municipality. 	Municipality to avail budget as per submitted Operational Plan.

PRIORITIES AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER

- Ongoing targeting of hotspots for key population groups, including the clients with high viral load e.g Sex Workers.
- Close monitoring high numbers of teenage pregnancies (Ages 10 to 19 years old), working with all four Local AIDS Councils.
- Behavioral Change Campaign focusing on programmes against GBV, High Teenage Pregnancy, through platforms such as Isibaya Samadoda and Youth Dialogues.
- Consultation and mobilization of all community stakeholders to support all strategic programmes.
- To conduct ongoing door-to-door programs, targeting all low-performing facilities (working closely with District Civil Society).
- Strengthening and reviving of all Ward AIDS Committees.
- Visits to all Local AIDS Councils(through Road Shows) and induction of all Ward Councilors; and
- To implement programmes targeting loss to follow up patients.

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

- iLembe District continues to play its role towards supporting all local municipalities to have functional Aids Structures;
- The district has a vibrant and functional Civil Society as well as other structures such as Moral Regeneration Movement, with such structures consistently requiring injection of resources (to ensure that they play their expected roles in their multi-disciplinary forums);
- One of the milestones that has been recently achieved was the discussion on the **Terms Of Reference** for the District “**Substance Abuse Forum**”, which will be resuscitated before the end of July 2019.
- Similarly, the District will also ensure that all **Local Drug Action Committees** are re-established and functional in all Local Municipalities.

THANK YOU