# Umzinyathi District Report 2020/21



Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting Venue:

Date:

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## (January-Mar 2021) Action Item Update

Challenge Q4	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status (Actions Taken)
<ul> <li>New Sexual Assault cases increased from 122 to 123</li> <li>Sexual assault cases under 12 years decreased from 31 to 30</li> <li>Sexual assault cases that reported after 72 hours increased from 34 to 42</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conducted GBV Dialogue in Endumeni ward 01 March 2021championed by DSD.</li> <li>GBV is prioritized in the OSS Meetings.</li> <li>To conduct integrated awareness in the war rooms.</li> <li>Conducted social behavior change campaigns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remains a topic for discussion at all men's forum in the District.</li> <li>Continuous reporting and management of sexual assault cases by crisis center personnel to the multi-disciplinary team.</li> <li>Integrated social behavioral change programmes are continuously conducted</li> </ul>

## (January-Mar 2021) Action Item Update

Challenge Q1-Q4	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status (Actions Taken)
High teenage     Pregnancy Deliveries     10-19 years     increased from 550     to 713	<ul> <li>Integration of Strategic Health Programmes Recovery plan during COVID 19 activities i.e. school dialogues to address high teenage pregnancy at Endumeni</li> <li>DE normalization strategy of the teenage pregnancy with other stakeholders is planned for Q1. 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated sectoral involvement on comprehensive sexual reproductive health.</li> <li>COVID 19 Recovery Plan remains a priority.</li> </ul>

### **QUARTER 4(January – March 2021) ACTION ITEM UPDATE**

Challenge Q4	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)	Status (Actions Taken)
COVID 19 Pandemic which required refocusing and postponement of some planned activities.	<ul> <li>Mass screening and testing is continuing.</li> <li>Hot spots are identified and given priority.</li> <li>Contact tracing and testing is continuing.</li> <li>Testing of deceased who demised at household.</li> <li>Integration of GBV into COVID 19 Activities as lockdown still in progress.</li> <li>Mental Health Psychosocial Response Orientation in progress for the Health care workers and Community is continuing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>COVID 19 Guidelines are being implemented.</li> <li>Lock down recovery plans drawn up</li> </ul>

### Q4 (January - March 2021) COVID 19 Education and awareness

### **Trainings on COVID 19**

- COVID 19 home guide training for Community Health Workers at Pomeroy, Msinga, Nquthu and Endumeni Sub-Districts in December 2020.
- Umvoti traditional leadership orientated COVID 19 Health Promotion Strategy in January 2021.

### CHALLENGES FOR Q4 (January - March 2021) AND MITIGATION PLANS

Challenge	Mitigation	Status
Some communities still do not observe the COVID 19 preventative measures especially in payout points and funerals.  Shortage of water supply for hygiene drive in other places.	<ul> <li>Involvement of traditional leadership and SAPS.</li> <li>DCC to tackle the issue of water supply and forward to relevant cluster.</li> </ul>	District Command Council still remains a high level to report resistance.

#### **Achievements/Successes**

#### Goal 1: Accelerate prevention to reduce new HIV, TB and STI infections

- Resumed VMMC Camps across the Sub-Districts
- Marketing and Distribution of Male and Female condoms at Majuba TVET College during their silent activations

## Goal 2: Reduce morbidity and mortality by providing treatment, care and adherence support for all

- Recalled clients who have missed their ART appointments
- Increased uptake of CCMDD and Bicycle Home Delivery Model of treatment to improve adherence.

## Goal 3: Reach all key and vulnerable populations with customised and targeted interventions

- Silent activation at Majuba TVET College March 2021.
- Key population have been recognized as members of the DAC.

#### **Achievements/Successes**

#### Goal 4: Address the social and structural drivers of HIV, TB and STIs

- Distributed IEC Material during COVID 19 activity at Empathe in January 2021.
- Engaging traditional leadership during the House of Traditional Leadership in March 2021.

## Goal 5: Ground the response to HIV, TB and STIs in human rights principles and approaches

 Discrimination of patients on ART is spelled out during delivery of treatment by servicing all chronic clients together.

## Goal 6: Promote leadership and shared accountability for a sustainable response to HIV, TB and STIs

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### **Challenges**

Challenge	Mitigation (Plans to Address Challenge)
Treatment adherence and disclosure remains a challenge leading to poor viral suppression in children and women	Intensify community awareness
Poor health seeking behavior in males	Continuous engagement of traditional leadership and community awareness

### Plans for the Next Financial Year (2020/21)

- OSS Cabinet in May 2021
- Monthly silent activations at Majuba
- Civil Society meeting April 2021
- COVID 19 Registration rollout for phase 2 over 60 years
- Youth Celebration focusing on kicking TB at schools in JUNE 2021

