



**MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2022 AT ARCHIE GUMEDE CONFERENCE HALL DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS, MAYVILLE, DURBAN.**

**CHAIRPERSON: MS NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE, PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCE
CO-CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHI, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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ITEM	DISCUSSION		
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson requested Ms Noluthando Nkosi to open the meeting with a prayer. The Chairperson welcomed the Co-Chairperson Mr Mdletshe, all MECs, Speaker of the Legislature, Inkosi Sithole, Indlunkulu no Bukhosi bonke, HODs, District Mayors and Deputy Mayor of eThekwini, Dr Thembisile Xulu and all SANAC TEAM, Miss Mkhize and all AFSA Team, US Consul General, and ladies and gentlemen in the PCA meeting.		
1.2 APOLOGIES	NAME	DESIGNATION	REASON
	Ms Bongji Sithole - Moloi	MEC - COGTA	Other Commitments
	Inkosi RS Shinga	Chairperson: Provincial House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi – San Leaders	Other commitments
	Dr SC Tshabalala	HOD – Health	Other commitments
	Mr Tubane	HOD – COGTA	Other commitments
	Cllr M Kaunda	Mayor -eThekwini Metro	Other commitments
	Cllr MN Zulu	Mayor – Amajuba District	IDP Road Shows
	Mr S Zungu	Secretary – Civil Society EXCO	Not well

	Dr S Sifundza	HOD – Sports Arts and Culture	Requests to leave early
	Cllr T D Buthelezi	Zululand District Mayor	Other commitments
	Cllr ZD Nxumalo	Harry Gwala District Mayor	Study Leave
	Cllr NB Shabalala	uThukela District Mayor	Other commitments
1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The Chairperson requested for moving for adoption of the agenda. Mr. S Xaba PLHIV Sector moved for the adoption of the agenda. iLembe District Mayor Cllr Shandu seconded the move for the adoption of the agenda.		
1.4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising from the minutes of 19 October 2022.		
1.4.1 PCA RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS	<p>MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane suggested that the issue of OSS vehicles be dealt with by the Director - General</p> <p>The Premier said a communication must go out to say where are the cars and DDG Mr Kubheka to provide an urgent response</p> <p>Mr S Nzimande Deputy Chairperson of CSF concurred with MEC for Health and added that communication is not flowing as CSF they get left out in the process and cited the WAD 2022 as well as WTBD 2023 where they felt as CSF somehow, they were left in the dark.</p> <p>Mr S Xaba clarified to the meeting that all the vehicles are with the respective municipalities, the issue is that vehicles have no licensing disks</p> <p>It was concluded that assets can not be transferred from the province to the districts</p>		
SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS			
ITEM	DISCUSSION		
2.1 SANAC UPDATES	<p>SANAC was represented by Dr T Xulu SANAC CEO. and she presented the following issues in the PCA meeting:</p> <p>1. National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2023 -2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It has been recently launched IN North West during the Commemoration of the World TB Day• It is to be noted that this is a people driven NSP, planning is to be done with the people.• The NSP 2023 -2028 is now available electronically and PCAs will receive hard copies by end of May <p>2. NSP 2023-20278 has 04 Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal 1: To break down the barriers to achieving HIV, TB and STIs solutions.• Goal 2: To maximise equitable and equal access to HIV, TB and STIs services and solutions.• Goal 3: To be resilient systems for HIV, TB and STIs that are integrated into systems for Health.		

- Goal 4: To fully resource and sustain an efficient NSP -led by revitalised inclusive and accountable institutions.

3. Budget for NSP

- There is a gap of R34b, Funders such as PEPFAR and Global Fund are on board to ensure implementation targets for 2023-2028

4. Development of the PIP

- SANAC will work closely with provinces in the development of the Provincial Implementation Plan (PIP 2023 -2028)
- The preferred venues for these meeting will be government premises
- R8.5m is the budget for PIP consultation
- Launch is expected to start in September
- CSS grant is there to support Civil Society Sectors and PCA strengthening

5. SANAC Elections

- Current NSP ended in March 2023. This results to renewal of current SANAC structures.
- All SANAC structures will be renewed or elected in line with the procedural SANAC Guidelines.
- This includes government Departments, Civil Society Sector and Private Sector
- This process needs to be completed by end of July 2023, IEC will oversee the election process
- At the end of elections there will be a debriefing meeting to ensure that elections were free and fair.

6. National Human Rights Charter for HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs.

- The Human Rights charter on HIV and TB for key and vulnerable populations represents a commitment between the community, local authority, service providers and stakeholders to uphold, protect and defend the Human Rights of it is community members – particularly the key and vulnerable and those marginalised
- District municipalities to be encouraged to incorporate the charter into IDPs
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- It is to be launched in August 2023

7. Upcoming Conferences

- 11TH SA AIDS Conference is taking place on 20 -23 June 2023 at Durban ICC it still opens for registration and Civil Society Forums will have an opportunity to participate in the Community Village.
- SANAC is looking forward for an invitation from KZN to commemorate the WTBD as it was postponed.

8. For Noting

- Dr Xulu appreciated KwaZulu- Natal Province for hosting a successful study tour for Free State, North West and Gauteng on November 2022
- The status update of the finalisation and launch of the new NSP 2023/28,
- The arrangements on the End Term Review of the current PIP and development of the new PIP,
- The plans for the coming Civil Society elections.
- The updates on the Global Fund support for the Community System Strengthening under SANAC
- The plans for the development and the launch of the Provincial and National Human Rights Charters

9. Discussions

- MEC for Transport wanted to know how is SANAC envisaging the inclusion of Khoi san into this strategy and how has KZN sector of Traditional Leaders been incorporated
Response: SANAC is using a multisectoral response in dealing with the issues of the Khoi San.
- Mr S Nzimande said there is a need to support War Rooms. There is no consistency in the running of the WARD. More funding is needed for Wards at a Local Level.
- The Premier said she did not see much of the presentation as she could not see the other parts. The Premier recommended the following:
 - To do presentations to partners to provide more funding
 - PCA would like to channel the funding appropriately where there will be an impact.
 - Ward Committees are dysfunctional due to lack of financial resources
 - To have a discussion with the funders
- Mr Mdletshe said the NSP should be articulated properly at all levels that is in Province, District and Local Municipality.
- He suggested moving AIDS Councils to SANAC.
- Response: SANAC said they are happy with the Premier's remarks and apologise for the disorder in the slides provided there is a campaign that is rolling in Northern Cape to try and fight the

	<p>STEROTYPES. Political leaders visited the Northern Cape creating an awareness of STIs to the Community. The efforts are combined with the Multi sectoral response as Health on its own cannot fight the scourge.</p>
<p>2.4 Q1 & Q2 & 2022/23 PROVINCIAL SYNTHESIS, PEPFAR AND GLOBAL FUND REPORT</p>	<p>Mrs G Shabangu presented the Provincial Synthesis Report for Quarter 4 FY 2021/22 (January-March 2023) and Q1 FY2022/23 (April-June 2023). The report THEME is on the Reflection on the KZN performance on HIV& AIDS, TB and STIs response using selected indicators tracked by the PCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices • Shortfalls • Civil Society Elections <p>The report was prepared by the PCA Secretariat which consists of Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Education, Social Partners and Civil Society. The Head of Secretariat residing in the Office of the Premier. The report highlights are as follows:</p> <p>Goal 1</p> <p><u>Trends in HIV Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downward trend in testing witnessed from 2020/2021. • Highest percentage reductions Zululand and uMzinyathi. • Most districts continued to meet targets in 2022/23 • Testing numbers picked up in Q1 and Q2 2022/23 but declined in Q3 <p>Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide initiated counselling and testing • Index testing; Self testing • Advocacy, social mobilisation and communication for demand creation • Targeted testing AGYW, Sex Workers, Men etc <p>Male Condom Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eThekwini most improved in 2017/18-2021/22 • uThukela with highest decline

- Amajuba and uMzinyathi with consecutive declining numbers 2018/19-2021/22
- Low numbers of condoms distributed per person remains

Interventions

- Demand creation/targeted condom use promotion sessions e.g. Ikhosomba Lamajita, Isibaya Samadoda, Behaviour Change Campaigns
- Condom distribution in traditional and non-traditional settings
- Ensuring adequate supply of condoms.
- Distribution support by Civil Society Organisations-NGOs, CBOs, FBOs.
- Strengthening data collection systems for condoms distribution at primary and secondary sites including for CSOs to accurately record numbers distributed

Medical Male Circumcision

- Downward trend for MMC mainly from 2019/20 to 2020/21.
- Amajuba, uGu, uThukela uMkhanyakude and King Cetshwayo showed declining numbers in three consecutive years-2018/19-2021/22.
- MMC picked up 2021/22.
- MMC continued to pick up 2022/23.
- However, 6 districts achieved targets in Q3 as compared to 9 in Q2

Under 5 years deaths

- Least number of deaths recorded in 2017/18.
- 10 districts demonstrated increase in deaths in 2021/22.
- uMgungundlovu showed consistent increase 2018/19-2021/22.
- Reductions in under 5 deaths noted in 5 districts in Q3 as compared to 7 in Q2.
- uThukela with increased deaths in Q2 and Q3.

Interventions

- Implementation of integrated public and private prevention and management strategy.
- Adherence to guidelines and protocols including supervision.

	<p>Maternal Deaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least number of deaths recorded in 2018/19. • 7 districts with increases in maternal 5 deaths in 2021/22. • eThekwini with consistent increase 2018/19-2021/22. • Reductions in maternal deaths noted in 6 districts in Q3 as compared to 2 in Q2. <p>Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of integrated public and private prevention and management strategy. • Adherence to guidelines and protocols including supervision. <p>Deliveries 10- 14 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall increased deliveries 10-14 years. • Zululand with increased delivery numbers 2018/2019-2021/22 • eThekwini recording highest percent increase <p>Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale up Adolescent Youth Friendly Services Programme in all facilities • Coordinated implementation of AGYW Programmes. • Review quality of delivery of comprehensive sexuality education in schools • Strengthening data collection systems in the DOE • Expanding the learner support agents Programme in all schools • Saturating interventions in schools with high learner pregnancy incidences • Teenage pregnancy dialogues <p>Deliveries 15-19 Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All districts with increased deliveries 15-19 years in 2018/19-2019. • Zululand with increased delivery numbers 2018/2019-2021/22 • Amajuba recording highest percent increase <p>Total Learner Pregnancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iLembe, uGu, uMgungundlovu, Pinetown and uMkhanyakude reporting total learner pregnancies of between 1025-1208.
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- uGu and uMkhanyakude with highest percentage increase

Interventions

- Scale up Adolescent Youth Friendly Services Programme in all facilities
- Coordinated implementation of AGYW Programmes.
- Review quality of delivery of comprehensive sexuality education in schools
- Strengthening data collection systems in the DOE
- Expanding the learner support agents Programme in all schools
- Saturating interventions in schools with high learner pregnancy incidences
- Teenage pregnancy dialogues

Goal 2

Total Remaining on ART

- Most districts with 90% or more of the targeted PLHIV remaining on treatment.
- Amajuba with reduced TROA in Q3

Interventions

- Roll out of adherence clubs
- Establishment and revitalise of support groups.
- Implement recovery plan-home delivery of medication, Bicycle model, CCMDD etc
- Scale up multi-month dispensing and transition to DLT (Dolutegravir)
- Case management approach to increase retention in care
- Conduct and scale up welcome back campaigns to return those defaulting on treatment to care using community health work
- Implementation of community ART programmes and promotion of retention in care.
Child and Viral Completion at 12 months
- Districts did not achieve viral load
- Completion for both adults and children.
- Lower viral load completion for children.

Intervention

- Establishment/revitalization of support groups.
- Patient literacy classes and case management.

- Strengthen identification and tracking system for viral load taking
- Optimal utilisation of roles of viral load champions, Linkage Officers, CHWs, Youth Ambassadors and Outreach Teams
- Implement buddy system to support retain in care.
- Child and Viral Load Suppression at 12 months
- Most districts achieved viral load suppression targets for adults.
- Viral load suppression in children remained a challenge.

Intervention

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TB Treatment Success Rate

- 4 districts achieving treatment success rates in Q3 as compared to 1 in Q1.
- uMkhanyakude continued to consistently achieve targets.
- Pattern of majority of districts not achieving targets continued rate of meeting targets was 21

Highlight

- 7 districts achieved TB success rate targets in 2016/2017.
- uMzinyathi and Zululand with highest treatment success rates in 2016/17.
- Zululand and uMkhanyakude achieving treatment success rates in 2016/17-2020/21.
- Overall majority districts still not achieving targets-rate of meeting targets is 36

TB Lost to Follow Up

- High lost to follow up rate in eThekweni, iLembe, King Cetshwayo, and uGu.

Interventions

- Community mobilization and education at facility and
- Routine investigation for all high-risk population including pregnant women, people with diabetes, PLHIV inmates, mobile men and migrants
- Engagement with all community structures to promote TB treatment Adherence

- Collaborate with other community structures to communicate the importance of TB control
- Integration of TB, HIV, COVID-19 and non-communicable diseases
- Integration of adherence guidelines.
- Adoption of multi-sectoral approach in TB response through involvement of Civil Society, Development partners and other departments.

Goal 3

Partner Supported Interventions

- Adolescents and Young People (AYP) Interventions Zululand and King Cetshwayo
- 23278 (81%) of the targeted AYP received an HIV test and know their results.
- 2192 (99%) of the targeted AYP initiated on PrEP

Male Partners of AGYW Interventions

- 5582 (133%) of the targeted male partners of AGYW who were tested for HIV and received their results in King Cetshwayo.

Sex Work Programme interventions King Cetshwayo and uGu district.

- 5159 (84%) of the targeted sex workers reached with HIV prevention Programmes
- 1223 (115%) of the targeted sex workers received an HIV test and know their results.
- 213(86%) of the targeted sex workers using PrEP

People who use drugs (PWUD) interventions eThekweni and uMgungundlovu

- 2264 (160%) of the targeted PWUD reached with a minimum package of services.
- 332 (111%) of the targeted PWUD received an HIV test and know their results

Men who have sex with men (MSM) interventions

- uGu and uThukela
- 1810 (61%) of the targeted MSM reached with package of HIV prevention services.
- 1790 (103%) of the targeted MSM received an HIV test and know their results.
- 431(181%) of targeted MSM initiated on PrEP.

Interventions

- Conduct mapping exercise for all service providers including CBOs that provide services for AGYW and other key populations.
- Enhance DREAMS programme implementation and monitoring in the 6 DREAMS districts.
- Improve linkage to care through CHWs and Linkage Officers.

- Intensify awareness campaigns for key and vulnerable populations.
- Roll out of programmes for AGYW.
- Peer led programmes e.g. for sex workers.
- Appointment of key population sectors e.g. LGBTQI.
- Orientation and induction of CSF Sectors
- PrEP roll out.
- High transmission area services.
- Social mobilisation campaigns symposiums
- Creation of safe spaces

Goal 4

Beneficiaries receiving Social and Behavior Change Programmes

- 88% of targeted beneficiaries reached with SBC Programmes in 2017/2018-2021/22

Sexual Assaults

- All districts with increased sexual assault cases in 2019/20.
- All districts with reduced sexual assault cases in 2020/21.
- Cases increased in 2021/22.
- uThukela and uMzinyathi with highest percentage increase in cases.

Sexual Assault cases under 12 years

- All districts with reduced cases in 2020/21.
- 7 districts with cases increased in 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- Zululand had highest percentage increase in cases followed by eThekwini, iLembe and uMzinyathi.
- uMgungundlovu had highest percentage of under 12 sexual assault cases of all cases, followed by Amajuba, uThukela and uMzinyathi

Interventions

- Implement and monitor the Provincial GBV Implementation Plan by all Districts
- Strengthen the coordination of multi-sectoral approach to addressing GBV needs to be scaled up
- Promote community engagement and leadership in addressing GBV and gender inequality
- Ensure availability of PEP in all facilities and offer to all eligible clients

- Consultations taking place with NGOs leading the work on GBV and femicide in KZN to find ways of integration HIV and GBV response.
- Active participation of SAPS and Dept. Justice to ensure correct information is passed to the survivors and timeliness of linkage to care
- Routine sexual assault screening in all Primary Health Care facilities
- Community education on GBV prevention and post violence care services
- Severe Acute Malnutrition Death under 5 years
- Most districts with increased cases of deaths in 2021/22.
- Amajuba with highest percentage increase followed by uGu, iLembe and KCD.

Interventions

- Strengthened War Rooms
- One home one garden campaign

Goal 5

Partner Funded Support to Human Rights interventions Q3 2022/23

Human Rights Violations recorded by type

- Most frequent human rights violations reported in 2021/22 -2022/23
- Sexual and Gender-based violence
- Right to Health
- Assault and violence

Human Rights Violations recorded per key and vulnerable population

- Key population with most frequent violations
- PLHIV.
- People who use Drugs (PWUD)- violations increased in Q1 2022/23.
- Adolescent girls and young women
- 295 (93%) of targeted 325 human rights violations reported in Q3 2022/23
- 2018 (95%) of targeted 218 human rights violation cases referred
- 89(45%) of targeted 197 cases successfully resolved
- 25 (52%) of targeted 48 referrals for human rights violation cases that requires legal support

GOAL 6**Intervention**

- Orientation and induction of Political leaders on their roles and responsibilities in AID Councils and the response.
 - District AIDS Councils Audit Assessments.
 - District AIDS Councils Strengthening/Capacity building.
 - Strengthening/Capacity Building for District AIDS Coordinators.
 - Establishment of Civil society sectors
- 2017-2022
- District AIDS Councils MEETING rate 60,5%.
 - eThekweni, Harry Gwala, iLembe and uMkhanyakude with high MEETING rates.
 - Amajuba, uMzinyathi and Zululand with low MEETING rates. Mayors DAC CHAIRING meetings rate 52,7%.
 - eThekweni, Harry Gwala and iLembe with high Mayor CHAIRING meeting rates.
 - Amajuba, Zululand uMkhanyakude, and uMzinyathi and with lowest Mayors CHAIRING rates.
- Q1-Q3 2022/23.
- DAC held meeting rate about 55%
 - Harry Gwala, iLembe, uGu and uMgungundlovu holding meetings in all 3 quarters. Meetings Chaired by Mayor's in all 3 quarters.
 - uMzinyathi and Zululand with no meetings held.

GOAL 7

- There has been budget allocated to key Department s for the AIDS Response, together with Global Fund and PEPFAR and the KZN Resource Mobilization Plan.

GOAL 8

- PIP 2017-2022
- MDIPs
- Catch up Plan 2022/23
- Routine data collection using multi-sectoral response M&E system
- All districts routinely submitting data/reports.
- Analysis and quarterly report generation

- AIDS Council meeting as platforms to discuss reports
- HIV, TB and STIs Technical Working Group meetings

Interventions

- Reconstitution of HIV, TB and STIs TWG
- Establishment and Capacity building for District M&E task teams

Observations for PCA Noting

- Overall decline in performance from 2019/20 FY and gradually picking up in 2022/23 FY (Catch-Up Plan implementation).
- Prevention Programmes for key and vulnerable populations-AGYW, PWUD, Sex Workers, MSM mainly supported by partners.
- TB treatment success rates generally not been achieved.
- Lack of focus on Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Low coverage on human rights interventions. Partner supported interventions for human rights only commenced in 2021.
- Data challenge on Programmes implemented by Department of Social Development e.g., SBC Programmes, Orphans and Vulnerable Children etc. as well as Programmes by the Department of Education making it difficult to determine true impact.
- Lack of funding for district level coordination.
- Poor involvement of Private Sector in the response.

Areas of Focus Moving Forward

- Multi-sectoral approach to TB. TB Caucus driving the TB response agenda.
- Keeping spotlight on Sexually Transmitted Infections.
- More visibility of Government supported Programmes for key and vulnerable populations-AYP PWUD, Sex Workers, MSM.
- Intensified interventions on human rights.
- Inclusion of boys in adolescent girls and young Women Programmes.
- Integration of HIV, TB and STIs with mental health.
- Development of a community-based information system
- Development of an electronic integrated M&E system

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2.6 Q1 & Q2 2022/23 PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT	<p>Mr P Mdletshe the Co-Chairperson of the Provincial Civil Society Forum (CSF) presented the Civil Society report for Q and Q2 2022/23. The presentation highlights were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Provincial Civil Society Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil society will be embarking on electing new leadership and is in preparation to ensure that election are following SANAC guidelines. • Civil society is concerned with officials and departments non-attendance in WAC meeting and in War-room meeting. • Civil society is distraught by high rates of Child and Teenage pregnancies and demand that the government and parents take immediate actions. As this is a societal issue that affect communities • Civil Society demand 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 Behavioral Change Campaigns. • TB remains a challenge in KZN, and civil society will embark in a robust campaign to alert communities on importance of prevention. 2. <u>Civil Society Sector Background.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forum was established in 2007, in a Provincial CSF consultative meeting in PMB • 1st chairperson: Nozuko Majola • 2nd chairperson: Phillip Mokoena • 3rd chairperson: Nceba Gqaleni • 4th chairperson: Patrick Mdletshe • The executive committee was elected and will be end office 2023 • CSF KZN emanates from SANAC structure, which has 18 sectors establishing the forum.

3. Overall Provincial Activities

- TB campaign, focusing more on prevention and societal issues that contribute to daily infection of TB. Intensifying Department of health Strategy to be more people orientated.
- Discussion on Teenage pregnancy, involvement of parents/care givers and society at large. Also discussed How can we address issue of birth control for men e.g. vasectomy.
- Deliberation on issue of children death especially under 5 years. Late presentation of infants and young children with advance diseases remains high.
- PLHIV support group revitalization was successfully implemented and service provider finalized 05 districts and there will be an expansion of the Programme to cover the remaining 6 districts
- Sex workers participated in the Sex Work Symposium led by the Legislature.

4. District Activities

uMgungundlovu District Municipality

- uMgungundlovu CSF attended HIV and GBVF awareness that was held at Kwa-Zulu Natal Museum on 13 December 2022
- CSF uMgungundlovu held a strategic planning workshop for 2023-2024 at Ascot INN on the 11th-13th January 2023

eThekwini District Municipality

- Identify and Map areas with high teenage pregnancy and allocate outreach teams to visit these areas to educate on ABCD strategy.
- Involvement of School health Nurses to attend at Mortality Meetings with PHC Operational Managers.
- Conduct pregnancy awareness and AYFS (Adolescent Youth Friendly Services by facilities

Zululand District Municipality

- District Civil Society Elections
- LGBTQIA+ Pride Event
- Behavioral Change Campaign
- District Partners Consultative Meeting
- 16 Days of Activism Against Children and Women Abuse Campaign
- World AIDS Day Dialogue

	<p>uMzinyathi District Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSF had a planning meeting for WAD on 04th November 2022 which was led by District PLHIV Sector. • Isibaya samadoda was held on 30 November 2022 at Glencoe Correctional Service. This was a collaboration of DSD, CSF and Correctional Service; 80 people attended this programme. • Endumeni CSF has been part of the Court case of the student of Majuba TVET who gang was raped. This case is with Dundee Magistrate; the case will be heard again on 24 February 2023. • Endumeni also had a Drugs and Substance abuse awareness campaign at Amakhemfundo Primary School and Sebenzakusakhanya High School in Glencoe at Sthembile Township <p><u>iLembe District</u></p> <p><u>Support Groups activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandeni is currently leading on support groups interventions; 5 support groups were launched at Mandeni and by March 2023 X 6 more Support groups will be launched supported by Mandeni Local Municipality (office of the Special Programmes) • KwaDukuza 3 Support groups has been launched and X5 support groups will be launched by March 2023 • Maphumulo have 3 support groups are expecting 4 more to be launched by March 2023 • Ndwedwe still have 2 support groups they are expecting 5 to be launched by April 2023 • The working relationship with Municipalities under iLembe, DSD, DOH on establishing support group sis very good, we are hoping 2023 will achieve our goal of having a strong PLHIV structure of iLembe will be achieved. <p><u>Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource that will assist in implementation of the programme • Dedicated support from funded partners • Sustainable structures at ward local and district level • Reporting to DAC, CSCS and PCA • Lack of alignment of structures at all levels of government MS vs CSF <p><u>Action Required</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalisation of OSS • Audit of functional DAC/LAC/WAC • Participation of government leadership is required in all levels • TB Caucus needs to be launched
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSS/HIV vehicles need to be distributed to District Municipalities <p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSF would like to thank THINK organization for appointing a designated individual seconding OTP. The individual will focus on TB strategies and in that regard, we hope that TB caucus will be launched soon. CSF would like to thank TB HIV CARE organization for appointing a designated individual seconding OTP. The individual will focus on Newsletter Development for both CSF and OTP CSF welcomes budget allocation from SANAC mainly for CSF. However, most work needs to be done in roping other funders to assist in funding CSF activities. And money allocated is not enough to cover CSF needs. 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 advocated and promote service delivery among our communities. 	
2.7 INPUTS BY MEC CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT AND METRO MAYORS	The District Mayors and District MEC Champions provided inputs as follows	
	AMAJUBA	No report
	ETHEKWINI	No report
	HARRY GWALA	No report
	ILEMBE	The MEC Champion presented iLembe Report.
	KING CETSHWAYO	No report
	UGU	No report MECs inputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MEC clarified that SASSA provides Grants and not DSD Social Workers provide support for the drug -users Advocate for revitalising ABC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In uGu there is a high rate of treatment defaulters
	UMGUNGUNDLOVU Mayor Cllr - M Zuma	uMgungundlovu DAC is fully functional with active Civil Society. Only 2 of the 07 LACs in uMgungundlovu are dysfunctional these are Msunduzi and Impendle. WAC needs to be revived. There is a cause of concern for a rising number of Child and Teenage pregnancy within the district.
	UMKHANYAKUDE	No report
	UTHUKELA	No report
	UMZINYATHI C PMS Ngubane	The Mayor of uMzinyathi applauded all officials and departments who attended Operation "Mbo "in Umsinga Ward 1
	ZULULAND	No report
2.8 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF) PROGRESS REPORT	<p>The report was presented by Ms P Mngomezulu, Director of Office of Status and Women in the Office of the Premier. The following Pillars were used to table the report:</p> <p>PILLAR 1: Accountability, Coordination and Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Gender Machinery Functionality tool was completed by District Gender Focal Points. King Cetshwayo, eThekwini, uMkhanyakude and uGu are the four districts with functional District Gender Machinery which meets on a quarterly basis. All government departments have the Sexual harassment Policy in The Workplace. While all District Municipalities have the Sexual Harassment policy, uMkhanyakude, Zululand and iLembe reported that the policy is not implemented. A report on all 52 Local Municipalities will be presented in the next PCA meeting. <p>PILLAR 2: Prevention and rebuilding Social Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Departments, Municipalities and Civil Societies reached 70 898 community members with GBVF prevention and awareness Programmes. Intervention to shift Behavior in Men such as the Men Care Programme, Boys Development Programme, Boys Championing Change reached 2224 men and young boys during the period under review. All 14 government departments have the Sexual Harassment policy. <p>PILLAR 3: Justice, Safety and Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following districts had the highest contribution towards violence against women: eThekwini, 	

	<p>uMgungundlovu, King Cetshwayo, uGu, uThukela and iLembe. With eThekweni being the highest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 264 Child abuse cases reported were mostly from eThekweni Metro, followed by King Cetshwayo and uMgungundlovu • There has been a significant increase in cases seen after 72 hours. • Between July to December 2022, Health facilities saw about 2290 cases in total, a slight increase from the 4th quarter). • There is a need for Sign language interpreters in government facilities such as: Thuthuzela Care Centers, police station and courts to cater to People with Disabilities. • OTP entered a Public Private Partnership with the KZN Gaming Board where the Gaming Board sponsored R10 million Rands towards the GBVF response Programme. This sponsorship is for refurbishing shelters, 50 Victim Friendly rooms in Police stations and the development of a GBVF APP with a Panic button. <p>PILLAR 4: Response, Care, Support and Healing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department through the Office of the Premier has partnered with South African Breweries to renovate and establish three shelters in the Province in Inanda, Zululand and King Cetshwayo <p>PILLAR 5: Economic Power</p> <p><u>COGTA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 131 women owned companies benefitted through procurement. A total of R92,156,525.41 has been awarded to businesses owned by women. • Furthermore, the Department has also supported women from Rural Areas across the <p><u>Public Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KZN Public Works ensures the prioritization of the designated groups through Eyesizwe Contractor Development Programme. The Department identified projects the and developed a list covering all Regions and Districts to be prioritised for designated groups that is women, youth, military veterans. KZN Department of Public Works has created 1042 work opportunities created and disaggregated data is as follows: Women- 737, Youth – 651, Disabled persons- 10. <p><u>DARD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marginalized black farmers, particularly women face exploitation. It is common knowledge that farm gate prices for a head of Cabbage can be as low as R2/head and will be sold at the local Spar for R15 or R20 Head Cabbage. A five- or ten-fold profit margin to the Retailer. • DARD has created a platform for Women Famers to sell their produce from farm gate at local level and bringing markets closer to the farmers for those who cannot produce large quantities for formal retail markets. <p>Key Asks</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for GBV Council • GBVF report to be allocate the same amount of time as the PCA
CHILD AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution was taken during the PCA that curbing child and teenage pregnancy in the province is critical to the HIV response and require a multisectoral approach. • The Provincial Council on AIDS in KZN undertook a project to understand the causal effects of child and teenage pregnancies and how they can be addressed. • The findings suggest the need for scaling up capacitation on SRH services and rights for adolescents and young people, parents, the community, and the different service providers in health, human rights, law enforcement, education, social services, and other related fields and stakeholders. • Further, it emphasizes the need to strengthen community structures as they play a key role in strengthening the implementation and coordination of community-centered approaches in addressing social ills. <p><u>Proposed Interventions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The findings suggest the need for scaling up capacitation on SRH services and rights for adolescents and young people, parents, the community, and the different service providers in health, human rights, law enforcement, education, social services, and other related fields and stakeholders. • Further, it emphasizes the need to strengthen community structures as they play a key role in strengthening the implementation and coordination of community-centred approaches in addressing social ills. <p><u>Development of the Integrated Strategy to mitigate Child and Teenage Pregnancies in KZN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergy of programmes between government, NGO's and community-based organizations. • Development of an integrated strategy inclusive of ABYM, caregiver/parents, young mothers. • Development of a strategy to capacitate communities to take ownership of interventions in order to ensure sustainability of interventions. <p><u>Objectives: Integrated Strategy to mitigate Child and Teenage Pregnancies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create social awareness about SRH issues amongst AGYW and ABYM • ABYM active in the fight to eradicate GBV • Increase conviction rate for perpetrators of GBVF though better case handling • Ensure Integrated, coordinated support services, including psycho-social, biomedical and socio-economic services to all AGYW and teen mothers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that young mothers are protected, supported and empowered • Capacitate communities to drive social change by coordinating community interventions related to reduction in teen pregnancy, GBV and HIV infection. <p><u>Progress Made</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of organizations and programmes • capacitation of DAC • Operation MBO and oversight visits done on the following districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ King Cetshwayo ➤ uMzinyathi District ➤ iLembe District <p><u>The following district structures have been revived</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward AIDS Committees • Youth Sector revitalization • Children Sector • PLHIV Support Groups
WORLD AIDS DAY REPORT	<p><u>District Level Build-Up Activities</u></p> <p>All districts held build-up events based on respective calender of events. The activties included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community mobilisation e.g door to door focussing on tracing treatment interruptors/defaulters and those lost to follow up for linkage back to care. • Anti-gender based violence and femicide activities e.g conducting dialogues targetting men and young boys, crime indabas and prayer sessions. • Operation MBO outreach activities providing communities with one-stop platform for services. • Sensitisation activities on key population to address stigma and discrimination as well as access to services. • Child protection awareness sessions. • Isibaya Samadoda activities. • PLHIV Support Group treatment literacy activities. • Campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles targeting men and young boys. • Social Cohesion and Moral Regeneration activities

WAD MAIN EVENT COMMEMORATION DATES AND VENUES ACROSS THE PROVINCE.

DISTRICT	DATE	VENUE
Amajuba	01 Dec	Vanjazi Sportsground, Ward 12 Danhauser
King Cetshwayo	01 Dec	Nkandla Indoor Sport Centre, Ward 5
eThekwini	04 Dec	J.L. Dube Stadium, Ward 54
Zululand	06 Dec	Old L. A Building, Ward 12 Ulundi
uGu	07 Dec	Bhuqu Sports Ground, Ward 24, Ray Nkonyeni
uMkhanyakude	07 Dec	Ward 18 Nkungwini, Jozini
Harry Gwala	08 Dec	Sonyongwana Community Hall. Ward 8, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
Zululand	08 Dec	eNgolotsha, Nongoma
uMgungundlovu	08 Dec	Izindlebe Zembuzi Sports field, uMshwathi.
iLembe	13 Dec	Sithebe Community Hall, Ward 18 Mandeni
uThukela	13 Dec	Woodford Hall, Ward 12, Okhahlamba
uMzinyathi	15 Dec	Council Chambers-Dundee

OSS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS PARTICIPATION IN MAIN WAD EVENTS ACROSS THE PROVINCE

	MEC	MAYOR	HOD
Amajuba			
eThekwini			
Harry Gwala			
iLembe			
King Cetshwayo			
uGu			
uMgungundlovu			
uMkhanyakude			
uMzinyathi			
uThukela			
Zululand			

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATION IN MAIN WAD EVENT BY DISTRICT

DEPARTMENTS					
DISTRICT	DOH	DSD	DOE	HOME AFFAIRS	SASSA
Amajuba					
eThekweni					
Harry Gwala					
iLembe					
King Cetshwayo					
uGu					
uMgungundlovu					
uMkhanyakude					
uMzinyathi					
uThukela					
Zululand					

Other departments that participated are as follows:

- COGTA: 1) Harry Gwala.
- Sports, Arts and Culture: 1) Harry Gwala
- Agriculture and Rural Development: 1) eThekweni; 2) Harry Gwala and 3) uGu
- Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs: 1) King Cetshwayo; 2) uGu and 3) uMgungundlovu
- Human Settlements: 1) King Cetshwayo and 2) uMgungundlovu
- Community Safety and Liaison: 1) iLembe and 2) uGu
- SAPS: 1) Harry Gwala and 2) uMkhanyakude.
- Justice and Constitutional Development: 1) King Cetshwayo and 2) uGu
- Independent Electoral Commission: 1) King Cetshwayo and 2) uMkhanyakude.

In total, 13 Government Departments participated in district WAD commemorations in 2022 as compared to 10 in 2021.

CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORS PARTICIPATION BY DISTRICT

CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORS						
DISTRICT	PLHIV	LGBTQI	YOUTH	FAITH BASED	MEN	WOMEN
Amajuba						
eThekwini						
Harry Gwala						
iLembe						
King Cetshwayo						
uGu						
uMgungundlovu						
uMkhanyakude						
uMzinyathi						
uThukela						
Zululand						

ADDITIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORS THAT PARTICIPATED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- Children: 1) eThekwini 2) iLembe and 3) King Cetshwayo
- People living with Disabilities: 1) eThekwini 2) iLembe and 3) King Cetshwayo
- Traditional Leaders: 1) Harry Gwala
- Traditional Health Practitioners: 1) eThekwini 2) Harry Gwala and 3) King Cetshwayo
- Sex Workers: 1) eThekwini and 2) uGu
- Senior Citizens: 1) King Cetshwayo and 2) uGu
- Business: 1) uMgungundlovu
- Labour: 1) uMgungundlovu
- 11 Civil Society sectors participated in district WAD commemorations in 2022 as compared to 6 in 2021.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING MAIN WAD EVENT BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	ESTIMATED NUMBER
Amajuba	2 500
eThekweni	600
Harry Gwala	1 000
iLembe	1 000
King Cetshwayo	400
uGu	1 200
uMgungundlovu	2 000
uMkhanyakude	750
uMzinyathi	100
uThukela	750
Zululand	372

Recommendations

- WAD should be commemorated across in all districts on 01 December, joining the rest of the Country and the World.
- The concept of MEC District Champions leading WAD commemorations in their respective districts should be retained.
- Participation in the planning of WAD by MEC Head of Ministry Offices should be more visible.
- The District leadership led by the Mayor in their Capacity as Chairpersons of the District AIDS Councils should intensify their support in the planning of WAD in their respective districts.
- The provision of integrated services should adopt the Operation MBO approach and ensure that Government departments providing services expands across the districts beyond the DOH and DSD.
- The PLHIV Sector and other Civil Society should mobilise their membership to fully and actively participate in the planning of WAD commemorations.

Support Group Revitalization

BACKGROUND

- In response to the call the KZN office of the Premier advertised the request for proposal number RQ2021/09/1323 and the organization led by the PLHIV sector (Lubanzi Ulwazi Resource Centre) was

appointed to revitalize the support groups in 6 district which are eThekwini split into North and South, iLembe, uGu, Harry Gwala and uMgungundlovu).

PROJECT TASKS

- Assess and document current status of Adherence Clubs and added value of re-establishing Support Groups in relation to adherence to ART
- Engage PLHIV in discussions to determine how Support Groups will be expected to function including implementation processes
- Assess the overall extent to which Support Groups will contribute to the Provincial Implementation Plan (PIP)
- Assess the role of civil society sectors in the implementation of support groups.
- Engage key stakeholders and development partners in discussions to support the establishment of Support Groups.
- Assess and develop the governance, coordination, and management structure of support groups including policy guidelines and SOPs- this should be in a form of KZN Support Groups Booklet, a designed copy to be produced by Service Provider and to be printed by Office of the Premier

BASELINE SURVEY

- Assess and document challenges that contributed to the demise of support in 6 districts
- Interviews were conducted in all districts to assess the challenges that contributed to the demise of the support groups and findings were documented. The following are the findings:
- DSD funded organization's challenges for the demise of support groups were:
- Lack of funding
- Covid 19
- Lack of activities for the support groups.
- Lack of Funding
- Lack of Resources
- Lack of Refreshments during meeting
- No activities for the support groups

CHALLENGES

- Patients giving wrong addresses and changing names when they visit health facilities. There is a high rate of defaulters, this is seen through viral load monitoring and loss to follow up.

- There is a lack of resources that is why we are not able to do treatment literacy at facilities.
- Staff attitude towards PLHIV and stigma by healthcare workers.
- There is lack of Support from other stakeholders.
- Youth is not interested to partake in some activities even to join the support groups and disclosure.
- There is still a lot of Stigma especially internal stigma which is far more dangerous than any other form of stigma.
- Adherence club's vs support groups. Adherence clubs exclude newly diagnosed clients and those that are struggling to adhere to treatment. They also lack psycho-social support.

REMEDIAL ACTION

- Traditional health practitioners should be educated on treatment literacy and prevention.
- Social media should be utilized because they play a huge role in promoting stigma and discrimination.
- The selection of AYFS Champions who can understand youth language, style and behavior
- Integration of services by Department of Health

HIGHLIGHTS

- Harry Gwala and uGu Districts most departments were present including partners and District coordinators.
- eThekwini Metro attendance exceeded expectations as most DOH clinic managers were present as well as HCBCs and partners. EDTEA was also present.
- Presence of DOH and DSD especially DSD in all Districts. eThekwini District municipality has more than 52 support groups.
- After the consultation, the department of Sports Arts and Culture gave away 2 sets of soccer balls and soccer gear to two soccer clubs in Harry Gwala.
- TB HIV Care with the office of the eThekwini and the KZN Office of the Premier handed tables, gazebos, white boards, books and toys to Inanda and surrounding support groups.
- INK CLHIV clustered launched Support Groups on the 3rd of December 2022, where over 750 children living with HIV attended and graced by the presence of the KZN Health HOD and both offices of the eThekwini and KZN Province.
- Furnished Positive Lounge at Ward 54 donated by TBHIV Care and resources for 4 support groups.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Integration of services between Civil Society, Developmental Partners and Government Departments

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building and skills development for support group members • Support Group facilitators should be capacitated to engage during cluster Nerve Centre meetings. • Building and strengthening of the working relationship between Government and PLHIV Sector. • Treatment literacy should be done at all levels
2.9 DISCUSSIONS	<p>The MEC for Health Ms N Simelane summarised the following as the way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OTP to attend to the issue of releasing the vehicles to be used by Health Promoters in the districts • Policy on Ukuthwala should be developed by KZN • Mayors and MEC Champions to ensure the functionality of LACs and DACs • Attendance to the PCA meeting is a cause of concern, many of the Mayors are not in attendance in this meeting.

SECTION 3: MENTIONS

The following mentions were presented by Mr S Nzimande Chief Director Priority Programmes, Office of The Premier.

- Development of PIP
- Upcoming Conferences
- South African AIDS Conferences
- International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)
- World TB Day and TB Caucus Launch

SECTION 3: CLOSURE

The Premier appreciated the unending support of SANAC represented by Dr T Xulu. She emphasized that in the Provincial Synthesis Report both strategies must be integrated and mentioned that the issues of Mental Health are important to be dealt with .She encourage the meeting to be practical in the implementation as the strategies sometimes can delay the responses. The Premier requested Miss Noluthando Nkosi to pray and the meeting was declared closed @17:45

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the PCA meeting held on 17 May 2023.

Signed:

PCA Chairperson, Premier Mrs N Dube-Ncube S.

Date:

PCA Co-Chairperson, Mr P Mdletshe

Date: