



CSF KZN REPORT

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OPENING REMARKS

- ❑ Civil Society is still on progress with the elections as per the guidelines.
- ❑ Civil society is still concerned with officials and departments' non-attendance in WAC and War-room meetings.
- ❑ Civil society PLHIV and Youth Sectors continue to lead the Districts Child and Teenage Pregnancy dialogues, as the entire CSF is distraught by the high rates of Child and Teenage pregnancies and requests that the government and parents take immediate actions.
- ❑ CSF to establish a TB Sub-sector also consider PWUD sector as these are critical and demands aggressive multisectoral approach (with the increasingly growing number of TB cases and deaths, while drugs and substance abuse is also decaying our communities).
- ❑ Civil Society requests that the Office of the Premier follow-up the OSS/HIV vehicles to district municipalities for Health promoters and Civil Society Forum to conduct HIV & AIDS, TB and STI Behavioural Change Campaigns.
- ❑ TB remains a challenge in KZN, and civil society will embark in a robust campaign to alert communities on importance of prevention.
- ❑ To coordinate TB Caucus Stakeholder engagement.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- ❑ **CHAIRPERSON: Mr Patrick Mdletshe**
- ❑ **DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: Mr Siyabonga Nzimande**
- ❑ **SECRETARY: Mr Siyabonga Zungu**
- ❑ **DEPUTY SECRETARY: Ms Lerato Maloka**
- ❑ **ADDITIONAL MEMBERS: Mr Sphehile Ntuli**

OVERALL PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Civil society had a productive Provincial CSF and partner consultative meeting in April 2023.
- ❑ Civil Society EXCO Meeting held in May 2023 was a success.
- ❑ The CSF Provincial hybrid meeting held on the 30th of June 2023 was also fruitful where the elections guidelines were discussed in detail.
- ❑ Coordination and attendance of the South African National AIDS Conference 20-23 June 2023.
- ❑ CSF (PLHIV Sector) presented a research paper during the conference.



PROVINCIAL PLHIV SECTOR ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT GROUPS REVITALIZATION

- ❑ 155 total of Support Groups have been revitalized in 6 districts and linked with institutions through Lubanzi Ulwazi Resource Centre
- ❑ Revitalized groups are then linked with the CHBC's.



Successes:

- Human First Documentary on Stigma
- Launch of U=U eThekweni Metro
- Effective Partnerships with other partners like IPAC, Gugu Dlamini Foundation and HST, EDTEA, DSAC.
- Collaborations and relationships with DSD through the CHBC's.
- Strengthened stakeholder relations with DOH.
- Development of a costed sector implementation plan.
- Presented a Research Paper during the South African National AIDS Conference.
- International Candle Lighting Memorial events at uThukela, 25& 26 May 2023.



PROVINCIAL LGBTQIA SECTOR ACTIVITIES

- ❑ The LGBTQIA Sector's work is visible through the work of LGBTQIA and Key Population organizations, business and individuals within KZN.

Key Activities:

- 1) LGBTQIA PRIDE and Parade (June 2023)
- 2) LGBTQIA Intersex and Transgender Policy Engagement Dialogues (June 2023)
- 3) Direct Services (HTS, PrEP, ART, Psychosocial, Legal, Advocacy supported by provincial and district LGBTQIA Sectors.)
- 4) Awareness Campaigns
- 5) Training and Sensitization of stakeholders towards inclusive workspaces & service provision
- 6) Monitor and Document Human Rights Violations, Supporting Survivors
- 7) Engage in sports, arts, culture, economic development and tourism initiatives



PROVINCIAL YOUTH SECTOR ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Ilembe youth Month Activities: Capacitation of Youth-Led Organizations (2023)
- ❑ uThukela Capacitation of Youth-Led Organizations (June 2023)
- ❑ uMgungundlovu Youth Month Engagements and Dialogue (June 2023)
- ❑ Youth Zone Exhibition stalls during the 2023 South African National AIDS Conference.



PROVINCIAL HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR ACTIVITIES

HIGH EDUCATION SECTOR

❑ Activity: Dialogues

District/Provincial: District level

Number of students reached: 4333

Outcomes: In the process of relaunching LGBTQI+ forum, completing proposal for GBV stand alone office

❑ Activity: Silent Protest

District/Provincial: District

Number of people reached: 1500

Outcomes: silent march addressing issues of GBV

❑ Activity: First Thing First

District/Provincial: District

Number of people reached: 897

Outcomes: HIV testing

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

uMgungundlovu District Municipality

- ☐ Revitalization of the District and Local PLHIV Sectors providing psychosocial support as well as support groups strengthening.
- ☐ CSF held meeting with DSD, DOE and DOH to form a district school intervention team, that will look at challenges happening in schools especially with drugs and substance abuse, as well as learner pregnancy.

Challenges

- ☐ Transport is still an issue
- ☐ Health promoter still not appointed
- ☐ Poor communication between DAC secretariat and CSF



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

eThekweni District Municipality

Activities

- ☐ Disability Sector partnering with Woolworths for Capacity Building of 250 beneficiaries
- ☐ NGO Sector partnering with IEC for Civic Education gearing up for 2024 NPE
- ☐ 2 days workshop on POPIA and PAIA acts.
- ☐ AGYW Pregnancies interventions School health nurse & social worker to address learners in schools on impact of teenage pregnancy and preventing teenage pregnancy. S

Challenges

- ☐ Sectors are still not submitting reports- even though the reporting tools have already been developed.
- ☐ SCF meeting before DAC are not well coordinated
- ☐ GBV NSP civil society not working together with CSF for DAC.
- ☐ Monthly meetings are not prioritised and not taking place per sub-district

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

uMkhanyakude District Municipality

Activities

- ☐ War room, LAC, and DAC Meetings were held in all LMs.
- ☐ HIV/AIDS/ GBVF/Substance Abuse and Life skills workshops held between April and June 2023
- ☐ CSF Meeting and Strengthening workshop held in May 2023.
- ☐ uMhlabuyalingana elected the LGBTQIA Sector structure in June 2023.
- ☐ Multi-sectoral activities: District GBVF Orange Project

Challenges

- ☐ Not all LMs are consistent in holding war room meetings



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Zululand District Municipality

- ❑ District Civil Society Elections (5 local municipalities meetings held to establish CSF sectors and populates CSF database for the district.
- ❑ Community Safety Awareness campaign conducted by SAPS 29 & 31 May 2023.
- ❑ District CSF Meeting held in June 2023
- ❑ Youth Month programmes and celebrations held in June 2023
- ❑ GBVF Strategic Implementation Plan Workshop was conducted in May 2023 by the Office of The Premier.
- ❑ AYP champion replaced by Linda Mahaye.

Challenges:

- ❑ Increasing number of rape cases and human rights violation cases.
- ❑ Poor function of war rooms in other local municipalities.

Upcoming:

- ❑ District Partners consultation Meeting

Community safety at Emondlo



28 June 2023

Sensitization workshop with Ward Counsellor



and Ward committees at eMondlo

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

uMzinyathi District Municipality

Activities

- ❑ 4 local municipalities has elected the CSF structures between May and June 2023, attended by 60 with support of DSD, DOH, CHIVA and Buhle Zondo Foundation.
- ❑ District PLHIV and THP sectors had a dialogue on the 2nd of June 2023.
- ❑ Partial disclosure activity at the CDC Cosh Hospital for children aged 6-9 years.
- ❑ Full disclosure programme for children of 10 years and older was attended and supported with Children and caregivers attending.

Challenges

- ❑ PLHIV Sector still faces some coordination challenges
- ❑ Transport remains an issue within uMzinyathi district with it being mainly rural.
- ❑ Caregivers are still skeptical when it comes to disclosure issues, more trainings and workshops are required to further support caregivers.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

iLembe

Support Groups activities

- ❑ Mandeni is currently leading on support groups interventions, 5 support groups were launched at Mandeni and by March 2023 and 6 more Support groups were 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 we still have 3 support groups we are expecting 4 more to be launched by March 2023

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We are expecting all locals under iLembe district to be

- ❑ 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.



ACTION REQUIRED

- Fast-tracking of the CFS Provincial Elections and Support:
- Province to have conducted elections by end of September 2023
- Revitalisation of OSS
- Audit of functional DAC/LAC/WAC, support and revitalization of the non-functional ones.
- Participation of government leadership is required in all levels
- Facilitate TB Caucus launch
- OSS/HIV vehicles to be distributed to District Municipalities to also combat the CSF transportation challenges

CLOSING REMARKS

- ❑ CSF Would like to thank AFSA through Global Fund for appointing the Provincial Liaison Officer seconded to the OTP.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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, hence will continue to monitor and evaluate health facilities to address issues of stock out and attitude of health care workers within health facilities.

End

Thanks