



Zululand
District Municipality

ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY PCA PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY	: The Hon. Mayor Cllr TD Buthelezi
DATE	: 03 March 2023
TIME	: 10H00
VENUE	: Archie Gumede Conference Centre

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

- ▶ Zululand is the largest district in KZN occupying =16%
- ▶ Population of approximately 892 310.
- ▶ The Number of dwellings approximately 183 642.
- ▶ Population pyramid has a broad base with the largest number of the population below 29 years.
- ▶ The majority of households have an average monthly income of R0 to R1600 due to mainly the government grants.
- ▶ Less than 20 % people in Zululand are in economically viable employment.
- ▶ More than 50% areas are deep rural areas with poor infrastructure.
- ▶ The big challenge is poverty. No wonder there are still people dying of TB, and also children dying of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) despite social grants.

Achievements

- ▶ HIV test uptake by mainly adult females.
- ▶ Pregnant women who report to the clinic before 20 weeks of pregnancy.
- ▶ Preventing mother to child transmission of HIV.
- ▶ Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) uptake better than unsafe backyard abortions.
- ▶ Medical male circumcision seems to have a good uptake due to outsourced Private Team of Doctors hired for the Outreach on this service is adding good results.
- ▶ Clients seen at high transmission areas.
- ▶ Viral load suppression for mainly adults.

Challenges

- ▶ HIV testing, initiation of treatment and viral load suppression is a huge challenge in men and children below 15 years.
- ▶ Clients who discontinue treatment for many reasons.
- ▶ Despite shortage of condoms, but this District managed to do well well throughout this quarter.
- ▶ Some children born of mothers who are HIV positive still contract HIV if the mother did not attend the clinic during pregnancy, or stopped taking treatment during pregnancy and while nursing a small child and largely failure to adhere to treatment measures taught also another challenge.
- ▶ Young children and teenage pregnancy & Schools Drop out Rate.
- ▶ Death of children due to Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) remains a concern.
- ▶ Obtaining consent to test the child for HIV, initiate and sustain treatment.
- ▶ **TB Deaths:** No.1. uPhongolo (13%), No. 2. Nongoma (11%). No. 3. eDumbe (9%) equal with No.4. Ulundi (9%) and No.5: Abaqulusi (7%)

Challenges

- ▶ **uPhongolo at Cross Road Battle:** Swazi Cross Border Patients defaulting treatment; loss to follow (LTF) up; Termination of Pregnancy (TOP): (Clinics/Itshelejuba Hospital) taking care.
- ▶ Child Pregnancy Rate versus Legal Measures leaves a vacuum.

Recommended Strategies

- ▶ Massive education campaigns to encourage clients to accept an HIV positive test result. There is a need for easy access to psychological support.
- ▶ Addressing cultural beliefs and practices that may interfere with treatment e.g. taking traditional treatment and then neglecting medical treatment.
- ▶ Encouraging families to ensure that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse goes to the clinic early for assessment including interventions to prevent her contracting HIV and passing it to the unborn child.
- ▶ Denormalizing teenage pregnancy initiative to be supported by all stakeholders.
- ▶ Strengthening the strategies to prevent severe acute malnutrition.

Recommended Strategies

- ▶ Support Partners to change focus on HIV much than TB, and work closely with Civil Society and the District .
- ▶ Strengthen Mobilisation by Reviving Civil Society Sectors through LAC Elections by April 2023 in the Fight Against the Social Ills and GBV.
- ▶ To ensure PLHIV Sector with Support Groups is revived in all LAC's all for War against HIV/AIDS, TB and STI's.
- ▶ Revive M & E Technical Task Team to meet before next DAC Meeting to correct non reporting by LACs and other Support Partners.
- ▶ M & E TTT to meet quarterly to discuss and evaluate DAC Report for presentation before the DAC Meeting.
- ▶ Men to be targeted more in Communities esp. in deep rural areas against HIV and TB as they pause more deaths.

Behavioural Change Campaign

Opening by : Sister Rev.Harriet Khumalo- Civil Society Organiser,opened the meeting with a Prayer.



Dialogue Groups Facilitation: DSD- Ms Khethiwe Mkhize facilitated the session very well



Feedback from Groups: Groups Representatives gave feedback from Dialogues Groups, which was met with comments of appreciation and further synthesis by both Community Members on the side of Parents and Education, in appreciation of the enlightenment of the youth- that is, School Children on their brilliant advices to their peers showing indications on change of mindset towards behavior change.

STATUS OF AIDS COUNCILS

MUNICIPALITY	FUNCTIONALITY	SECRETARIAT	BUDGET
Zululand	Functional	1 dedicated	R200 000
AbaQulusi LM	Not functional	1 dedicated	No Budget
eDumbe LM	Not functional	2 dedicated	No Budget
uPhongolo LM	functional	1 dedicated	R200 000
Nongoma LM	functional	1 dedicated	No Budget
Ulundi LM	functional	2 dedicated	R60 000



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