




PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS

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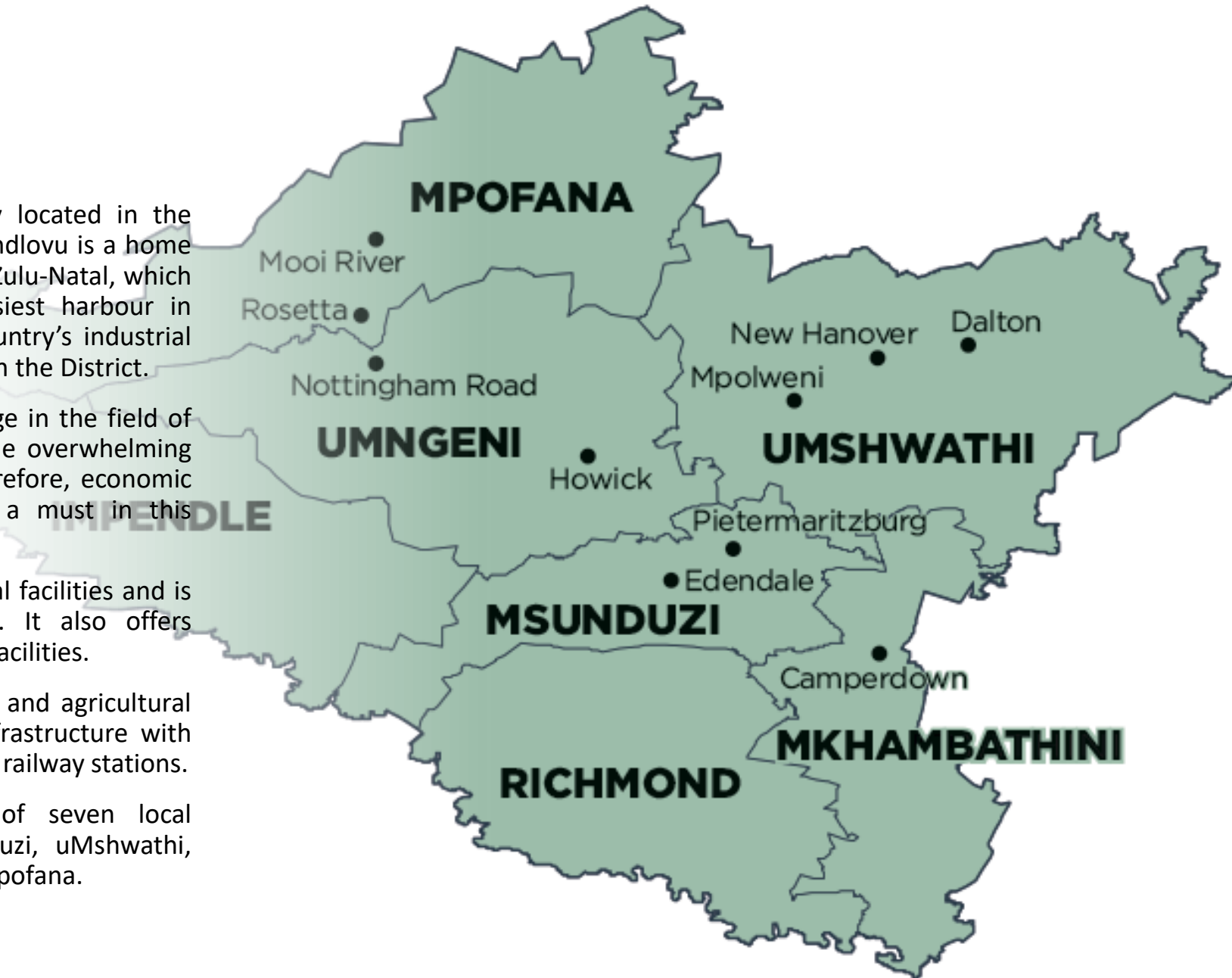


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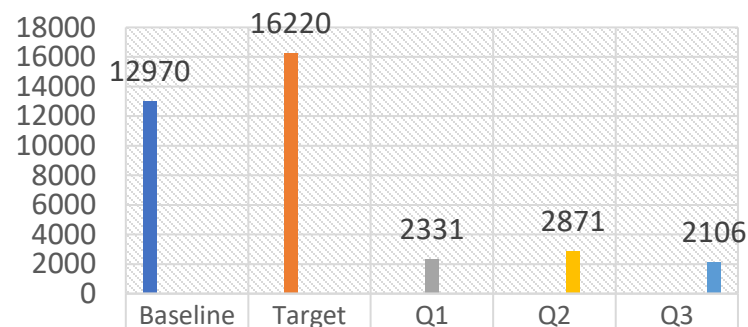
INTRODUCTION

- The uMgungundlovu District Municipality located in the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal. The uMgungundlovu is a home to Pietermaritzburg the capital city of KwaZulu-Natal, which is located 80km from the country's busiest harbour in Durban, and the district linked to the country's industrial hub - Gauteng by the N3 which cuts through the District.
- The District enjoys a competitive advantage in the field of agriculture. Another major challenge is the overwhelming prevalence of poverty in the District. Therefore, economic and business stimulus programmes are a must in this district.
- The district offers distinguished educational facilities and is a retirement mecca for senior citizens. It also offers excellent sporting, commercial and health facilities.
- It is an important industrial, timber, dairy and agricultural hub that has a modern, sophisticated infrastructure with easy access to airports, the N3 arterial, and railway stations.
- uMgungundlovu District is made up of seven local municipalities, namely: uMngeni, Msunduzi, uMshwathi, Mpendle, Richmond, Mkhambathini and Mpofana.



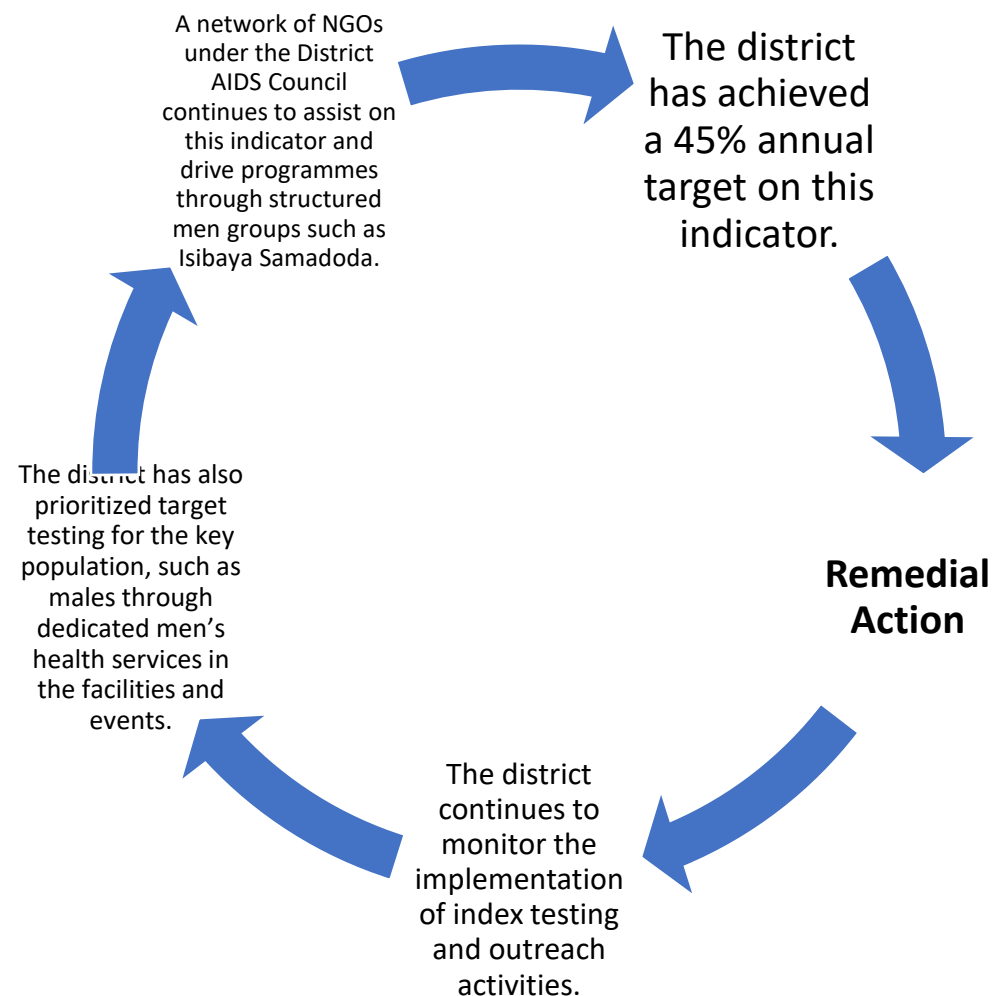
HIV TESTING POSITIVE (15yrs & older)

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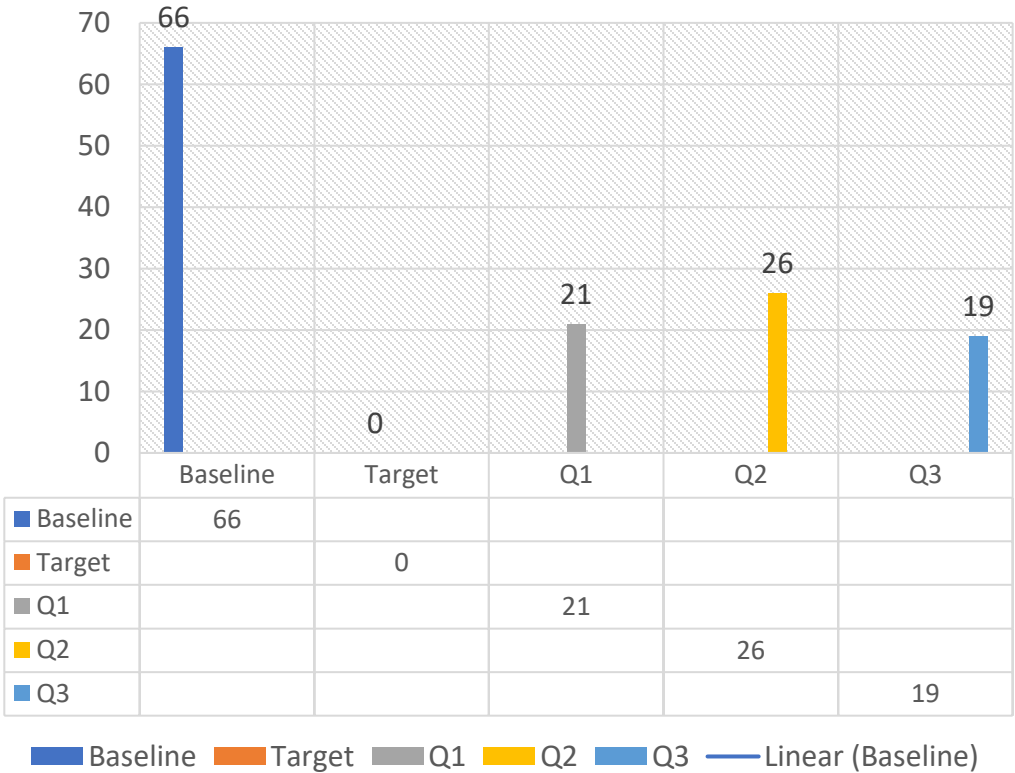
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| ■ Baseline | 12970 | | | |
| ■ Target | | 16220 | | |
| ■ Q1 | | | 2331 | |
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■ Baseline
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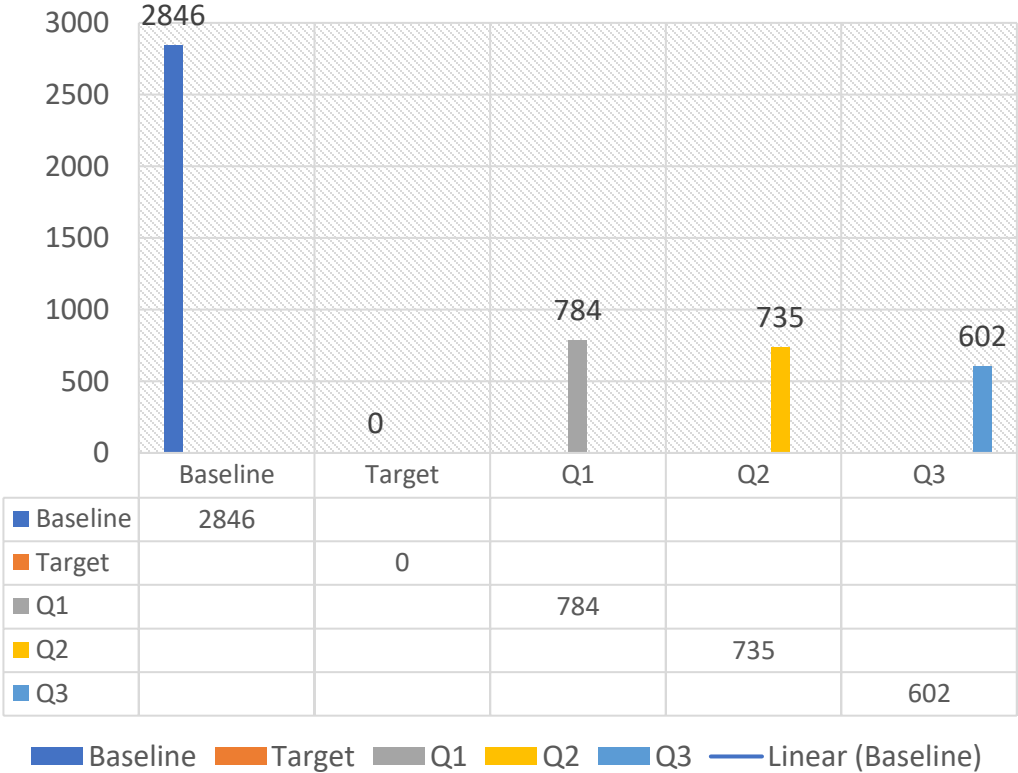


DELIVERY IN FACILITIES

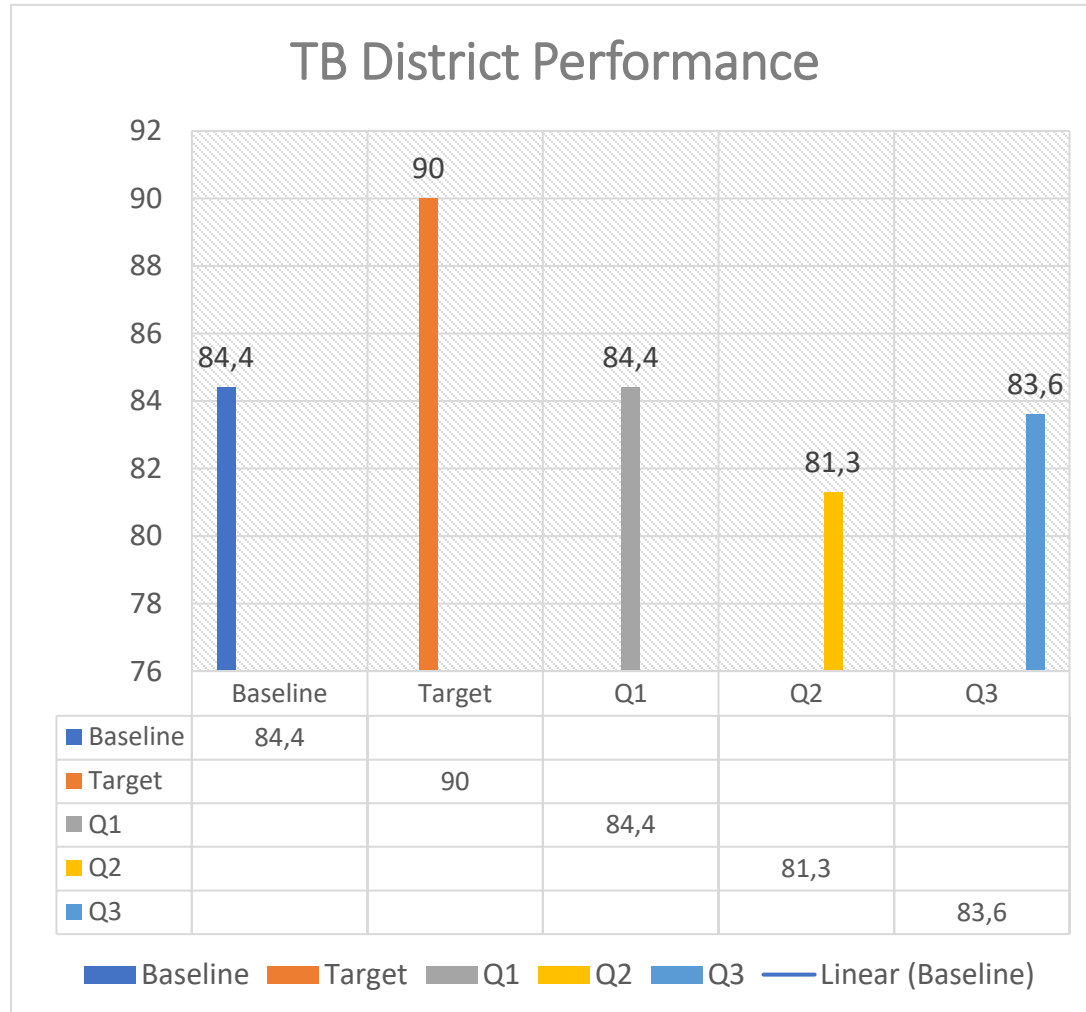
Delivery in Facilities (10-14yrs)



Delivery in Facilities (15-19yrs)

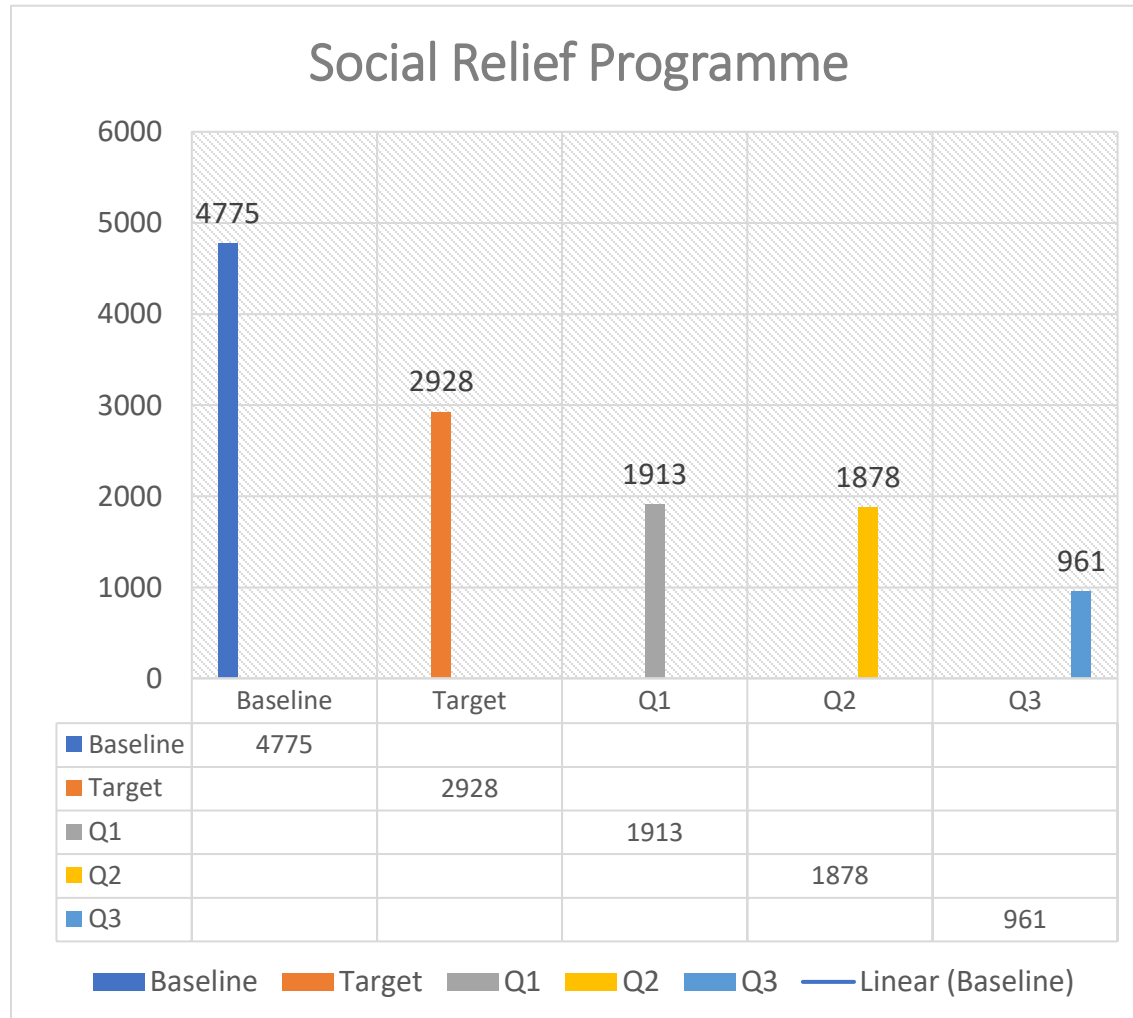


TB DISTRICT PERFORMANCE



- The target is 90%
- In this quarter, the high loss to follow of 8%, and the death rate of 8% has negatively affected performance on this indicator.
- During this reporting period (October to December 2022), the district outreach teams were heavily engaged in covid 19 activities and vaccination, and hence this affected tracing of TB patients negatively.
- The district still has a challenge of clients that give wrong addresses and this makes tracing difficult.
- The district also has street kids as a huge challenge, especially in the Msunduzi subdistrict.
- The high TB death rate still poses another challenge, and this is a result of the high TB/HIV coinfection rate.
- The district has clients who default on ART. In most cases, some of the clients are initiated on TB treatment with low CD4 counts and high viral load. Therefore, it means they get initiated when they are very sick and they eventually die.
- Another contributing factor to the high rate of TB deaths in the district is the covid 19.

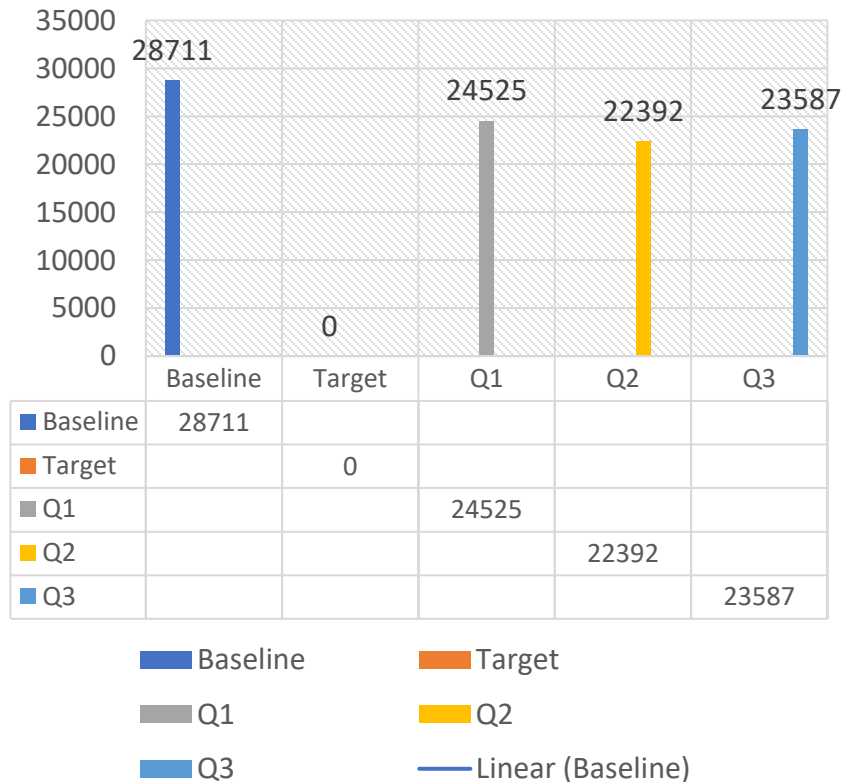
DSD SOCIAL RELIEF PROGRAMME



- The number of people benefitted greatly from the Social Relief Disaster (SRD) budget in the first and second quarters, and this is a result of rapid responses and interventions by DSD through households, and mostly those that were affected by the floods in the first and second quarters.
- The drop in performance in the third quarter (social relief program) has been caused by the depletion of SRD funds.
- In quarter four, forecasting performance - there will certainly be a rise in the number of beneficiaries due to allocated funding from a disaster fund.

GBV PROGRAMMES

GBV Prevention Programmes

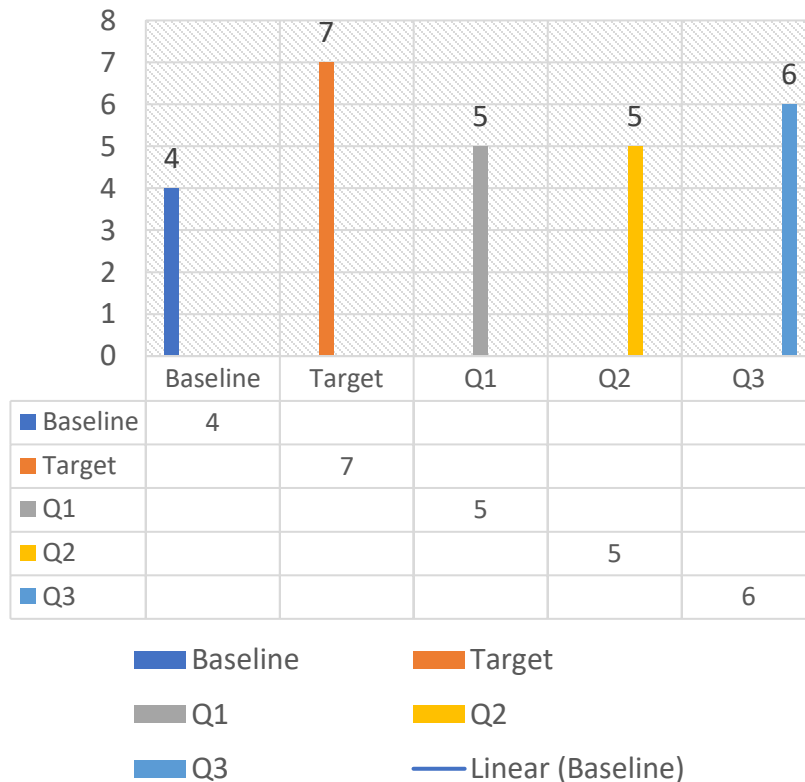


- The uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council in partnership with the Office of the Premier under the Status of Women and Children held a successful activation workshop on GBV+F.
- This activity, amongst other things, included the development of a draft multisectoral action plan with tangible and timebound interventions and actions aimed at reducing the scourge of GBV+F in the district.
- Civil Society organizations were present, and they owned the process. Currently, CBOs / NGOs are responding to grassroots issues, challenges, and social ills, and they provide interventions.
- The GBV+F Activation Plans gave the AIDS Council an opportunity to engage with the young, old, and influential in providing solutions to the GBVF scourge and making inputs to the National Strategic Plan on GBV+F.



FUNCTIONALITY OF DAC/LAC STRUCTURES

The functionality of DAC/LACs



The target on this indicator is 7.

The District AIDS Council facilitated the launch of Msunduzi AIDS Council. The uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council is currently at 86% functionality rate nearing closer to 100% functionality of ALL Local AIDS Councils in the district.

The integration of Local Task Teams and the Local AIDS Council proves to be working extremely well for most of the sub-districts. Also, the integration of WAC and War Rooms seems to be very instrumental in providing interventions at the grassroots level – ‘where the rubber meets the road’.

As a District AIDS Council, we are climbing close to the apex. Soon, a 100% LAC functionality will be achieved, ready to be celebrated.



HIV/AIDS, STIs & TB COORDINATION



- The review of the current Provincial Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS, STIs & TB with the District AIDS Council was conducted by the Office of the Premier and it went very well.
- Civil Society organizations were present, and government departments were well represented.
- Currently, the civil society sectors are being revived, some are being established and the process of launching the civil society sectors is underway, and this prepares the DAC for the holistic review of its current Multi-sectoral District Implementation Plan for 2023 – 2027.

WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION

The World AIDS Day commemoration event for uMgungundlovu was held on the 08th of December 2022 at Izindlebe Zembuzi Sportsfield in uMshwathi.

The commemoration was filled with many activities, such as GBV Awareness march / and a picket at Mambedwini Taxi Rank, but also of equal importance was the distribution of business start-up kits to the beneficiaries on the day by the Office of the MEC Champion.

On World AIDS Day, through the Office of the MEC, an economically viable and self-sustaining group of beneficiaries was supported and given an opportunity to flourish through the business support kits which were handed over by the MEC Champion.



MEASLES CAMPAIGN

As uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council, we have learned through the research done between October 2022 to mid-week of January 2023, that there have been 2349 serum samples for measles of which 371 (15,7%) were confirmed positive for measles cases. The five provinces which were sampled in this test were: Limpopo (with 140 cases), Mpumalanga (with 75 cases), North West (with 114 cases), Gauteng (with 16 cases), and Free State (with 12 cases). We then took a stand to proactively and aggressively drive the measles campaign throughout the District. Every area, city, ward, or corner of the district needs to be reached out to, and most importantly the hard-to-reach areas in the District need to be reached out.



Currently, where there is a need for one-on-one communication with selected groups in our society, such direct engagements will still be organized and done effectively for the sake of our children and society. Measles is a deadly viral disease. Platforms for further engagements have been created and different social sectors are provided with the information needed to understand the importance of vaccinating against measles. Rumors and misconceptions about the vaccination must be addressed head-on and dealt with almost immediately.





CONCLUSION

The uMgungundlovu District AIDS Council is well saturated with a pool of stakeholders that are visionaries, with a strong will, highly ethical, and very much loyal to the idea of community development. The determination from organizations / government departments to serve and be of great service to the people of uMgungundlovu will forever be upheld by the leadership of uMgungundlovu district and the community at large.

The AIDS Council will forever be grateful for the work most of the organizations/government departments are currently doing, have done, and will still be doing in the district. Thank you!

THANK YOU