

**TOWARDS
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**World AIDS Day Report 2015
KwaZulu-Natal Province
Provincial Council on AIDS
Meeting
16 March 2016**



**1st December
WORLD AIDS DAY**

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Background



- ❖ World AIDS Day is a global and national event held on the 1st of December every year to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the pandemic
- ❖ It is aimed at supporting people living with HIV and AIDS, commemorating those who have passed away as a result of the illness and celebrating successes in the response such as increased access to treatment
- ❖ Hosting the event reminds the public that HIV continues to be a global challenge and that collectively, there is a need to increase awareness, fight prejudice and advocate for support globally and nationally.
- ❖ The main event to commemorate World AIDS Day 2015 was held in KwaZulu-Natal (Ugu District) as a precursor to South Africa hosting the 21st International AIDS Conference in 2016
- ❖ At the centre of the 2015 World AIDS Day, was the need to celebrate and acknowledge the vital role that communities have played towards the response to HIV and AIDS



Globally, an estimated 36 million people are living with HIV. In South Africa, an estimated 6.19 million people live with HIV. In KwaZulu-Natal, an estimated 1.70 million people are living with HIV...

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Theme

The 2015 World AIDS Day theme “Towards an HIV-Free Generation, **RISE. ACT. PROTECT**” was aimed at mobilising communities to be involved in the expansion of access to prevention, treatment and support services.

- ❖ **Rise:** Be aware of your community and what is going on in your country
 - ❖ **Act:** Now that you know the needs of and how your help can make a difference, do it
 - ❖ **Protect:** Promote preventative behaviours and protect people living with HIV
- KwaZulu-Natal (Ugu District) was the host province for the 2015 National World AIDS Day event

The themes also echoes the UNAIDS 2011-2015 Strategy towards achieving “Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths.”



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Approach

- ❖ At the heart of the World AIDS Day is the message that communities are critical in achieving the vision of an HIV free generation
- ❖ The participation of civil society and communities in shaping and driving the response has led to many of the gains that have been achieved
- ❖ KwaZulu-Natal's Operation Sukuma Sakhe Model, was therefore an appropriate vehicle to demonstrate local responses to HIV and AIDS in action
- ❖ It was designed to address the critical areas of community participation, integrated service delivery, behaviour change, economic empowerment and environmental care
- ❖ Through War Rooms based at the Ward level stakeholders are able to identify, understand and respond to the needs of those who are vulnerable and affected by inequitable access to health and other basic services.

Key Activities



- ❖ Held live media interviews with political leaders and those in the frontline of the battle against HIV and AIDS which were broadcast on SABC Morning Live
- ❖ This was followed by a centralised formal address at the Ugu Sports and Leisure Centre attended by Deputy President, national Ministers, Premiers, Members of the Executive Council (MECs), civil society leadership and community members
- ❖ Key speakers engaged with a mass audience regarding milestones in the fight against HIV and AIDS and pervading challenges
- ❖ Dignitaries then visited wards where they were each allocated
- ❖ The Ward visits involved visits to the War Rooms and ward level projects and face to face engagement with community members

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People Reached



Data Element	Number/Percent
Total headcount that went through screening	4230
Number of people screened for TB	2937
% of people TB screened	69.4%
Number of TB suspects	64
% of people TB suspects	2.0%
Number of people HIV tested	992
% of people HIV tested	22.2%
Number of people HIV tested positive	29
% of people HIV tested positive	2.9%
CD4 cell count done	34
Number of people referred for ART initiation	17
% of people referred for ART initiation	58.6%
Number of males undergoing male medical circumcision	11
Number of male condoms distributed	82140
Number of female condoms distributed	9220

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People Reached



Data Element	Number/Percent
Number of children screened for malnutrition	70
Number of children administered Vitamin A	26
Number of children dewormed	17
Number of children monitored for growth	15
Number of people screened for hypertension	2015
% of people screened for hypertension	46.6%
Number of people screened for diabetes	1900
% of people screened for diabetes	42.5%
Number of people identified with diabetes	9
% of people identified with diabetes	0.47%
Number of people screened for mental health	745
% of people screened for mental health	16.7%
Number of people referred to Social Worker	187
% of people referred to Social Worker	4.2%
Number of people undergoing family planning	46
Number of women receiving a pap smear	57
Number of people provided with walking aids	23

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Successes



Pre-World AIDS day planning

- ❖ Regular steering committee meetings and the establishment of sub Task Teams

World AIDS day event

- ❖ Involvement and participation of community members
- ❖ Reached a total of 8 230 people during the event
- ❖ Strong support from political leadership
- ❖ Support and participation of all sectors of government and civil society

Nerve Centre

- ❖ Documentation of Ward level activities through focal reporting people allocated to each Ward

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Challenges

Pre-World AIDS day planning

- ❖ Roles and responsibilities and accountability mechanisms of sub-task teams were not clearly defined

World AIDS Day Event

- ❖ Deployed officials did not present to Ward level WAD events or in some cases arrived late
- ❖ WAD programme for War Rooms was not clearly outlined. Some wards did not have candle-lighting
- ❖ Some services were not available as planned e.g. Pap Smear were not conducted in all Wards due to shortage of infrastructure
- ❖ Catering not provided to attendees of the WAD event in some Wards (**National DOH**)
- ❖ War Rooms not fully equipped to take on additional projects such as World AIDS Day

Challenges Contd.



Nerve Centre

- ❖ Use of standardised reporting template was inconsistent, and submitted reports were not complete
- ❖ Manual system of reporting, time consuming to aggregate information
- ❖ Lack of adequate capacity and necessary skills set for the nerve centre staff.

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Recommendations



Pre-World AIDS day planning

- ❖ Clearly define and develop roles and responsibilities and accountability of sub-task teams

World AIDS Day Event

- ❖ Develop prepopulated attendance registers for Ward level visits, establish mechanisms to hold officials to account
- ❖ Develop WAD Ward level programme and circulate so War Rooms are aware of activities to be scheduled
- ❖ Mentor, support and build the capacity of War Rooms to take on additional projects

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Challenges Contd.



Nerve Centre

- ❖ Provide training on standardised reporting template to facilitate consistent use of template. Provide feedback on submitted reports to encourage completeness in reports submitted to nerve centre
- ❖ Consider use of electronic system for reporting and aggregation of information collected
- ❖ Provide training and capacity building to nerve centre staff.

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