

HEAIDS PHASE TWO: KEY OUTCOMES

Considerable progress towards the achievement of HEAIDS Phase two Programme purpose was noted during the period and is summarised as follows:

- **Implementation of the Policy Framework** – This was advanced through a) the active participation by the sector in a consultative process regarding the refinement of the monitoring and evaluation framework which was facilitated by the PCU in June 2009 and b) the high participation by institutions in the reflective review workshop facilitated by the PCU in November 2009, through which HEIs reflected upon and shared progress against key indicators
- **Release of the sector prevalence and related factors report** – The capacity of the sector to both reduce and manage the threat of HIV and AIDS was considerably enhanced through the release, on 29 March 2010, of the findings of the first sector prevalence and related factors study which was commissioned by the Programme. For the first time key baseline data regarding the scale and social risk drivers of the epidemic at sector and institutional levels is now available and the findings point to specific areas where prevention and support programmes need to be immediately strengthened.
- **The completion of the funding models and mechanisms report:** Essentially this report identifies the funding gap between what is currently provided and what is ideally required and recommends funding mechanisms to address this in the future. This report is a key input for the scoping and planning of HEAIDS Phase 3 and forms the basis for the MTEF proposal.
- **The publication of a sector Framework for Workplace Programmes** together with institutional implementation guidelines will enhance the capacity of institutions to develop effective workplace programmes, which has been identified in the prevalence report as a critical area for intervention.

- **The publication of the evaluation report arising from the teacher education pilot project** – This report provides valuable insight into the experiences gained and lessons learnt through this sector wide curriculum intervention, and highlighted the personal and professional competence and the innovative pedagogical approaches that are required for effectiveness in teaching and learning about HIV and AIDS issues. The recommendations have implications not only for teacher education programmes and faculties but may also inform curriculum development and innovation in other faculties.
- **The publication of the research report into the roles of educators (March 2010)** – Valuable findings and recommendations also emerged from the research report into the roles of educators in addressing the HIV and AIDS epidemic. This report provides evidence of the roles (current and future) as well as the training and resource needs identified by teachers in schools, the FET sector and universities.
- **HIV and AIDS Communications Toolkit for HEIs** – These guidelines support implementation of the overall HEAIDS Communications Strategy and through a series of practical examples provides guidance to HEIs in how to effectively and sensitively communicate their campus HIV and AIDS Programmes.

The assessment at the end of the period is that the extended implementation period supported further progress towards the achievement of the overall programme objective, purpose and results, allowing for greater engagement at sub-sector level and further embedding of the interventions within institutions. Ultimately the potential for greater impact through effective integration of sector and the institutional level developments was increased and prospects for sustainability were enhanced.

A NOTE ON HEAIDS

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NOTICES STAFF MATTERS

Dr Gail Andrews resigned from HEAIDS in October 2010 and joined The Centres for Disease Control (CDC) as from November 2010. Dr Andrews has been appointed as a Public Health Specialist and Stream Leader for Prevention at CDC. We wish her well in her new venture.

Phase two of the HEAIDS Programme came to an end in September 2010 and this implied that many staff members from HEAIDS, whom formed part of the Phase two programme, had to seek alternative job opportunities.

HEAIDS Phase 3 is planned to commence on 1 April 2011 over a three year cycle. HICC National meetings are planned in early 2011 to further discuss HEAIDS Phase 3.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HEAIDS Phase Two Sector Level Research Data now available on the NRF Research Database.
- HICC NATIONAL meeting planned for Feb/March 2011
- HCT (HIV Counselling and Testing) Campaign planned during Condom/STI week in February 2011

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) are pleased to announce the 6th SAHARA Conference to be held at **NMMU in Nelson Mandela Bay/Port Elizabeth, South Africa** from **28 November to 2 December 2011**.

The theme for the 6th SAHARA Conference is **HIV/AIDS and Human Rights**. If you are interested in attending this conference, then have your details added to the mailing list today by sending them to: BBooi@hsrc.ac.za

Or you can contact our offices on: Tel: +27 41 399 8700/04.

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information and details about the conference will be available on the SAHARA website www.sahara.org.za

5th SA AIDS Conference invites young scientists, researchers and community leaders

Leadership: African Accountability

Emerging young scientists in the HIV/AIDS field are invited to join their colleagues in the HIV/AIDS research community and participate in the 5th SA AIDS Conference in Durban from 7 – 10 June 2011.

Higher Education HIV and AIDS Programme (HEAIDS) Conference 28-30 March 2010

The key purpose of the Conference was to promote coherence and discourse on cross-cutting issues and to highlight research and initiatives in the field of HIV and AIDS within the sector. It was also intended to shape the future of HIV and AIDS planning through a reflection on key outputs and recommendations.

The conference was braced by the Minister of Higher Education, the Minister of Health, the Ambassador of the European Delegation, Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Universities of Technology, National and International experts, researchers and partners, the Business Sector, staff and students from the Higher Education sector.

Key research results were shared by various researchers in the field, covering the following areas: KAPB and sero-prevalence sector study, HR workplace programmes, HIV and AIDS in the curriculum, Good practice in HIV Prevention and Graduate competency for

managing HIV and AIDS in the workplace. Other important areas discussed by legal experts were Human Rights, Policy and HIV.



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Kayamandi open doors to special campaign in Stellenbosch

Legacy Community Development Corporation, Stellenbosch University (SU), @Heart, the Medical Knowledge Institute (MKI) and volunteers from the community joined forces in September to participate in a successful HIV door-to-door campaign in Kayamandi, funded by the Provincial Department of Health. The campaign aimed to educate, distribute male-and-female condoms and encourage residents to know their HIV status.

An average of 15 volunteers per day participated as part of the 9 day campaign. The volunteers reached 2801 individuals and distributed 21 800 male and 1349 female condoms.

The campaign links with the National Department of Health initiative to encourage people to test for HIV and to ensure timely access to appropriate services and treatment. 259 individuals visited the @ HEART HIV testing caravan and are now part of the growing number of South Africans who know their HIV status.

For more information on the health workshops offered at the MKI Health Information Centre at Legacy contact Fikiswa Senti at 078 718 0186 / kayamandihic@medicalknowledgeinstitute.org.



The Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) wellness approach to health care: A comprehensive approach to HIV & AIDS

Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) launched the wellness programme on 27 May 2010, as an Endeavour to ensure accessibility to the health care system for the University community (students and employees).

Health activities during the launch

The activities identified below were effected in partnership with Ithembalabantu (NGO HIV antiretroviral Clinic and SMART TEST/NGO VCT Mobile, as well as a team from Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital.

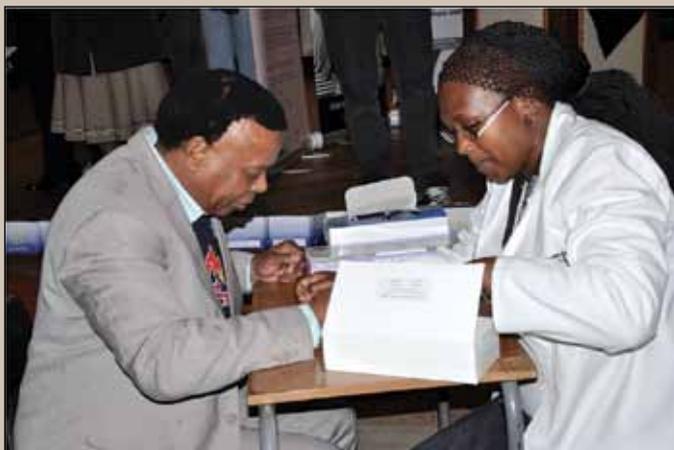
- Fun-runs coordinated by the Sport Management unit for staff and students;
- HIV Counseling and Testing;
- Weight Checks – education and counseling;
- Screening for Hypertension, Diabetes, and Cholesterol, Eye tests
- Blood Donation



Staff and students from MUT who participated in the fun run during the wellness launch

Walter Sisulu University supporting the National HCT Campaign

The year 2010 has been a year of remarkable achievements for Walter Sisulu University HIV/AIDS Programme. After the release of HIV prevalence survey results by HEAIDS, WSU took several steps towards responding comprehensively to the spread of HIV in its campuses. WSU embarked on a very big project in support of the Department of Health's initiative to test 15 million people by 2011. WSU launched its very own HCT campaign in the form of Graduate Alive and HIV Free Friday campaigns organized by the university's Centre for HIV/AIDS and the Institutional SRC. This launch took the whole week staged as a road show on all four campuses of WSU, starting in Mthatha campus where the Vice Chancellor and his members of the Executive and Senior Management took public HIV counselling and Testing, followed by the President of the institutional SRC. Staff and students tested in the way that they have never tested before. Target for this launch was 1 000 people but the number of people tested went over 1 500. WSU plans to have tested 5 000 people by June 2011.



Vice Chancellor of Walter Sisulu University taking the lead during the HCT Campaign

UJ DIVERSITY WEEK: 20 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

HIV and AIDS Exhibition

The various faculties at the University of Johannesburg organized and presented an innovative exhibition, to showcase their HIV-related research, projects and curriculum integration interventions. This event aimed to encourage academia at UJ and other tertiary institutions to mainstream HIV and AIDS into their curriculum and projects and to ensure that students were better prepared, both professionally and personally, to deal with HIV and AIDS.

Launch of HIV Statues

One of the main items presented during this year's Diversity week was the unveiling of the Statues which formed part of the communications campaign as set out by the Higher Education Policy Framework for HIV. The statues were unveiled by the different Management Executive Committee members on all four campuses during the Diversity week.

From henceforth, these statues will serve as permanent symbols to show that UJ prioritizes HIV prevention, care and support amongst staff and students.



KOVSIES cause a (RED)OLUTION!

The University of the Free State commemorated World Aids Day early in 2010, as the campus community is mostly on holiday on the

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1st of December. The (RED)OLUTION campaign aimed at encouraging all UFS citizens to wear red ribbons on the 27th of October 2010 to show their care and concern about the HIV epidemic. As a build up to this day profile posters were made of key students and staff, ranging from the rector to a receptionist, stating their commitment to the campaign and giving them an opportunity to share their own reasons for wearing a red ribbon on the day. Students were encouraged to see their leaders and lecturers committing to the cause while it was a highlight for leaders and lecturers to appear on posters!

Men's Health & Male Circumcision Campaign at WOB (Male Residence), University of Kwazulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus

HIV and AIDS is a disease that is spreading fast. There is evidence that shows factors of male domination and gender power relations are some of the causal factors contributing to the spread of the epidemic. One of the ways to address HIV, is to target males and involve them in programmes, as they are crucial role players in the fight against HIV.

The Men's Health & Circumcision Campaign was one of the attempts to reach Men, and provide accurate information on the contemporary ways of mitigating the spread of HIV.

Grant boosts Health and Wellness' service delivery at TUT

A grant of R2,9 million that the University received from the Higher Education HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS) in 2007 has significantly boosted the Directorate of Health and Wellness' efforts to provide a one-stop service to students at all of the University's learning sites.

Several projects have been rolled out following the grant and have been completed. According to Tebogo Makgabo, Director of Health and Wellness, voluntary counselling and testing have increased at the Health and Wellness centres following the HEAIDS projects. "We can now provide a more equitable service and have increased our primary health care footprint significantly across all learning sites" she says.

She adds that Health and Wellness is eagerly awaiting the results of the sero-prevalance study conducted among TUT staff and students recently and that they will align their strategies to the results of the study. The results are expected to be made known to the University before the end of 2010.

Incorporating HIV and AIDS education into the academic curriculum at DUT



Staff members from the HIV/AIDS Centre together with staff from the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and International Centre On Non-violence (ICON) at the HIV Curriculum Integration Workshop

EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LAUNCHED

The National symposium on HIV & AIDS and Education took place at the North Campus Conference Centre on 13 and 14 September 2010. The purpose of this Symposium was to continue building a network of researchers in the field of HIV and Education, by formally launching a 'community of practice' in HIV&AIDS and Education. Furthermore, the aim was to reflect on 10 years of HIV&AIDS and Education Research, and to consider the way forward in the next decade.

The event was hosted by the HIV & AIDS Education Research Chair, Centre for Research, Technology and Innovation (CERTI) at the NMMU Faculty of Education in collaboration with the HEAIDS Programme.

The delegates attending the symposium consisted primarily of teacher educators from universities from all around South Africa. Delegates hailed from UKZN, US, UFS, CUT, UP, UJ, WITS, NWU, Rhodes and of course the NMMU. There were a number of delegates from outside our borders too, including Tanzania (University of Dar es Salaam), Germany (University of Oldenberg) and Canada (McGill University). Our two honorary guests came from Kenya, who are teachers living and teaching with HIV. Representatives from HEAIDS and the HSRC were also present.



Prof Denise Zinn, Dean of the Faculty of Education welcomed the delegates at the start of the Symposium. Key note addresses were delivered by Prof Refilwe Phaswana-Mafuya, Director of Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance at the HSRC, Port Elizabeth and Dr Gail Andrews, HEAIDS Programme Director and Prof Anastassios Pouris Director of the Institute for Technological Innovation of the University of Pretoria.

A major outcome from the Symposium was the establishment of a 'community of practice' in HIV&AIDS and Education. The delegates were very enthusiastic about this aspect of the Symposium and one of the first fruits of this 'community of practice' will be the publishing of a number of the papers presented over the two days.