

Annie Lennox visits TAC Khayelitsha

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On 30 March, Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) member and world renowned musician Annie Lennox visited TAC's Khayelitsha office to film the activities of TAC's prevention and treatment literacy programme.

Prevention and treatment literacy is one of TAC's flagship programmes. Through the programme, TAC has demonstrated that HIV treatment literacy education in communities promotes uptake of, and adherence to, HIV treatment and prevention.

Lennox is the founder of the 'SING Campaign', which raises money for programmes that support women and children that have been affected by HIV. The 'SING campaign' is a funder of TAC's Eastern Cape prevention and treatment literacy programme.

Lennox met with TAC members and leaders in Khayelitsha to discuss challenges and improvements in the AIDS response. Mandla Majola, TAC Khayelitsha District Coordinator, highlighted human resource shortages, funding shortfalls and shortages of condoms as key challenges in the district. Majola also commented on changes in the political climate relating to HIV/AIDS. He said that the current government has expressed commitment and taken important steps to improve programmes, reduce new infections and scale up treatment.

Lennox accompanied TAC members on a door-to-door awareness campaign and visited the Ubuntu and Nolungile Clinics in Khayelitsha where she had an opportunity to meet patients and healthcare workers. Lennox praised the healthcare workers for their essential and extremely important work.

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