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### [Highlighting Mopani PTLP, Francinah Chauke](#)

21 July, 2010 - 13:32 ? moderator

I would like you to know that Francinah is a remarkable woman. We owe her so many thanks for her unending support of so many of our staff. She is so confident and so competent that she has a really strong influence on all who come into contact with her. I believe she has saved many lives right here at Leeways, and we all thank her ? and the TAC for enabling her to do what she does so well ? from the bottom of our hearts.

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### [Mopani Sexual Assault Campaign Brief Report](#)

21 July, 2010 - 13:29 ? moderator

On 16 July 2010 Tzaneen Branches/ Mariveni/ Kgapane/ Khujwani/Dani/ Joppie/ Ramalema/ Mogapeng had a sexual offence campaign /march/ to support a rape case for sentence for a father who raped his step daughter. It was a follow up on this rape case as we started this follow up from March until now. About 96 People attended together with our partner organization profound group. The case was postponed to 18 July. We will continue to support the prosecution of this case.

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### [Another Picket in Follow Up for Resources for Health Campain in Mopani](#)

8 December, 2009 - 10:58 ? adam

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Members of Treatment Action Campaign picketed and handed over the memorandum to the Mopani Executive Mayor and The Acting Manager for Mopani Department of Health. Amongst other demands, they said they need commitment from political leaders and government administrators in implementing HIV and AIDS programmes. Must unfreeze the

accreditation of primary health care centre for rollout of Anti-Retroviral treatment.

The picket was staged during the World AIDS Day commemoration at Khakhala village in Giyani

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## [Community Health Advocate in Mopani assist on ID Application](#)

19 October, 2009 - 08:47 ? adam

- [Newsletter](#)

Jenneth Mkhawana is a Community Health Advocate working for TAC in Mopani District under Dan/Nkowa-Nkowa area. She is assisting Sesana Seoka, who is using a wheel chair to apply for an ID Book. Because she is applying for this without a birth certificate, no short cut, she have to start by applying for birth certificate. This is called Late Registration of Birth. Now she has completed first part of her application.

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## [TAC Mopani District Newsletter](#)

12 October, 2009 - 13:21 ? adam

- [Newsletter](#)

Here is a link to the [Newsletter of TAC Mopani District](#)

This is Mopani District's first newsletter, it intends to cover some of the work TAC Mopani has conducted since March 2009. The highlights includes: Resources for Health March in Giyani and how TAC Mopani has mobilised, The successes of the Prevention Treatment Literacy Program and Community Health Advocacy Program

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## [Mopani PTL Video](#)

12 October, 2009 - 13:04 ? adam

- [Treatment Literacy](#)

This is a [video](#) of TAC Mopani's Prevention Treatment Literacy Co-ordinator explaining how they run treatment literacy trainings in Mopani. The video is in Xitsonga by Lester Baloyi (Program Co-ordinator)

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## [Edendales poor planning cost peoples lives](#)

25 August, 2009 - 10:42 ? zonke.ndlovu

A young man from KwaShange was turned blind by the HIV Virus. He was born 35 years ago and has been living with HIV.

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## [Ekurhuleni's PLWHA Support Group Candle Lighting ceremony](#)

16 May, 2009 - 12:42 ? pearltransition

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Ekurhuleni PLWHA Support Group Candle Light Ceremony

15 May 2009

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## [Rev. Paul Mokgethi-Heath on HIV and religion](#)

16 May, 2009 - 12:35 ? pearltransition

- [Stigma](#)

Yes, I am married to another man and he is also a pastor and I know we can talk about culture and religion and debate scriptures. I can talk about it if you have time. I know that God has called me to be a minister and God has loves me and that is why I'm married and am in a monogamous relationship with another man and I thank God for that.

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## [Campaigning for better Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women](#)

14 May, 2009 - 11:25 ? nokhwezi@tac.org.za

- [Women's Health](#)

On 07 May 2009, TAC Ekurhuleni hosted a consultative meeting on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for 22 men and women from the North, East and South regions of the district. The meeting was facilitated by Nomfundo Nono who is the national coordinator for the Women's Rights Campaign in TAC. This was to discuss issues around health services and education about sexual and reproductive health and how to address these within the district.

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## **Fare Share on Local Government Training for TAC Mopani**

5 May, 2009 - 11:32 ? adam

Fare Share is continuing to train TAC members in the issues of governance and community participation. Mr Owatile Letebele (Fare Share Limpopo Co-ordinator) has been committed in advancing the knowledge of the TAC Mopani members in the above-mentioned issues. This is to equip community members with the knowledge and skills to hold public servants accountable in the planning and use of public finances in the local government sphere. The training was attended by branch members including Prevention Treatment Literacy Practitioners and the Community Health Advocates.

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## **on transit for justice**

3 April, 2009 - 11:30 ? lechobak

- [Discrimination](#)

On the 6th of June 2006 almost three years ago I discovered that I was HIV positive. I was for the first time permanently lost for words, but at least I was finally at peace with why I was dismissed from DHL International a courier company based in Isando few months earlier due to an unknown illness, it was 'HIV' my CD4 count was less than 280 I was constantly sick I was coughing blood, losing weight, and fatigue was kicking in, I was emotionally and intellectually incapacitated, but unlike millions I had a chance to change my life and turn things around for better. I must admit it was difficult at first, but I knew the truth and I was in liberty to make right decisions especially a crucial decision to live and appreciate every second with humbleness and courage.

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## **TWO YEARS OF STRUGGLE, JUSTICE HAS BEEN SERVED**

27 March, 2009 - 08:54 ? moderator

- [Violence Against Women](#)

## **Update on case no: /CR no.101/06/07**

Comrades,

This is to update you about the above case that was reported in Lusikisiki and supported by TAC comrades that today was theeeeeee day that the perpetrator (Sonwabo Mangcongoza) was found guilty by the lusikisiki court of raping Nomthandazo Radebe who was 18 then and a TAC member, his had a female lawyer who to our surprise informed the court that ?I believe that the victim has overcome the trauma therefore the magistrate should consider a lesser sentence?.

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## **TAC Mopani at Mariveni TB and HIV Campaign**

13 March, 2009 - 15:07 ? adam

- [Tuberculosis](#)

The campaign was held at the Mariveni clinic which falls under Tzaneen Sub-District. The attendance included learners from local schools, elder people from the village and it was also blessed by the Ndunas of the Mariveni village.

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## **Why condoms are being misused???**

11 December, 2008 - 09:11 ? dalton

- [Prevention](#)

There has been a shortage of condoms nationwide...

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## **Khayelitsha concluded has concluded the 16 days of activism**

10 December, 2008 - 16:02 ? dalton

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The 16 days of activism were concluded at Nkanini, in Khayelitsha

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## **JUSTICE BEING DELAYED ONCE AGAIN!**

10 December, 2008 - 10:25 ? dalton

- [Violence Against Women](#)

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The case of Zoliswa Nonkonyana, a lesbian who was raped and killed in Khayelitsha in 2005 by twenty guys.

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## **TAC Khayelitsha hosted a Zip-Zap Circus in Khayelitsha**

8 December, 2008 - 16:55 ? dalton

- [Treatment](#)

## TAC Khayelitsha with its allies hosted a Zip-Zap Circus in Khayelitsha

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## Mothers love

4 December, 2008 - 10:21 ? Kentse

- [PMTCT case](#)

I never gave up on me or my son even though he was nearly to death i fought until he got a proper treatment.

My son was diagnosed when he was 7 month not to say that I did take any medication I did I was on AZT I thought it could work but it never did and they also gave AZT syrup for six weeks but i guess it never worked.

I had a support group which gave hope love in everyway as i could not get that form home they were discreminating me about my HIV status they even questioned my having an affair knowing that I had Aids as they call it I never gave up not on me not on my son, He finally got treatment and got it too. I met a wonderful partner who undestands the situation even though when my family were fearing that i could infect him. as they think that HIV is a death sentence and that you cant have a normal relation after HIV.

And thank you ever so much for this Community chat it means a lot to me.

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## South Africa experiences condom crisis

2 December, 2008 - 16:28 ? dalton

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**From the last few weeks South Africa has been experiencing a nation wide shortage of government condoms which may result into high HIV infection during this festive season. As a result the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) Khayelitsha and Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) managed to get so 1 million male condoms from the MSF donor.**

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