

Umgungundlovu

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Upcoming Events

- Campaign against Rape
- Branch trainings on TL and new guidelines.
- PMTCT Campaign
- Condom distribution drive
- PWA training

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KwaZulu Natal 5th Provincial Congress

It was that time again, Time for the provincial congress, that is held every two years. This year it was held at Durban Manor Hotel in Durban and over 150 people attended, including partners and delegates. The national secretariat was there to give support.

Cosatu, KZNCC, DOH, Mwelaphesheya traditional Healers and Cegaa, Gave TAC massages of support and wished TAC a good and peaceful elections. In the evening a gala dinner was held. The Premier of KZN Dr Zweli Mkhize braced us with his presence, he answered a few questions that were posed to him and stressed that his office is always open for TAC mem-

bers to come and discuss issues.

Then it was certificate time. Accreditation certificates were given to all the accredited branches. Activists regarded as veterans were also given appreciation certificate.

On the second day there were commissions and the following resolutions were taken: 1. Community Mobilisation for HIV/TB prevention 2011-2015. **Promote HCT and educate both health-care workers and the community.**

2. Medical Male Circumcision. **TAC mens sector to take a lead. Culture of Umrhabulo at branch level to be revived**

3. State of healthcare in South Africa **TAC needs to mobilize NHI by educating communities.**

4. Policy focus for TAC.

Proper plan on supporting HCT and development of new guidelines.

The outcomes of the new secretariat members was as follows: Chair: Patrick Mdletshe from ILembe, Vice chair, Dudu Mthethwa From Uthungulu, Secretary, Sandile Khumalo from Ethekeini, Deputy Secretary Zibusiso Mkhize from Umgungundlovu, Treasurer Mabongi Cele from Umgungundlovu.

A resolution was taken to co-opt Mzamo Zondi into the PEC and Busisiwe Simelane and Khulekani Gwala represented the women sector and the PWA sector respectively. They are both from Umgungundlovu.



The Gala Dinner



The premiers speech

Gender Based Violence



TAC members talking

April 2008 and March 2009, Total Reported sexual crimes was 13279 in KZN and neglect and ill treatment of children was 490. How many unreported cases do we have? How many suffer in silence?

August being the women moth, Violence against women is still high in the district. Rape on innocent girls and women is still in

its highest in the district.

That is why Elandskop, Mafakatini and Mafunze branches decided to embark on a four day Gender Based violence door to door campaign. 50 dedicated branch members went house to house educating communities about violence against women. On those two days females 108 & 131 Males were reached and 249 households were visited.

On the 4th day there was a public meeting. Police, department of Justice, Family advocates, Department of Social Development and Department of Health.



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Public Servants Strike

Three weeks, public schools closed, public hospitals not functioning well. What for? Public servants wanted better salaries and better living allowances. The government claiming it had no money.

Who suffered? The middle class and the poor because they depend on these services. People

could not get their chronic medication, those who were sick were turned away from the hospitals and children were out of the classrooms for three weeks. Negotiations could not resume. Who to blame? At this stage, it does not matter, we could say 'if' as much as we like, the reality is the poor suffered during this battle of power.

How could we ever survive the aftermath of the strike? Who will make sure that something like this ever happens again? The truth is, we voted for this government, but we are the one who suffered most. The rich had their private hospitals and also their children go to private schools which were never affected by the strike.

Break In on Women's Day

There was a break-in at MaXulus* house (a 62 year old woman) in the early hours on Sunday the 8th. The woman is known as Maxulu. She was born in 1948 and lives alone. Her daughter is married and lives in Edendale.

She said there have been three break- ins prior to this one. Luckily the other times nothing was stolen. The suspect whom gogo called him Xola* came through a kitchen window which was previously broken by unknown people. Then he went to the bedroom and by that time gogo had woken up and was standing. The man started to strangle her. Some

boys who were chasing someone heard gogo cry and tried to help. The police were called and he was arrested. This thing happened around 03h00 on Sunday the 8th August 2010 morning. The case was opened at Alexandra Police Station .

I went and spoke to the guys who helped Gogo Mashange, they also want to remain anonymous. They told me that they were drinking together with Xola at Kamazuzu Tavern. He then left and went to one of these guys house and they got a call from X's mother saying there was someone on the yard. When they got there he had ran

away and the chased him, that is where they heard Gogo cry, They went closer and tried to open the door but it was locked and gogo was crying saying someone was strangling her and asked for help.

They woke the neighbours and they surrounded the house, then Xola came out of Gogo's house. They noticed that his zipper was down. The police were called and he was arrested. But they saw him out of jail that afternoon.

This poor old woman is now scared as she lives alone.



Tara Klamp device used for circumcision

Circumcision

KwaZulu Natal has embarked on a massive medical male circumcision campaign. So far 5840 men have been circumcised.

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Now the Kwazulu Natal Department of Health is using the same device to circumcise men. This Tara Klamp is klamped onto the foreskin of the penis and is left there for five to seven days or until it falls off. If it does not fall off it is removed by a surgeon after a week.

TAC warns against the use of Tara Klamp. If you are going to be circumcised ask which method are they going to use and say no to the use of Tara Klamp.

One guy from Ethekwini, the Tara Klamp was left on him for three weeks and the nurse had put it on him. He experienced severe pain. When talking to him he said he wished he never went for circumcision.

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Treatment Action Campaign support medical Male Circumcision. TAC welcomes the King's initiative to bring back the culture of circumcision. From studies carried out in Uganda, South Africa and Kenya scientists have concluded that medical circumcision reduces the risk of HIV infection by 60% for heterosexual men. Also it has been found to reduce other sexual transmitted infections like herpes and penile human papilloma virus.

There are three ways to use

for circumcision, the Forcep guided method, sleeve recession and the Tara klamp. These two methods: sleeve recession and the forcep guided method are safe but according to the study done at Orange farm, it found that 37% of the men circumcised with the Tara klamp had complications. 21% had delayed wound healing. Due to its adverse side effects the trials had to be stopped.

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Bishop Rapes a 15 year old girl

In December 2009 TAC Umgungundlovu did a Gender Based Violence Campaign at France. We did door to door campaign and on the last day a public meeting in which we invited people from Department of Justice, Health and Social Development.

In May, neighbours reported to Xolani who is a CHA that a 13 year old child was raped by her stepfather since December 2009. Xolani spoke to the child after he heard hear says from the

neighbours then took the child to the office where he was advised to take the child to the police. At the SAPS he spoke to Inspector Madakane who told them that he cannot open the case there since it's not under his jurisdiction.

Inspector Madakane took them to Alexandra Police Station. The child was taken to the clinic to be checked. A case was opened and the suspect was arrested over the weekend. On the 10/09/2010, the suspect appeared in court for the

bail hearing and the trial was postponed to (17/06/2010). The suspect is out on bail and he will appear in court on the 15th of September 2010.

According to the child, she told her mother that her stepfather was abusing her, but she told her to keep quiet. Also the younger sister said one day her father asked her to go and buy cigarettes, when she came back her father was inside with her sister and her sister was crying and her father chased her away. The mother denied ever knowing about the rape.



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Campaigning for the rights of people living and affected by HIV/AIDS!

Vision

A unified quality health care system which provides equal access to HIV prevention and treatment services for all people

Mission

To ensure that every person living with HIV has access to quality comprehensive prevention and treatment services to live a healthy life

Strategic Approach

TAC will achieve its mission by -

- *securing comprehensive treatment and prevention services in selected focus districts as a model for other districts*
- *to inform and support national advocacy efforts through its branches, providing a platform for people to mobilise and organise around HIV and related health rights*



KwaZulu-Natal

Province

Pre test cancelled—573129
Total tested— 463577
Male- 140385
Females-305509
Total tested + - 102878
Males -33931
Females -66210
VMMC -5840
No of patients on ART- 345 834
Accredited sites -90

Umgungundlovu

Pre test cancelled—61070
Total tested— 48548
Male—15586
Females- 30604
Total tested + -11315
Males -3724
Females—7339
VMMC- 2067
No of patients on ART- 39733
Accredited sites, Mpumuza, Songonzima, Taylors, Caluza,

According to the report presented at the Provincial Aids Council, the statistics presented by National Department of Health shows that for Umgungundlovu, people who presented themselves for Pre Test Cancellation were 61070 and total tested were 48548. Out of those 11315 tested positive. For Medical Male circumcision 2067 male were circumcised at Umgungundlovu out of a provincial total of 5840. 39 733 patients were initiated onto ART in the first quarter and 10 new sites were accredited.

