SYMPOSIUM

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Community-based harm reduction services: Mpumalanga

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Needle & syringe reach, by gender

Ehlanzeni

- Male: 95%
- Female: 5%

Total reach: 877
Needle & syringe reach, by age

Ehlanzeni

- <15
- 16-24
- 25-35
- 36-50
- >50
- Total reach

- 877

0%
20%
40%
60%
80%
100%

0
200
400
600
800
1000
Needle & syringe distribution & return

**Ehlanzeni**

- **Distributed**: 20320
- **Returned**: 16419
- **Return rate**: 81%

**Return rates**: 0%, 50%, 100%
HIV testing & treatment cascade

- Tested: 173
- Newly diagnosed HIV+ve: 51
- On ART: 43
- Viral load done: 15
- % HIV positive: 29%

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Treatment Demand Data • Service Quality Measures (SQM)
• Community-Based Harm Reduction Services
TB testing & treatment cascade

Ehlanzeni

- Symptom screen: 173
- Symptomatic: 4

Legend:
- Symptom screen
- Symptomatic
- Diagnosed
- Started Rx
- Completed Rx
HCV testing & treatment cascade
HBV testing
Human rights violations

- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and assaulted
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and arrested
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and personal photos taken without consent
- Confiscation / destruction of injecting equipment and medication taken
- Assaulted
- Falsely arrested
Opioid substitution therapy

Ehlanzeni

- On OST (start of period)
- Re/Started OST
- Exited/dropped out
- Died
- On OST (end of period)

- 56
- 56
- 6
- 0
- 106
Mortality

Ehlanzeni

- All deaths: 2
- Fatal overdose: 1
Issues, challenges & issues to note

• Clients migrating from other districts to receive services, which leads to high LTFU when their families fetch them back home.
• Homeless clients struggling to adhere to OST due to external factors derived from peer pressure
• Clients residing more than 120km from the facilities, with no families struggle to receive an effective OST service
Successes

• Schoemansdal area, 32 clients have been on methadone for 5 months and only receive OST and do not collect NSP
• 84 clients have been successfully linked back home and receive OST within their homes, administered by their families
• Schoemansdal Chief to provide us with land to implement an agribusiness to minimize relapse for clients on OST. And provide skill development for economic empowerment.
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