

### **UMKHANYAKUDE**HEALTH DISTRICT OFFICE

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# REGION 4 DISTRICTS ACCELERATE THE "1.1 MILLION ART/TB CLOSING THE GAP MISSION



From left: Mr B. P. Fakude – Acting District Director, Umkhanyakude; Umntwana Nhlanganiso Zulu – Ambassador for Men's Health and Tuberculosis (TB) Programmes; Mr V. S. Vilakazi – District Director, Zululand; and Ms P. P. T. Dlwati – Acting District Director, King Cetshwayo.













#### Three Northern KwaZulu-Natal Districts (Region 4) Unite to Accelerate the "1.1 Million ART/TB Closing the Gap" Mission.

#### Umkhanyakude, King Cetshwayo, and Zululand

health districts came together on 27 November 2025 at Meet Mekaar Resorts for a high-level review of the groundbreaking "1.1 Million ART/TB Closing the Gap" campaign.

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Launched in February 2025, this ambitious initiative aims to place an additional 1.1 million people living with HIV on life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART) by December 2025. The campaign forms a crucial part of South Africa's commitment to achieving the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

Beyond HIV, the programme also

strengthens the fight against Tuberculosis. Integrated with the national End TB movement, it promotes comprehensive, patient-centred care, ensuring that communities receive robust support for both HIV and TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.



Directors for all three districts — Umkhanyakude, Zululand and King Cetshwayo



Provincial Office: From left — Mntwana Nhlanganiso Zulu, serving as Ambassador for Men's Health and TB Programmes, alongside Mr Sibusiso Gasa, Deputy Director HIV treatment, Care, and Support.



Mrs T.G. Msibi - Deputy Director: Clinical and Programmes, Zululand; Mr M. N. Mbatha - Deputy Director: Clinical and Programmes, King Cetshwayo, and Ms T. M. Dlamini - Acting Deputy Director: Clinical and Programmes, Umkhanyakude.









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labisa Hospital and its clinics shone brightly at the 1.1 Million ART/TB Closing the Gap campaign review session held at Meet Mekaar on 27 November 2025, proudly walking away with eight top accolades. The recognition highlighted the district's exceptional commitment to improving HIV and TB outcomes and strengthening quality healthcare delivery.

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