



# Ward AIDS Committees: building community ownership through local leadership, coordination, and capacitation

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## Background (1)

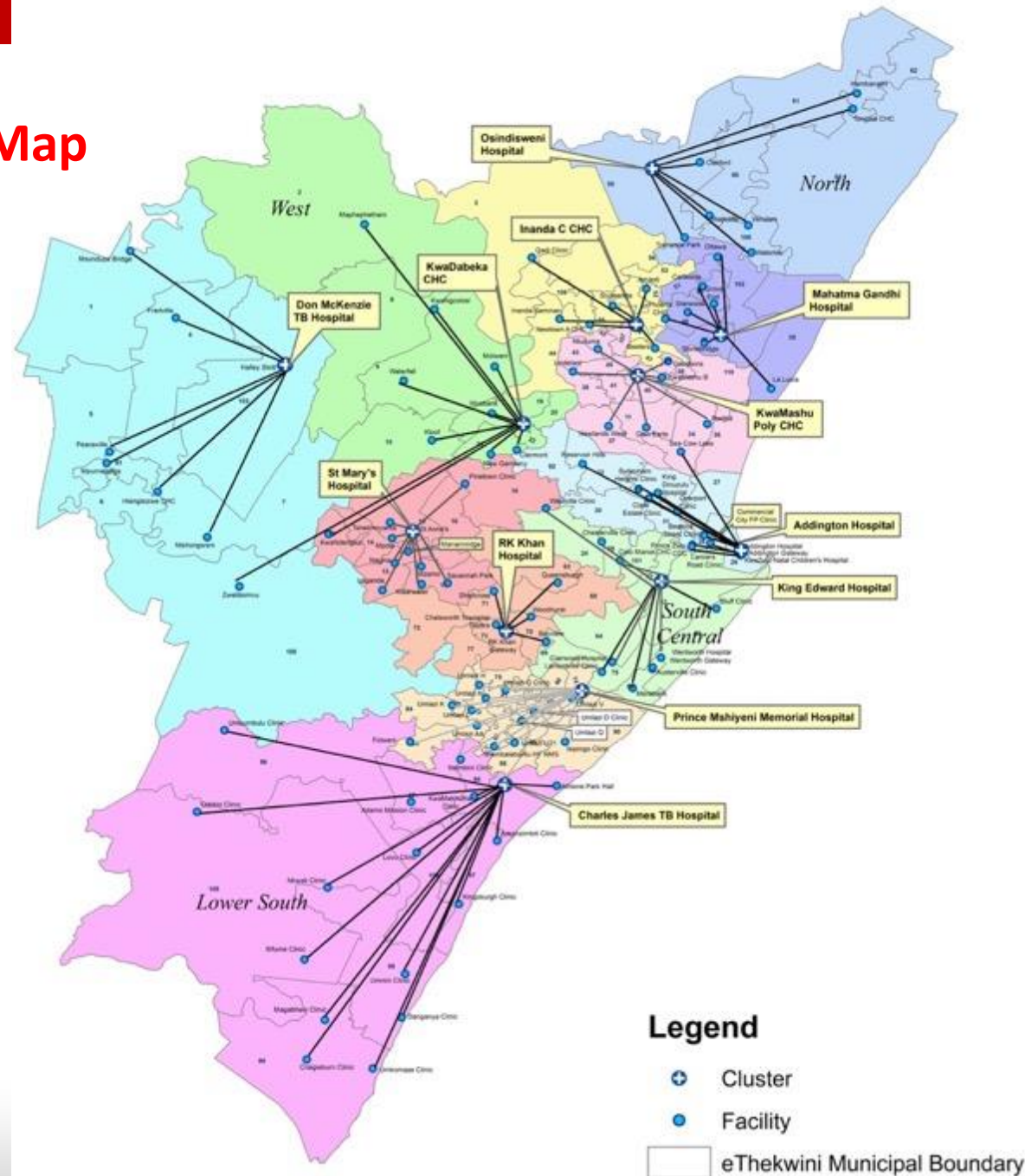
- The eThekweni Metropolitan area (Durban) is located on the east coast of South Africa in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and is the third largest metropolitan municipality in the country following Johannesburg and Cape Town.
- It spans an area of approximately 2 555km<sup>2</sup> and shares boundaries with three districts: Ugu to the south, iLembe to the North, and uMgungundlovu to the west.
- The metro is divided into 111 municipal wards which are grouped into 17 zones.
- The metro has approx. 3.9 million people, accounting for 34.7% of the total population of the KZN Province.

## Background (2)

- An estimated 8 802 households are headed by children and young people between the ages of 15 and 19, and 42.14% of households are headed by women.
- 2.1 million of eThekwin's residents live below the upper bound poverty line of R 1 227 per person per month, and 17.1% of the population reported having no income in the 2016 Stats SA Community Survey.
- 16.8% of the population has no education while 5.8% have a higher education qualification.
- Population of PLHIV: 672,437
  - 33% of all PLHIV in KZN
  - 8% of all PLHIV in SA

## eThekweni District Cluster Map

- “Zonal” areas
- Wards
- Health facilities





## The Multi-Sectoral response to HIV

### South African National AIDS Council (SANAC)

#### LET OUR ACTIONS COUNT

SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR  
HIV, TB and STIs 2017-2022



### KZN Provincial Council on AIDS



### eThekweni District AIDS Council

#### Multisectoral District Implementation Plan (MDIP)

- Zonal AIDS Council Implementation Plan
- Ward AIDS Committee Implementation Plan



# “Three Ones” Principle

South Africa has adopted the THREE ONES principle of coordinating the multisectoral response by all stakeholders

## One Strategy

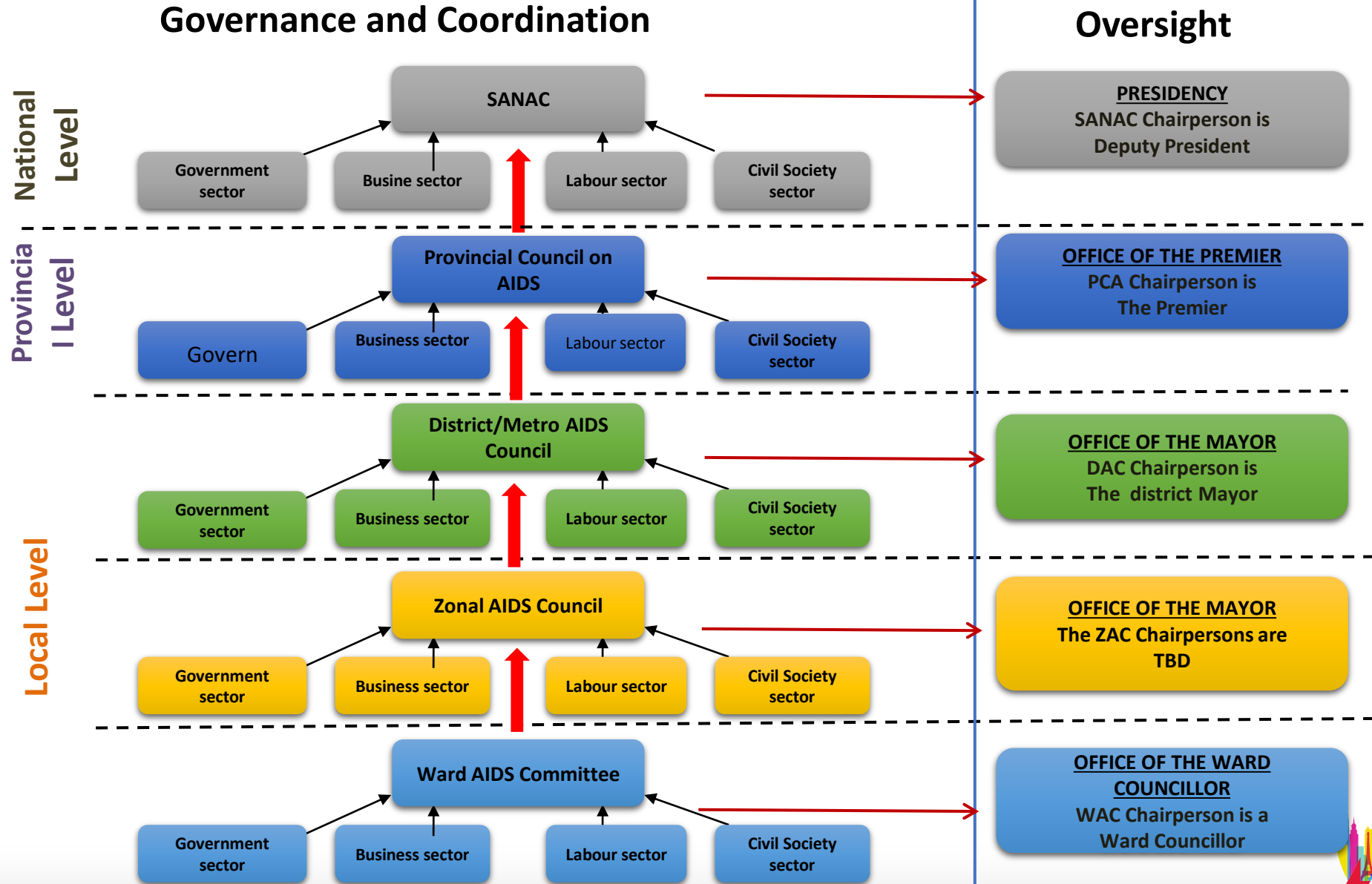
- One AIDS action **framework** that provides the basis for coordinating the work of all partners
- One strategic plan, operationalized at different levels: **NSP, PIP, MDIP**

## One Structure

- One AIDS **coordinating authority** with a broad-based multisectoral mandate
- One structure, different levels: **SANAC, PCA, LAC/ZAC, WAC**

## One M&E Framework

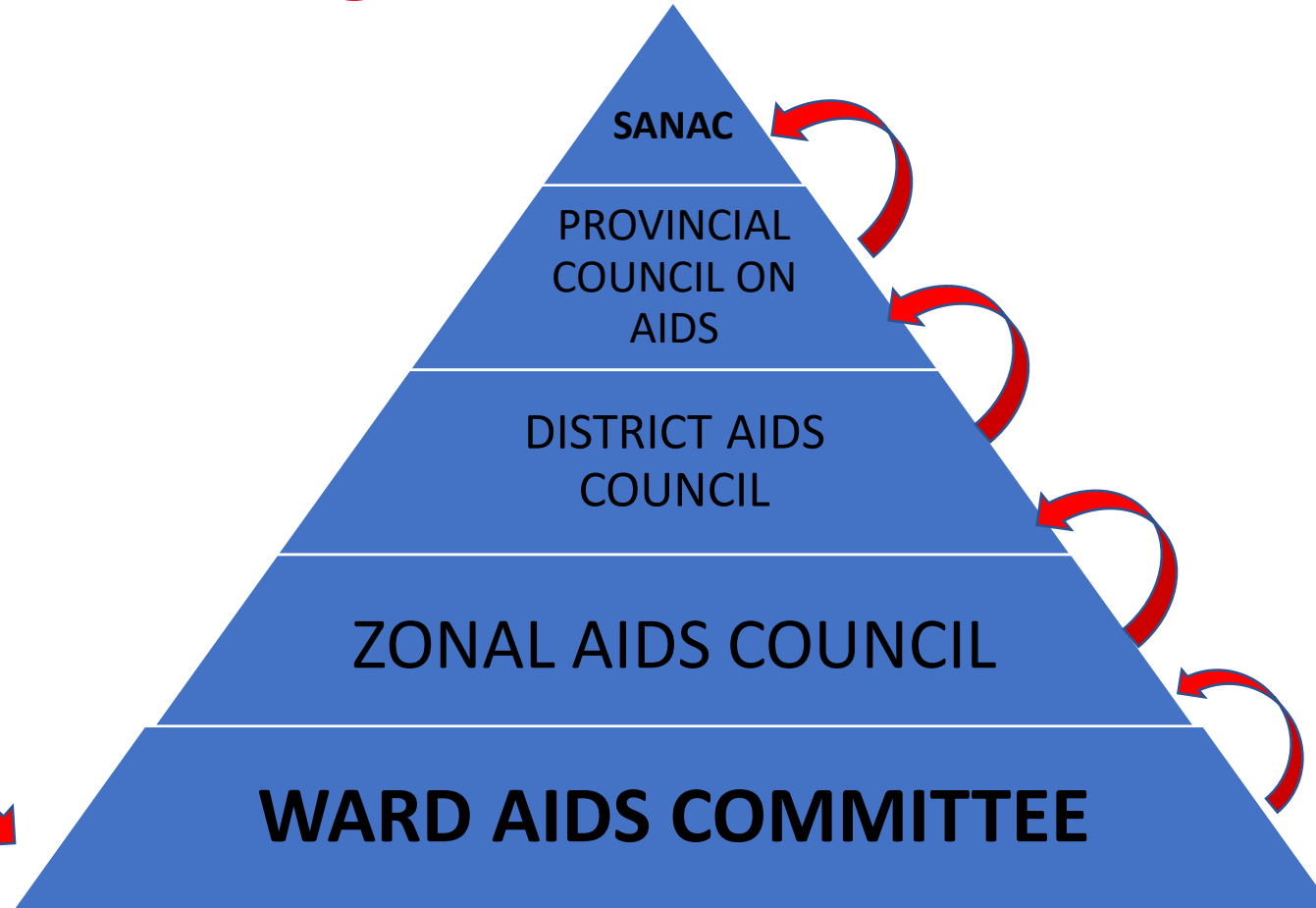
- One country level Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- One M&E framework, reporting with **M&E tools at every level**



# Coordination Structure

## *Working from the bottom up...*

Notice how big this ***foundation*** level is... This is where all the work happens!



### *Ideally...*

Support cascades from the top down...

Everything gets captured and reported up...

Work is monitored at the ground...



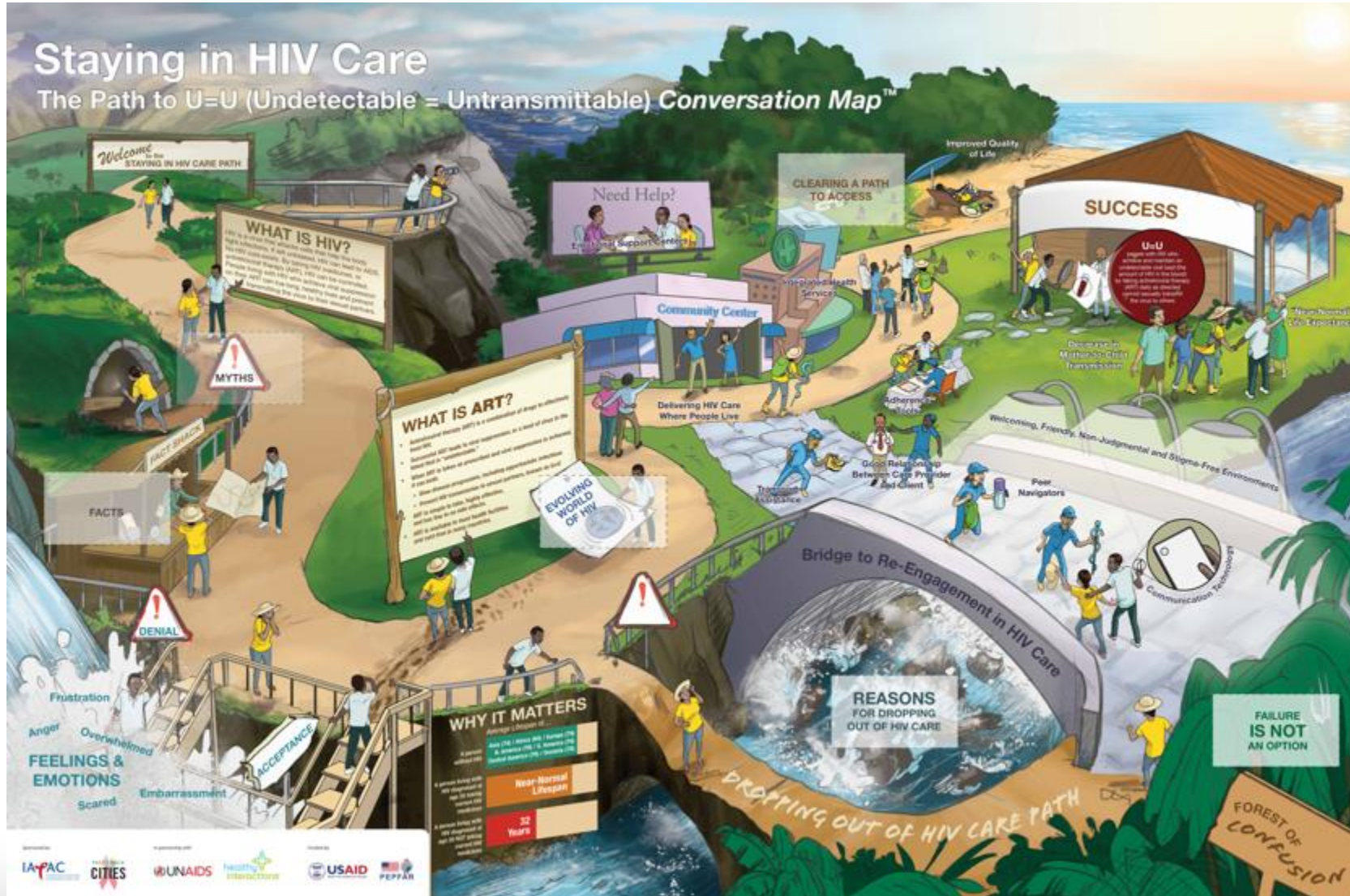


# WAC Training: Creating Awareness, Building Capacity in communities

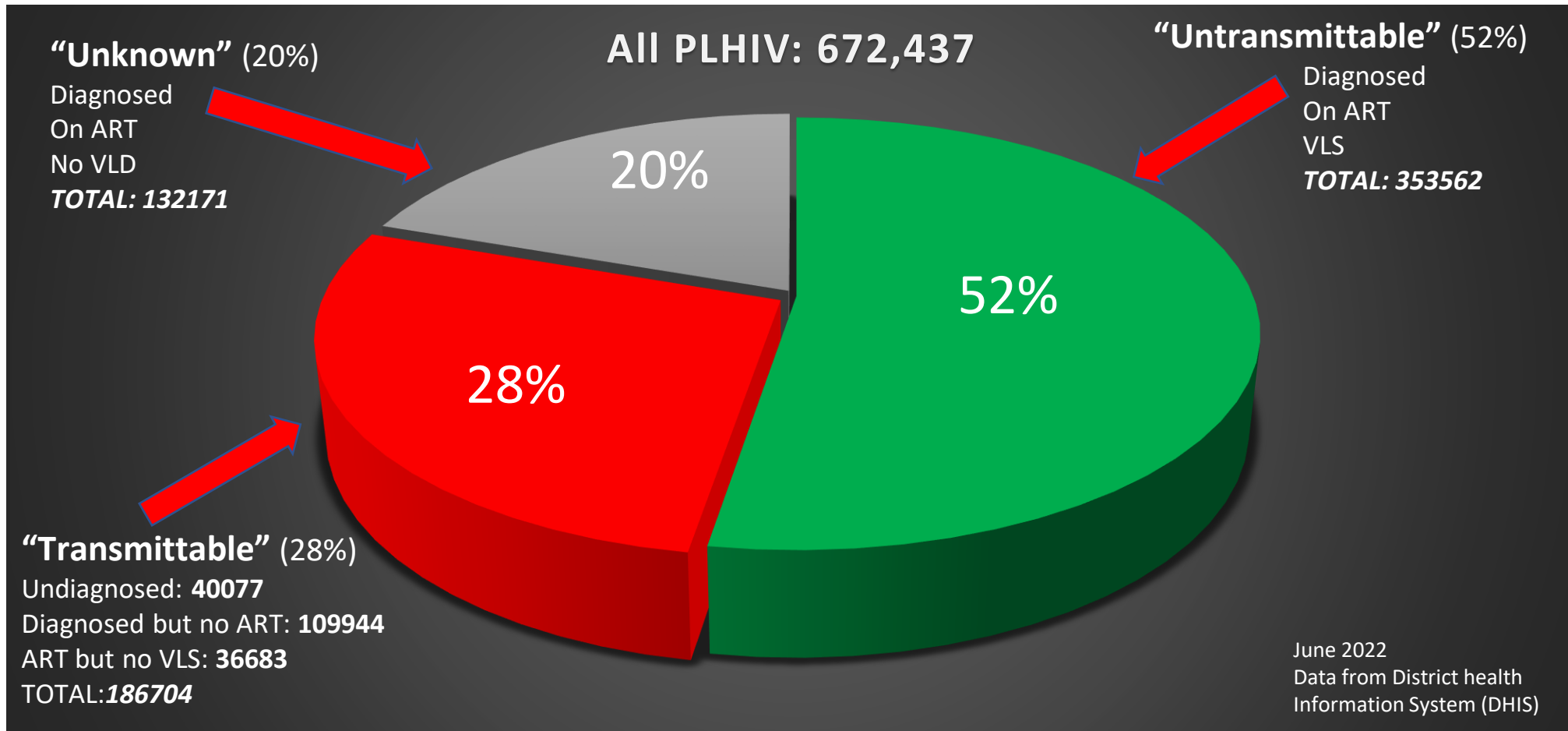
What do we share with communities (WACs)?

- Journey of PLHIV (Conversation Map)
- HIV statistics (local area facility)
- HIV science (U=U)
- Responding to HIV (Structures, Strategies, Plans, Interventions)
- How to:
  - **Profile** community
  - **Map** partners
  - **Plan** strategically
  - **Report** on activities

# Journey of PLHIV (Conversation Map)



# eThekweni HIV U=U



# Ward AIDS Committee Membership

## Community Leadership

- Chair = Ward Councilor
- Deputy Chair = Civil Society Chair (elected by sectors)
- Ward Committee Rep
- Traditional Leadership Rep



## Government Representatives

- ALL government departments are important
- Especially key: Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Education, South African Police Service

## Community Representatives = Civil Society Sectors (18)

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ■ Children           | ■ Health professionals | ■ Labour                 |
| ■ LGBT               | ■ NGO                  | ■ Religious/Faith-based  |
| ■ Sex workers        | ■ Traditional healers  | ■ Women                  |
| ■ Disability         | ■ Higher education     | ■ Legal and human rights |
| ■ Men                | ■ PLHIV                | ■ Research               |
| ■ Sports and culture | ■ Traditional leaders  | ■ Youth                  |





# Understanding the journey of PLHIV is an important step in community awareness...





# WAC Training in Action



## Training in communities

- Number of Wards trained: 22 (out of 111)
- Number of Zones trained: 4 (out of 17)
- Number of trainees (total): 280

## Conclusion

- Working to complete a train-the-trainer program to be able to reach more communities (WACs) over time.
- Planning to scale up and complete the training of WACs within the next 3 months.
- WAC Trainings proved to be an effective vehicle to promote Operation Sukuma Sakhe to ensure service delivery.
- Participants demonstrated better understanding of the districts role to End AIDS by 2030.
- Local Leaders such Ward Councilors and Ward Committee members showed interest and understanding of the cities response to HIV through MDIP.
- Multi-Sectoral response became more clear and better understood by supporting partners at the local level.