



World AIDS Day



Vaal 21
A RIVER CITY

Theme: "Safer sex for men & high risk groups"

Friday, 30 Nov '12
@ 10h00

Mamello, Old School (near Vaal Marina)

Sedibeng hosts World Aids Day in Mamello

The Sedibeng District Municipality, its local constituent municipalities, and interested stakeholders will be joining the rest of the international community in observing World Aids Day. This is the period when stakeholders reflect of their previous successes and intensify HIV/AIDS educational programmes.

The Sedibeng District Municipality will host a District World AIDS Day Commemoration at Mamello near Vaal Marina on Friday, 30th November 2012. This year's Commemoration will be held under the theme: "Safe Sex For Men and High Risk Groups"

The recognition of World AIDS Day Commemoration is premised from the fact that unlike other pandemics like bubonic plague, malaria and others, HIV is not confined to a geographic area or location. Therefore, earnest and intensified behavior change educational campaigns are needed to enlighten the community about the impacts of this scourge.

This also, is meant to equip and enable people to prevent being infected and further help to restore the lives of those infected and affected.

The Sedibeng District Municipality will use this international day to make HIV/AIDS related announcements such as the HIV/AIDS campaigns & programmes, achievements in our campaign against the disease and challenges which still persist.

Other encouraging facts are that research evidence and epidemiological modeling show that although at high levels, South Africa experiencing a plateau of HIV-prevalence (the burden of the disease among the population), and reduction in HIV-incidence (new HIV-infections).

These may be mainly attributed to concerted efforts by all stakeholders in programmes such as Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission, Comprehensive Care Management Therapy (CCMT) rollout, internal and external workplace programmes, face to face socio-behavioral programmes such as monthly door to door campaigns, HCT services utilisation, Male Medical Circumcisions campaigns and consistent carrying and use of condoms.

With this programme, the Sedibeng District Municipality seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To increase HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT) uptake and coverage
- To increase the utilisation of Male Medical Circumcision (MMC)
- To increase enrolment of legible individuals to Comprehensive Care and Management Therapy (CCMT) aka Antiretroviral Therapy

- To reduce multiple and concurrent multiple partnerships

In addition, we expect that through this programme:

- More males utilise medical circumcision services
- More people utilize HCT, ART and other services
- More people are screened for common health conditions
- People reduce their sexual partners
- Sexually active population consistently carry and utilise condoms during sexual encounters
- People receive government services such as Identity documents, registration for food parcels etc

The programme will be hosted through a variety of activities such as edutainment activities, particularly to attract more and relevant audience. This will include among other: Drum majorettes; Fire demonstrations/drills; Horses and Dog show; Traditional/modern dance; Drama.

Service Delivery Expo / Exhibitions will be present by the following departments during the event:

- *Department of Home Affairs:* Birth certificates & ID documents
- *Department of Social Development:* Counseling and Social Work bursary information
- *Department of Justice: Family court:* Small claims, estate, maintenance, domestic violence, and divorce matters
- *Department of Labour:* Public employment services.
- *Department of Education:* Bursary information and career guidance.
- *Institutions of Higher Learning:* Bursary information and career guidance
- *SAPS:* Career Guidance and other military related matters
- *Department of Correctional services:* Career guidance and other military related matters
- *SASSA:* Grants
- *Seekers Tower Ministries:* HIV Counseling and Testing services
- *Target Young minds:* Awareness on substance abuse
- *SAVF:* General Counselling Services
- This programme is hosted as part of promoting the Municipality's strategic objectives such as Sedibeng District AIDS strategy 2012-2016; National and Provincial AIDS Strategies 2012-2016; Sedibeng District IDP and SDBIP 2012/2013 and the Second Generation Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy.