



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **PREMIER NDLOVU TO HEIGHTEN MEASURES OF REDUCING HIV/AIDS INFECTIONS DURING PROVINCIAL WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION**

Mpumalanga is listed among the provinces with high HIV/AIDS infections in the country, despite aggressive measures aimed at reducing these cases. These measures include, but not limited to the integrated health services such as free on-site HIV testing, TB and STI screening, cervical cancer screening, and checks for non-communicable diseases.

As the country marked World AIDS Day on 01 December in Limpopo, the Mpumalanga Provincial Government is preparing for a Provincial commemoration on Friday in the Nkomazi Local Municipality.

Research estimates that 31.6 million people worldwide are receiving treatment, with only 1.3 million new infections, marking significant progress.

In 2024, South Africa recorded approximately 8.1 million new HIV infections, underscoring the necessity for enhanced prevention strategies and education to curb the spread of the virus.

The Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu will deliver the keynote address on Friday to raise awareness about the prevention of new HIV and TB infections, and finding the missing TB patients.

The province has made significant advances to ensure that citizens have a better understanding of the virus and to mobilize people who have tested positive to take antiretroviral treatment.

The Provincial commemoration will take place under the theme: “Renewed efforts and sustainable commitments to end AIDS”, and it seeks to, among others, encourage individuals, communities, and institutions to strengthen collaboration, adopt innovative solutions, and maintain the momentum built over decades, as well as reaffirming the Mpumalanga Provincial Government’s commitment to protecting the human rights of all people living with and affected by HIV.

The commemoration will be preceded by the sitting of the Mpumalanga Provincial AIDS Council (MPAC), which comprises the Civil Society Forum, Government Departments and the Private Sector.

The sessions are held every quarter to evaluate the progress of HIV/AIDS programmes and are co-chaired by Premier Ndlovu and a representative from Civil Society.

Both activities have been planned as follows;

#### **MPAC COUNCIL SITTING**

Date: Thursday, 04 December 2025  
Venue: Elangeni Lodge, KaMhlushwa  
Nkomazi Local Municipality  
Time: 09h00

#### **WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION**

Date: Friday, 05 December 2025  
Venue: Kamhlushwa Stadium  
Nkomazi Local Municipality  
Time: 09h00

Members of the media are invited. For confirmation, contact **Ms Phumla Mokoena** (Office of the Premier) on 060 998 8781 or **Mr Chris Nobela** (Department of Health) on 082 887 9465.

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