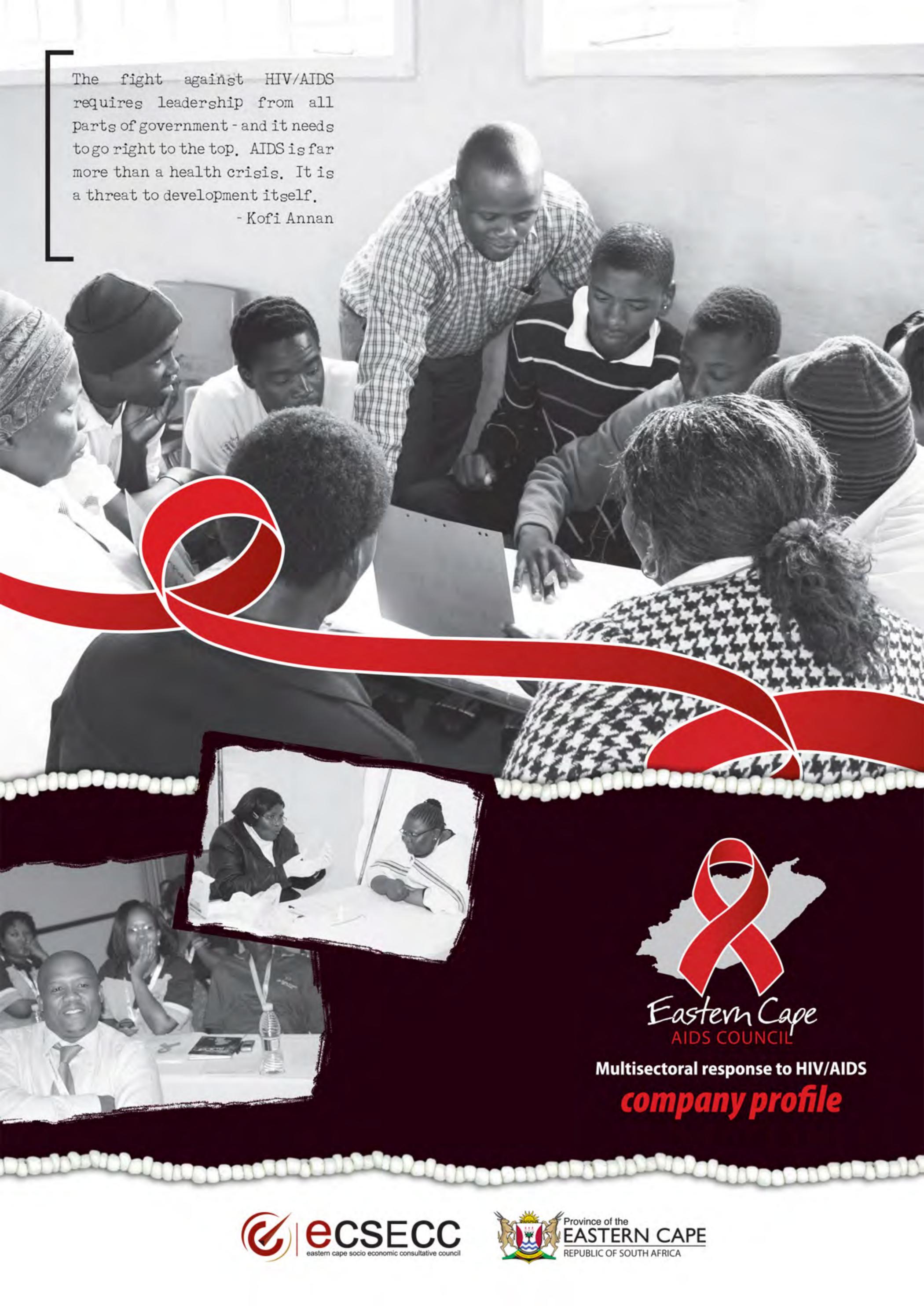


The fight against HIV/AIDS requires leadership from all parts of government - and it needs to go right to the top. AIDS is far more than a health crisis. It is a threat to development itself.

- Kofi Annan



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[If the Government fails, it fails the people
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ECAC

ECAC was established in 2000 as a provincial chapter of the South African National AIDS Council to coordinate the multisectoral response to HIV/AIDS in the Eastern Cape.

The Eastern Cape AIDS Council (ECAC) is a multi-stakeholder body mandated to advise the Eastern Cape Provincial Government on all issues relating to HIV/AIDS and to ensure a comprehensive multisectoral response to the pandemic in the province. ECAC was established to help ensure greater co-operation between government and organs of civil society in the battle against HIV/AIDS.

As a multisectoral body ECAC includes government departments and the broader civil society formations. The main purpose of this multisectoral body is to facilitate planning, coordinate implementation, mobilise resources and monitor and evaluate the delivery and impact of HIV/AIDS interventions. ECAC plays an advisory, coordination, resource mobilisation, advocacy, monitoring and facilitation role.

ECAC Vision

Creation of an environment where the spread of HIV/AIDS is minimised with the infected and affected people having full access to relevant support services and living a life that is free from discrimination and stigma.

ECAC Mission

To promote a coordinated and combined effort among all those involved in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS and to work towards alleviation of social, economic, cultural and political challenges resulting from it.

ECAC Mandate

The effectiveness of ECAC is based on its ability to execute its mandate:

- To advise government on HIV/AIDS and STI policy;
- To advocate for the effective involvement of sectors and organisations in implementing programmes and strategies;
- To monitor the implementation of the national and provincial HIV/AIDS plan in all sectors of society;
- To mobilise resources for the implementation of HIV/AIDS programmes;
- To create and strengthen partnerships for an expanded provincial response amongst all sectors; and
- To recommend appropriate research.

In order for ECAC to effectively execute this mandate, the Council is made up of relevant stakeholders from the government and all sectors of civil society—reflective of a multisectoral response.

The more we lack the courage and the will to act, the more we condemn to death our brothers and sisters, our children and our grandchildren. When the history of our times is written, will we be remembered as the generation that turned our backs in a moment of a global crisis or will it be recorded that we did the right thing?

- Nelson Mandela, at 46664 Arctic, in Tromsø, Norway, 11 June 2004

More About ECAC

The Council

ECAC is chaired by the Honourable MEC Nombulelo Mabandla. The deputy chairperson is Mr. Bandile Sizani. The council consists of approximately 30 members. The following is the list of members that form part of the Council:

Name of Stakeholder	Name of Stakeholder
Office of the Premier	Treatment Action Campaign
Eastern Cape Department of Health	Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee
Eastern Cape Department of Social Development	Chairperson of the Health Portfolio Committee
Eastern Cape Department of Education	ECSECC
Eastern Cape Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture	Department of Health – HIV/AIDS Directorate
Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders	Men's Sector
Eastern Cape NGO Coalition	Women's Sector
Eastern Cape Provincial Council of Churches	Youth
	Councillors Heading Health Committee
	Alfred Nzo District Municipality
	Amatole District Municipality
	Cacadu District Municipality
	Chris Hani District Municipality
	Joe Gqabi District Municipality
	Nelson Mandela Metro
South African Local Government Association	O R Tambo District Municipality
Disabled People of South Africa	National Association of People Living with HIV

The Working Committee

The Working Committee is a structure that lies between the Council and the Secretariat and is mandated to process and recommend decisions that are to be presented to the Council. It is also in charge of overseeing the Secretariat in terms of its functioning and implementation of programmes. This committee is made up of MECs from the Social Needs Cluster Departments, Eastern Cape Legislature, House of Traditional Leaders and the Eastern Cape Council of Churches.

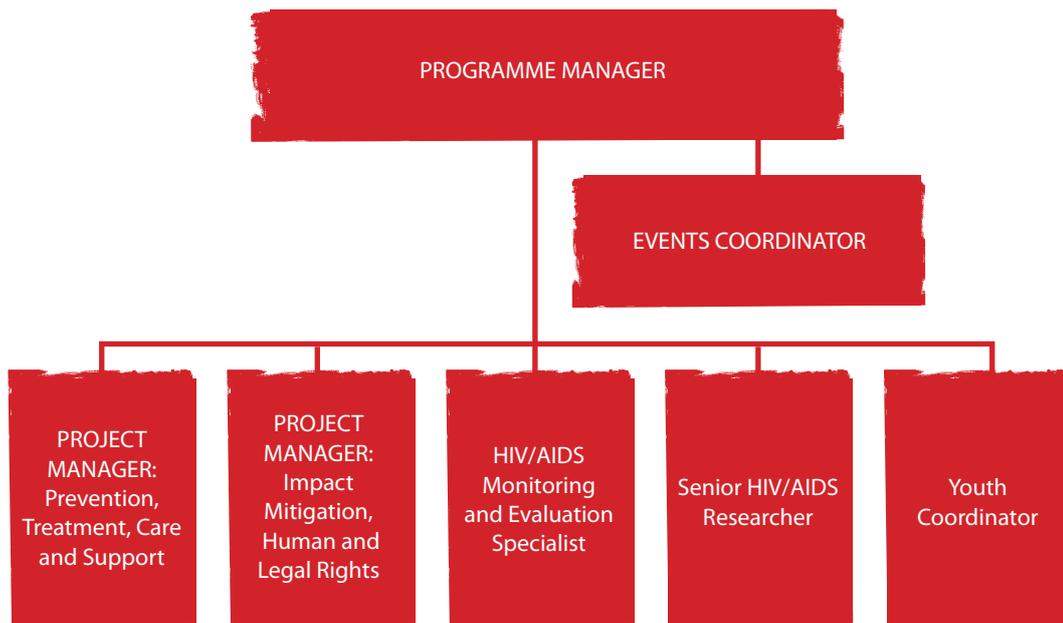
The Sub Committees

The Eastern Cape AIDS Council has four sub-committees that are tasked with assisting the Secretariat in implementing programmes. These structures provide technical guidance to the Secretariat as well as guide the strategic development of programmes and packing recommendations for the Working Committee.

- Prevention
- Impact Mitigation and Human Rights
- Research M&E
- Resource Mobilisation

The Secretariat

The ECAC Secretariat is housed at the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Council (ECSECC) which is a schedule 3 public entity. The Secretariat is made up of 7 dedicated staff members. The Secretariat Staff complement is aligned to the priority areas of the PSP as represented in the Table below:



Provincial Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (2007-2011)

The Eastern Cape AIDS Council developed a Provincial Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (2007-2011) in 2007, taking their cue from the South Africa National AIDS Council which had developed an HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (2007-2011) plan to guide the implementation of the national response. This process was done in a consultative manner and all relevant stakeholders participated in the process of developing this plan. The PSP has six (6) key priority areas which are:

- Prevention;
- Treatment, care and support;
- Impact mitigation;
- Promotion of human and legal rights;
- Management of the Provincial Response;
- Research.

The PSP is being used as an anchor for all the ECAC projects to ensure that the plan is implemented in order for the province to realise the goals set in the plan, as well as contributing to the goals of the NSP which are to reduce HIV infections by 50% by 2011. To reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on individuals, families, communities and society by expanding access to appropriate treatment, care and support to 80% of all HIV positive people and their families by 2011 respectively.



ECAC Programmes

Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support

This programme aims to ensure that HIV responses target the highest risk populations and reduce new HIV infections. ECAC provides technical assistance to the treatment expansion programmes and related support programmes amongst all ECAC stakeholders.

Impact Mitigation and Human Rights

This programme is aimed at strengthening the implementation of programmes for orphans and vulnerable children, as well as any other programmes that enhance social protection and provide livelihoods support to affected and infected communities. The programme on human rights strives to eliminate issues of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV at all levels.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The thrust of the work in this programme is to track the implementation of the multisectoral HIV/AIDS response amongst the various stakeholders that form part of ECAC and also to evaluate the impact of the response.

Research

The research programme is developing a provincial prioritised research agenda as well as engaging in research to guide the implementation of HIV/AIDS strategies using an evidence based approach.

Youth Coordination

This programme is cutting across all priority areas as youth have been deemed a priority area in the province with special focus on prevention since it is one of the most at risk populations. The project initiates tailor-made programmes that are relevant for youth such as sports games to promote HIV counselling and testing, youth dialogues, advocacy and many more.

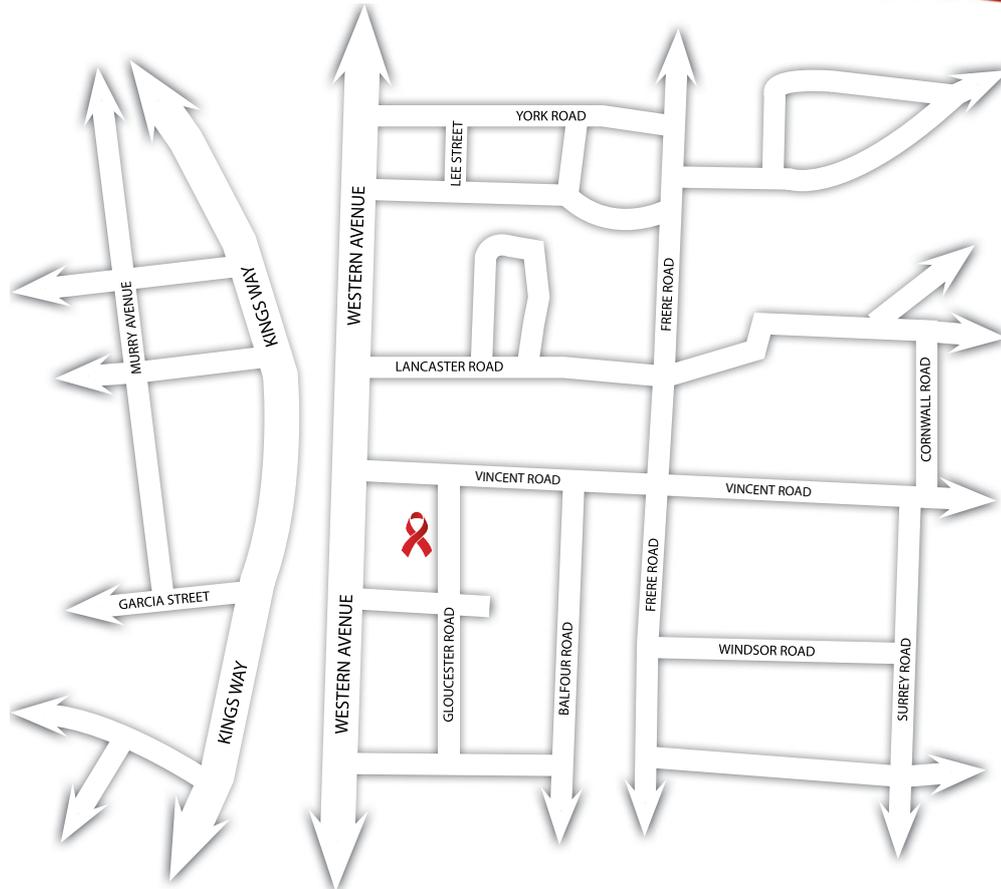


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District and Local AIDS Councils

There are AIDS councils in all district and local municipalities in the Eastern Cape. These are made up of the same stakeholders as ECAC and carry largely the same mandate at district and local level. Contact your municipality for more information about your local AIDS council

Name of District	Telephone	Fax
Alfred Nzo	039 – 254 5195	039 – 254 0343
Amatole	043 – 701 4186	043 – 742 1831
Cacadu	041 – 508 7140	086 523 6684
Chris Hani	045 – 808 4606	045 – 808 4629
Joe Gqabi	045 – 979 3043	045 – 971 0251
Nelson Mandela Metro	041 – 505 4419	041 – 505 4480 / 086 632 5146
O R Tambo		086 219 9090

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