



The HEALTHLINK Cluster an Overview

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HEALTHLINK

The programme for *Information, Communication and Advocacy*

- Knowledge Management
 - SAHR
 - Electronic Information Dissemination
 - Resource Center
- The District Health Barometer
- Health Information Systems
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Governance and Equity
- The Treatment Monitor



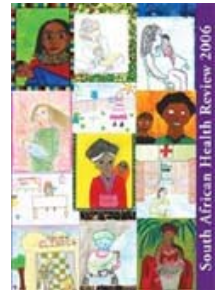
1. Knowledge Management

- A newly restructured unit
- Development and implementation of a knowledge management strategy
- To enhance the profiling of the organisation
- Oversee documenting of best practices and knowledge
- Dissemination to internal and external stakeholders
- Electronic information dissemination
- Web design and maintenance
- Publications
- Resource Center
- South African Health Review



1.1 The South Africa Health Review

- An independent, objective and impartial assessment of the South African health system
- Published annually since 1995
- Provides recent data on health status and services
- Available at no cost on the HST website www.hst.org.za
- 2007 SAHR to be launched on 5th of December



1.2 Electronic Information Dissemination

Facilitate and promote;

- information sharing
 - Communication
 - networking
- **Hosting more than 100 e-discussion fora (free subscription)**
 - **Broad and diverse membership, locally and internationally**
 - **HST website www.hst.org.za provides free access to more than 300 publications and papers**



1.3 Resource Center

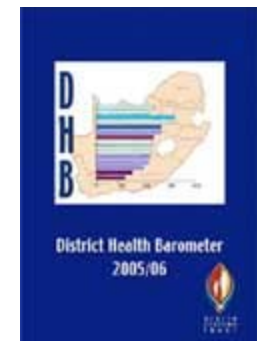
Access, organise and disseminate information;

- internally,**
 - students,**
 - academics,**
 - health workers and managers and**
 - other stakeholders**
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- Physically based in the Durban HST office**
 - Electronic library system under development**
 - Development and maintenance of a contacts database**



2. The District Health Barometer

- **Published since 2004**
- **Monitoring the performance of health districts in SA**
- **Monitor and support improvement of equitable provision of Primary Health Care**
- **Set of socio-economic and health indicators**
- **Highlights inequities in;**
 - **Health outcomes**
 - **Health resource allocation**
 - **Outputs**
 - **efficiency**



3. Health Information Systems

- **Facilitate improvement of Health Information Systems**
- **Strengthen the use of information for management and planning**
- **Improve access to information**
- **Assist in improving data quality**
- **Contribute to development and implementation of information related policies**
- **Develop and distribute relevant HIS materials**



4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Strengthening of general M&E capacity in health and other sectors**
- **Assist in strengthening M&E of key health programmes**
- **Development of training material**
- **Facilitate the development of M&E frameworks and - plans**



5. Governance and Equity

Monitors and addresses inequities in health and health care

- **Strong emphasis on working with communities;**
 - **Strengthen governance at facility and district level**
 - **Strengthen oversight role of Provincial and National Parliamentarians**
 - **Monitors the functioning and effectiveness of governance structures**



5. Governance and Equity (cont)

- **Houses the international secretariat of the Global Equity Gauge Alliance (GEGA)**
 - **14 member countries**
 - **Coordinating the production of the Global Health Watch (an alternative to the World Health Report)**
- **Inspiration for GEGA was drawn from the South African Equity Gauge;**
 - **Focused on providing support to parliamentarians and policy makers**



6. The Treatment Monitor

An inter-cluster project aiming to support the implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) in SA through;

- Identifying and sharing of models of best practice in HIV treatment and care**
- Monitoring of the implementation of the plan**
- Research**
- Creation and strengthening of networks between role-players in the health sector and civil society**
- Exploring the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and their ability to access health services**



HEALTHLINK STRUCTURE

- **Director**
- **Total of 28 Staff members**
 - **Six (6) Project Managers**
 - **Two (2) Special Technical Advisors**
 - **Team of 19 professionals**
 - **One (1) Administrator**
- **2 year intern program for HIS and M&E with 3 interns**
- **District Health Barometer Intern Program**



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