Unfinished Business project on Paediatric and Adolescent HIV, TB and Malnutrition (eThekwini, uMgungundlovu and Zululand District)

The project aims to address the unfinished business of pediatric and adolescent HIV in KwaZulu-Natal by using a quality improvement and KidzAlive strategies to accelerate the identification and enrollment of HIV positive children and adolescents on treatment, and ensuring that they are retained in care.

The project works alongside the SA SURE project and community partners and supports 62 project-linked health facilities in three KwaZulu-Natal districts.

The project’s objectives, in line with UNAIDS 'Getting to Zero' strategy to end the HIV epidemic by 2030, are:

1. Improved earlier diagnosis of children and adolescents with HIV, TB and malnutrition by increasing testing, screening and case-finding to reach 90% of children living with HIV;

2. Improved linkages to treatment and support to ensure that 90% of children and adolescents identified as HIV-positive are initiated and retained on ART and TB treatment /prophylaxis;

3. Increased access to quality HIV treatment for children and adolescents to ensure 95% retention in care at 12 months for children and adolescents initiated on ART, and that 90% of children and adolescents on ART are virally suppressed.

The referral network between community and health facilities has been strengthened by collaborating with the SA SURE roving teams and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for early detection of HIV positive children in the community and linking them to care.