Mawela
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REG NO: 143-741NPO

Adolescents & Young People Project Report (AYP)

2022-2025





Who we are

Mawela Community Development was founded in 2009 and officially registered as a Non-Profit Organization in 2012. Our primary focus is on enhancing community health, ensuring food security, providing access to clean water and sanitation, offering disaster relief, fostering community development, and empowering women.

We primarily serve vulnerable populations, including orphans, the elderly, children, youth, and female headed households. We also prioritize groups such as survivors of gender-based violence, displaced children, adolescents, and young women.

Over the years, we have created significant value for the communities we support through strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders in both the private and public sectors. We deliberately seek collaborations with organizations that share our principles, values, and commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Moreover, by engaging with communities, our projects align with national frameworks and provincial developmental strategies aimed at socio-economic interventions.

Understanding that the challenges we face are ever-evolving, we consistently adapt our objectives, processes, and outcomes. Our goal extends beyond merely providing food for those in need; we aim to implement sustainable solutions that help break the cycle of poverty.

We are also proactive in disaster management initiatives when necessary. Our dedicated and compassionate teams are well-prepared to deliver immediate social relief to affected areas.

Who We are

Our Vision

Our vision is to empower communities by linking vulnerable individuals to sustainable programs that enhance access to opportunities and life-saving interventions, both now and for generations to come.

OUR VALUES

Integrity: We remain transparent in all that we do, thus providing assurance to our donors and enabling our beneficiaries to trust us.

Dignity: We exist to restore the dignity of the vulnerable and the dis-enfranchised.

Collaboration: Together we can create a better place for all.

Commitment: Our teams are driven by purpose, not profit. We remain steadfast in serving our communities.



Where we work

63% of the population of the AbaQulusi municipal area live in rural areas, most of which live in scattered homesteads known as imizi in tribal areas. Homesteads are of a mixed nature, including both modern dwellings and traditional thatched huts. The remainder of the population lives as tenants on farm or in towns, dormitory townships and shacks in the settlements around towns. Vryheid is Zululand's main commercial, industrial and business centre, with a reasonably well-developed physical, social and institutional infrastructure. It is located at the intersection of the major transport routes (R34 and R69) that traverse the region. Other towns and settlements within the municipal boundaries include: Alpha, Calvert, Emondlo, Esigodini, Gluckstadt, Hlobane, Kandaspunt, Lenjanedrif, Louwsburg, Ngobeni, Ngome, Scheepersnek, Steilrand, Stilwater, Swart Umfolozi, Thakazele, and Zungwini.

Meet Our Management Team



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Clinical Manager



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In School Supervisor



Lifa Mthethwa
M&E Manager



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Program Manager



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AYP Supervisor
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Senior Social worker



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Our Board of directors



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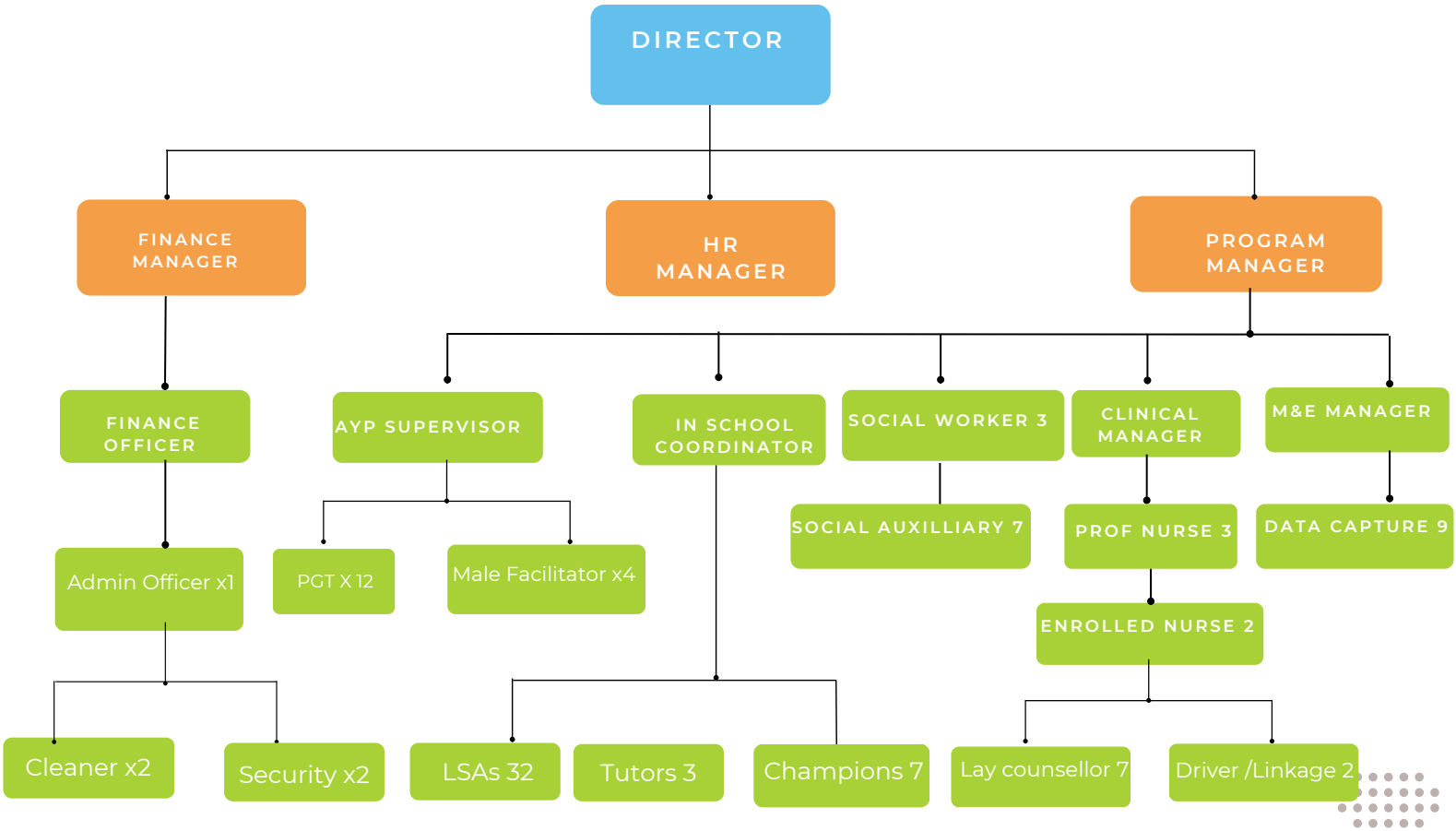
Mr Bongani Sbiya
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Mrs Nonhlanhla Mnyandu
Secretary

Our Project Staffing

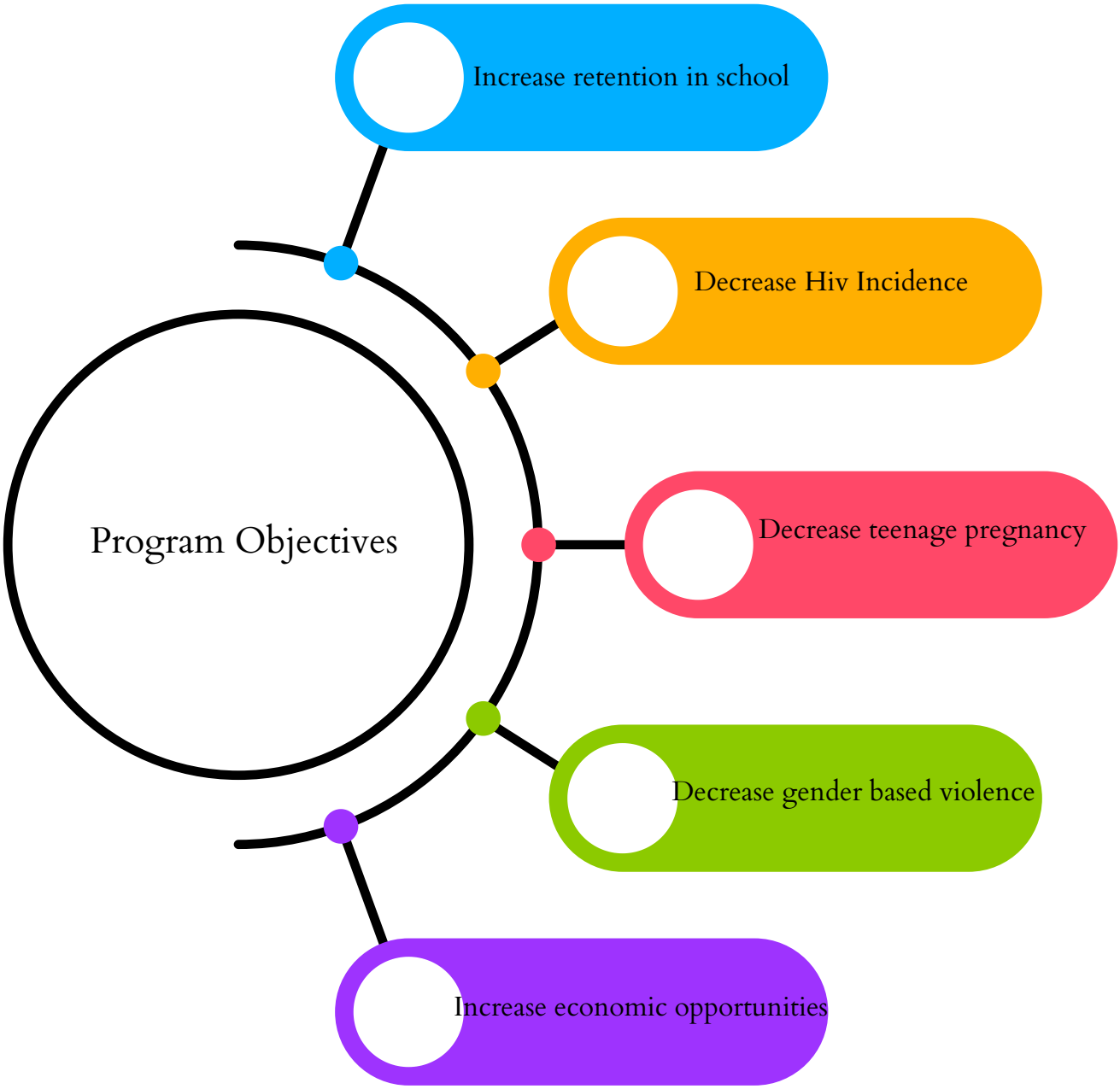
MAWELA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANOGRAM



Abbreviations

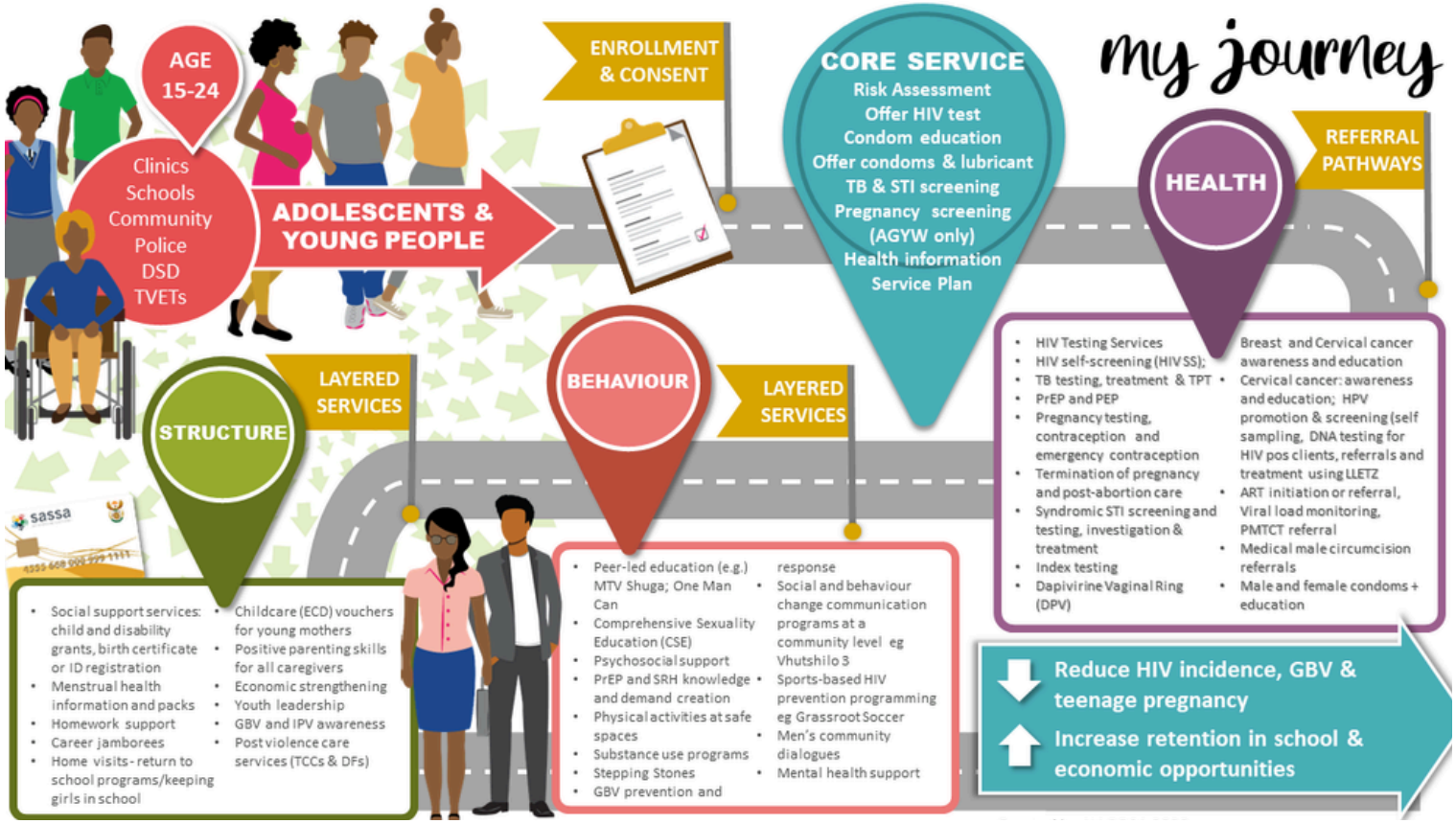
AFSA	AIDS Foundation of South Africa
ABYM	Adolescent Boys and Young Men
AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CAO	Central Applications Office
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CBHS	Community Based Health Services
CDC	Centre for Disease Control
CDP	Condom Distribution Programme
CSC	Care and Support Champions
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CRS	Community Responses and Systems
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DAC	District AIDS Council
DBE	Department of Basic Education
DHIS	District Health Information Software
DIP	District Implementation Plan
DOH	Department of Health
DOL	Department of Labour
DSD	Department of Social Development
ECD	Early Development Centre
ESL	Economic Strengthening Livelihood
FBO	Faith-based Organisation
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HEI	Higher Education Institute
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVSS	HIV Self Screening
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
HTA	Higher Transmission Area
HCT	HIV Counselling and Testing
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IAM	Implementation Arrangements Map
IPV	Intimate Partner Violence
ISHP	Integrated School Health Policy
KGS	Keeping Girls in School
KZN	KwaZulu Natal
LAC	Local Aid Council
LSA	Learner Support Agent
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSP	Male Sexual Partners
NDOH	National Department of Health
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NICD	National Institute for Communicable Diseases
NIMART	Nurse Initiated Management of Anti-Retroviral Therapy
NSP	National Strategic Plan
NYDA	National Youth Development Agency
PCA	Provincial Council on AIDS
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PGT	Peer Group Trainer
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PoE	Portfolio of Evidence
PPM	Public Private Mix
PR	Principal Recipient
PrEP	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
SAW	Social Auxiliary Worker
SGB	School Governing Body
SMT	School Management Teams
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SR	Sub Recipient
SSR	Sub-sub Recipients
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	SRH and Rights
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TB	Tuberculosis
TCC	Thuthuzela Care Centre
TVET	Technical Vocational Education and Training

Mawela Community Development is one of the Sub-Recipient Organizations that was awarded funding under the Global Fund NMF3 grant to implement the Adolescents & Young People programme in Abaqulusi sub district. The program was implemented over a 3 year period (from June 2022 to March 2025). The current AYP program was built on the same objectives as the 2019-2022 AGYW program .



These program objectives aligned perfectly with the NSP strategic goals (goal 1,3,4) and therefore contribute towards achieving the NSP goals. This alignment necessitated that all Global fund resources received by Mawela Community Development be injected into interventions that talks to achieving these objectives.

AYP Journey throughout the grant period



Cohort approach

Enrolment is the entry point to the program .The program followed a cohorting approach whereby all enrolled beneficiaries had to be retained into the program until they age out or end of the project

The NMF3 Adolescents & Young People Program in Abaqulusi sub district was implemented in 14 wards under eMondlo and Mvunyane catchment areas that were allocated to Mawela. The program covered 60% out of school adolescents & young people and 40% In school population aged between 15-24 years. The out of school beneficiaries were reached through safe spaces where they could access a comprehensive package of AYP services. 3 safe spaces were established in the first year of the program(1 main safe space located at eMondlo 2 area, 1 Satellite safe space at eMondlo youth centre and 1 satellite space at Mvunyane-Smashwini area). To reach the in school beneficiaries, 32 Quantile 1-4 schools were identified in the NMF3 grant period which were within Mawela catchment areas (18 primary schools and 14 secondary schools). To ensure that recruited beneficiaries are retained into the program and the same cohort of beneficiaries is maintained throughout the program , various cohort management strategies were implemented strategies were implemented by the organisation.

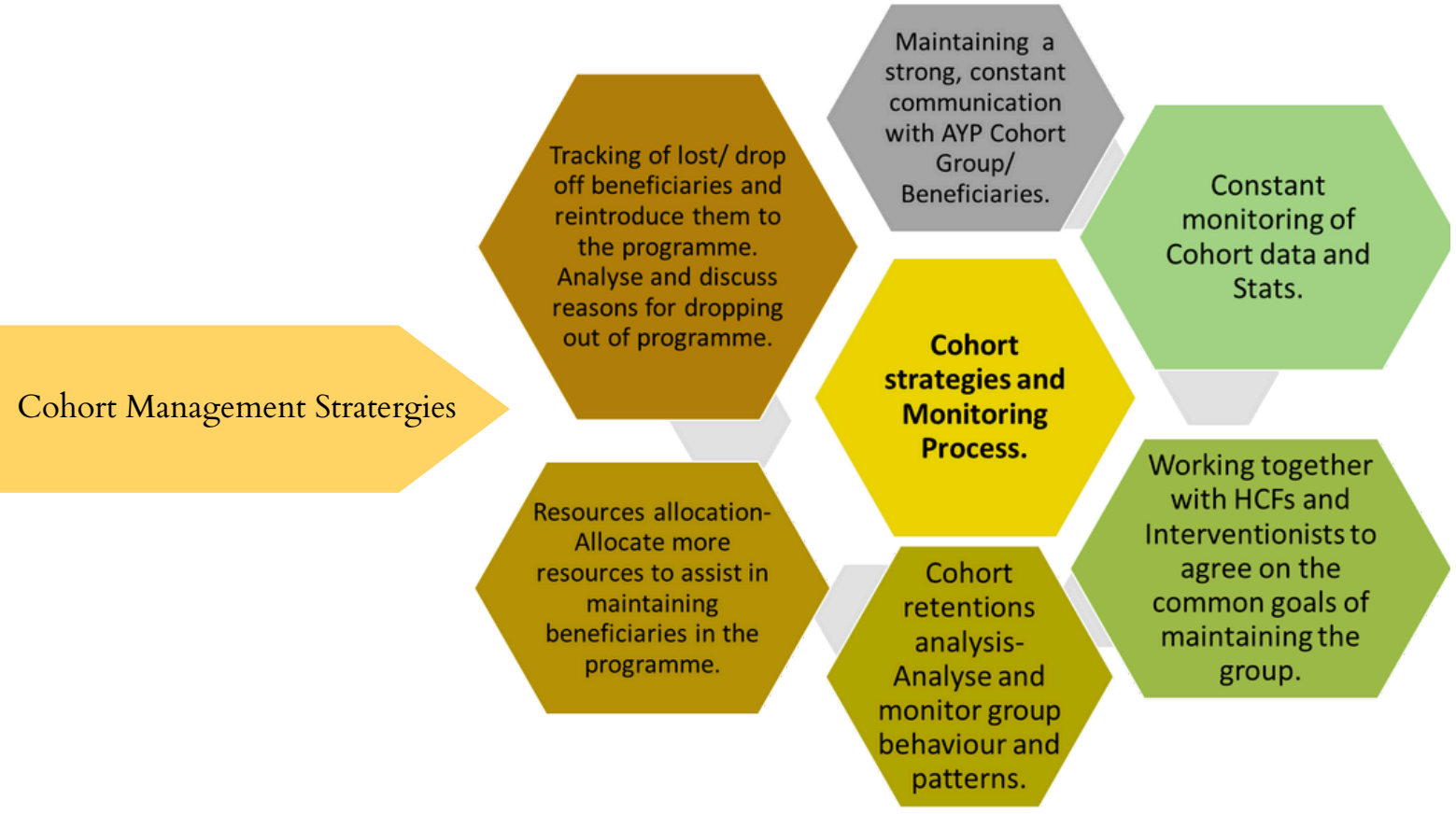


Fig 1.1 Cohort Management

Other Activities that contributed towards the improvement of the retention rate

Issuing dignity packs	Social media engagements	Inviting AYPs to campaigns
Linkages with community based IPOs	AYP Participation in safe space activities	AYP Reassessments
Economic strengthning programs		

Table 1. Retention Strategies

Retention Performance

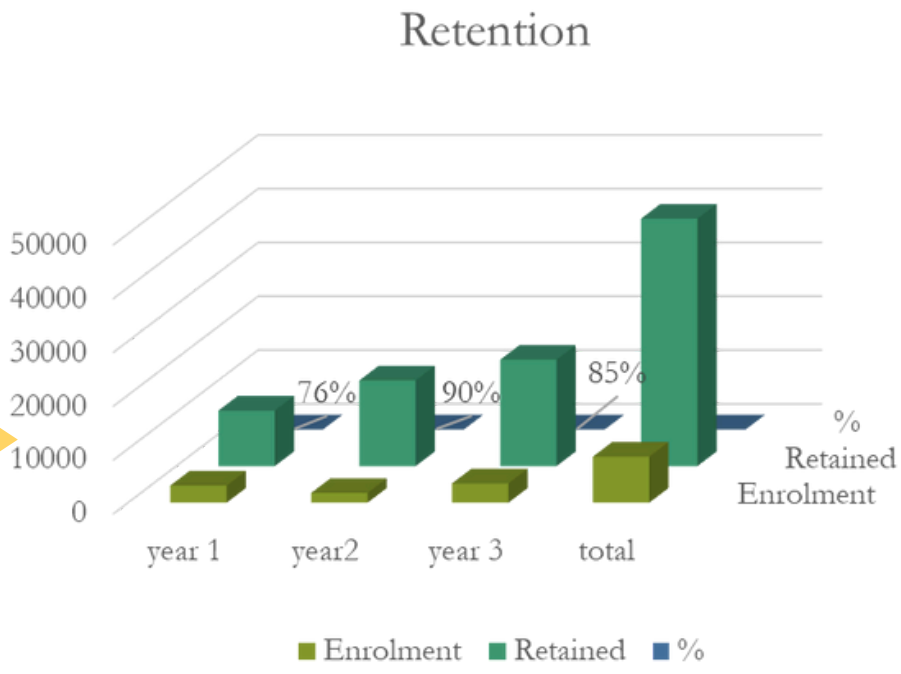
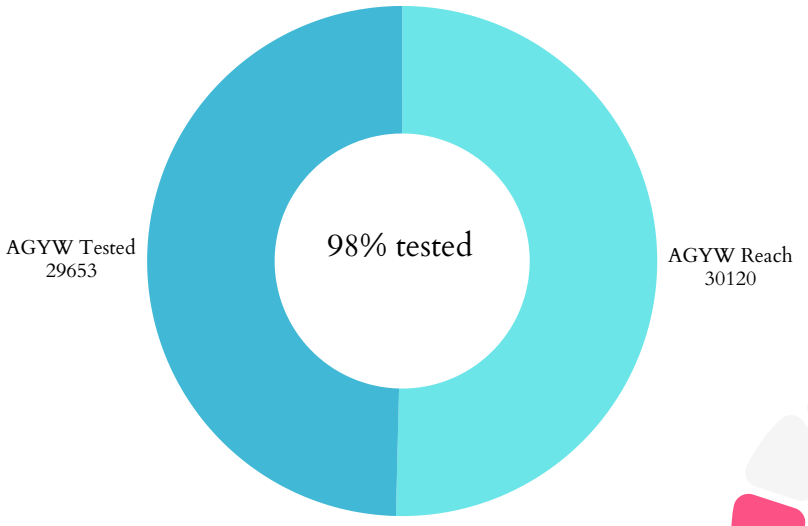
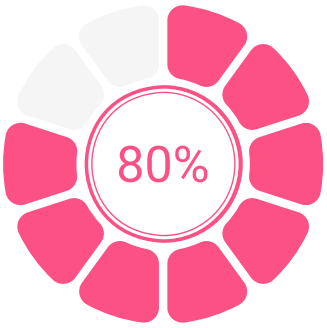


Figure 2. Retention Performance

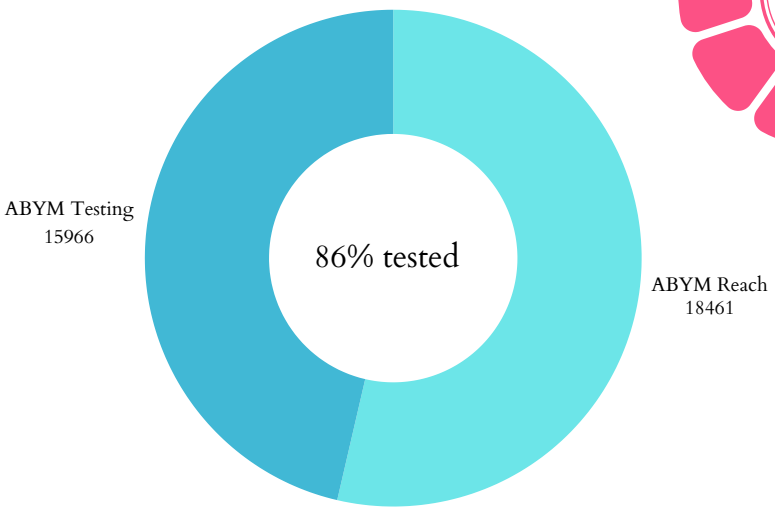
The NMF3 grant's interventions targeted Adolescent girls and Young Women(AGYWs) , Adolescent Boys & Young Men (ABYMs) , Adolescents living with Hiv and youth with disabilities. These population groups of focus have been defined by the NSP as priority population groups. Over the past 3 years , Mawela Community developments rolled out biomedical, Core services, behavioural and structural interventions that were aimed at maximizing the reduction of risky behaviour and mitigating social ills affecting AYPs. Layered services were also rolled out based on the risk assessment outcomes of the beneficiary to ensure access to comprehensive AYP services.

The Progress and performance of the AYP program was constantly monitored and measured through 5 core indicators which formed part of the program deliverables. Over the past 3 years of implementation the program achieved notable milestones and had an impact on the lives of adolescents and young people in the sub district. The graphs and charts below depict the performance of the organization on each core indicator.





AYP 80% targeted saturation



Core Indicator performance (2022-2025)

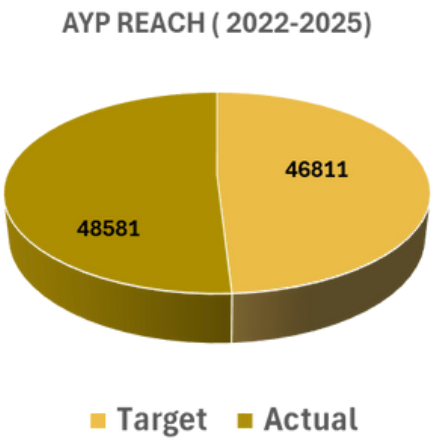


Figure 3. AYP Reach Performance

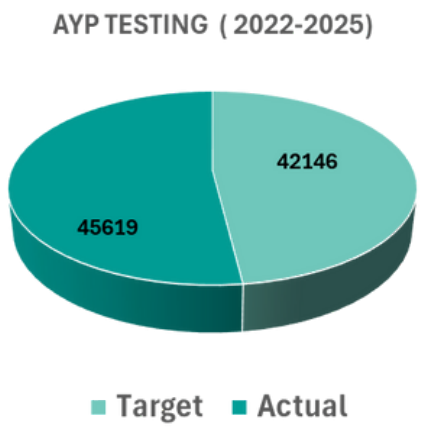


Figure 4. AYP Testing Performance

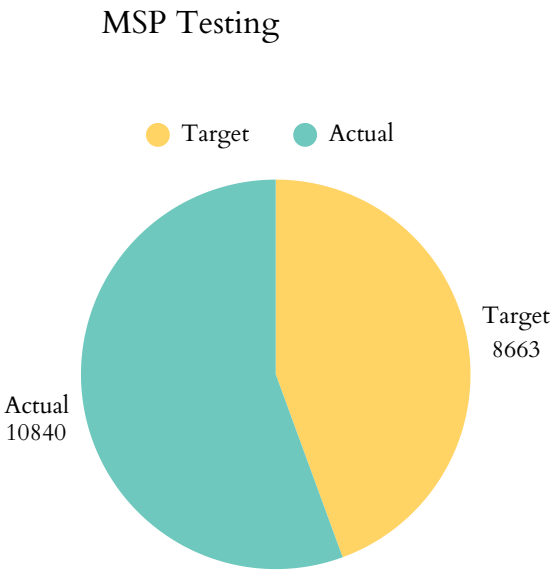


Figure 5. Male Sexual Partner Testing

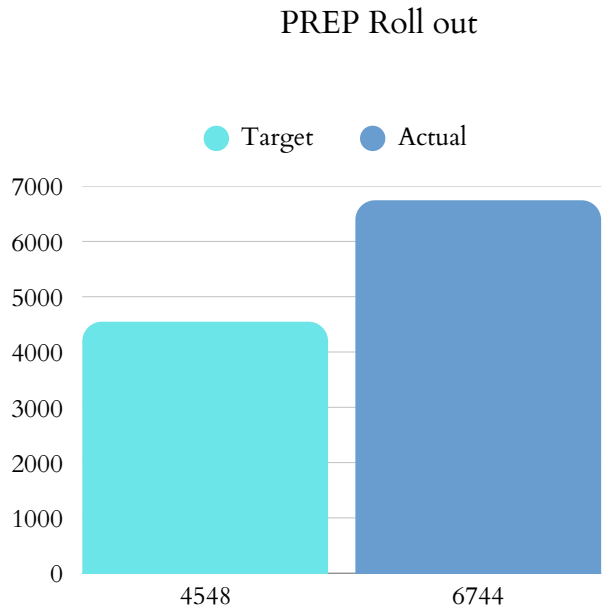


Figure 6. Prep Roll Out Performance

In School Program Performance

The age tailored In school interventions that were implemented in line with the ISHIP policy were aimed at achieving the AYP Program objectives. These In school programs assisted in addressing social ills that negatively impact the learning environment. The results below depict how the schools that participated in the program performed on matric results from year 1 to year 3 of the program.

Overall percentage on Metric Results for 14 secondary schools that were supported by Mawela

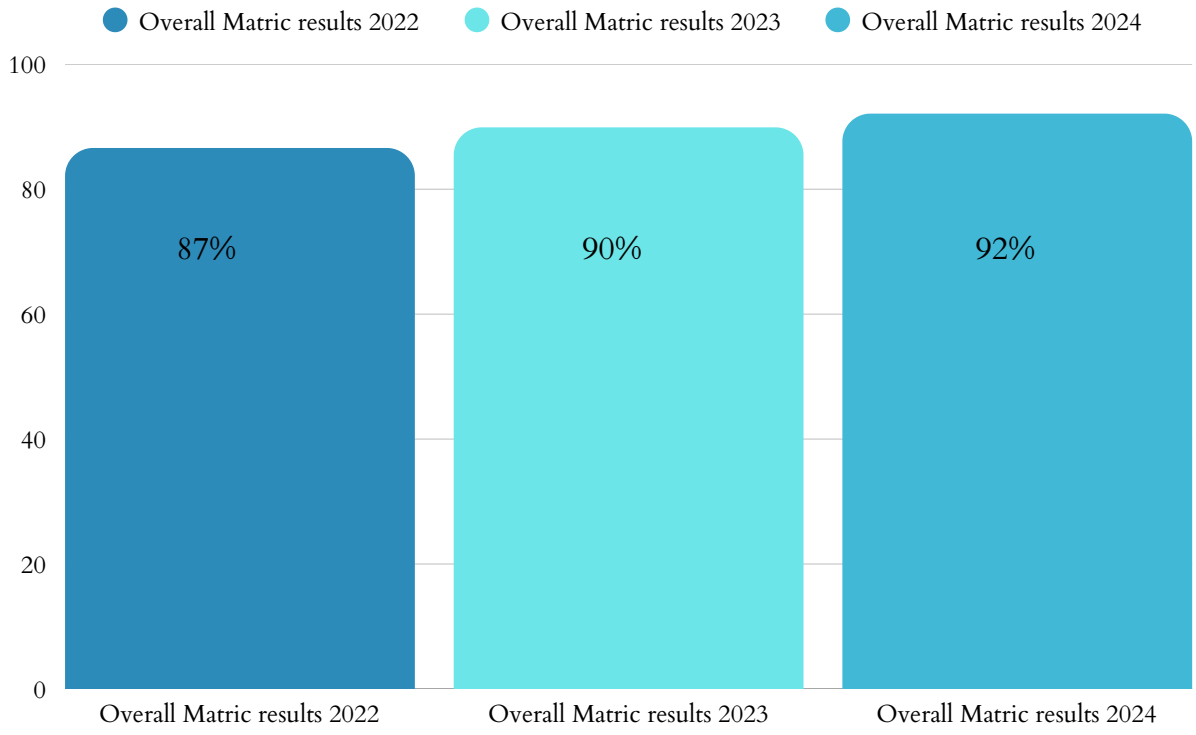


Figure 7. Overall Matric Results during AYP Implementation

Active participation and engagement of all stakeholders in the NMF3 AYP program was of cardinal importance In order to successfully align the program objectives with the needs of our beneficiaries and ensuring sustainability of the program interventions. these stakeholders played a major role in providing a well coordinated response to social ills affecting adolescents and young people in Abaqulusi sub district. To further strengthen linkages at a community level and to build capacity on the ground, AFSA funded community based implementing partner organisations that participated in the implementation of the program. Two implementing partner organisations supported Mawela in the roll out of AYP targeted interventions(Vusithemba provided assistance on MSP testing while Qhubulwazi Youth organisation provided demand creation services for AYP programs). Mawela played a roll in capacitating and managing IPO activities and also ensuring effective partnerships in the provision of services.

Stakeholder management matrix

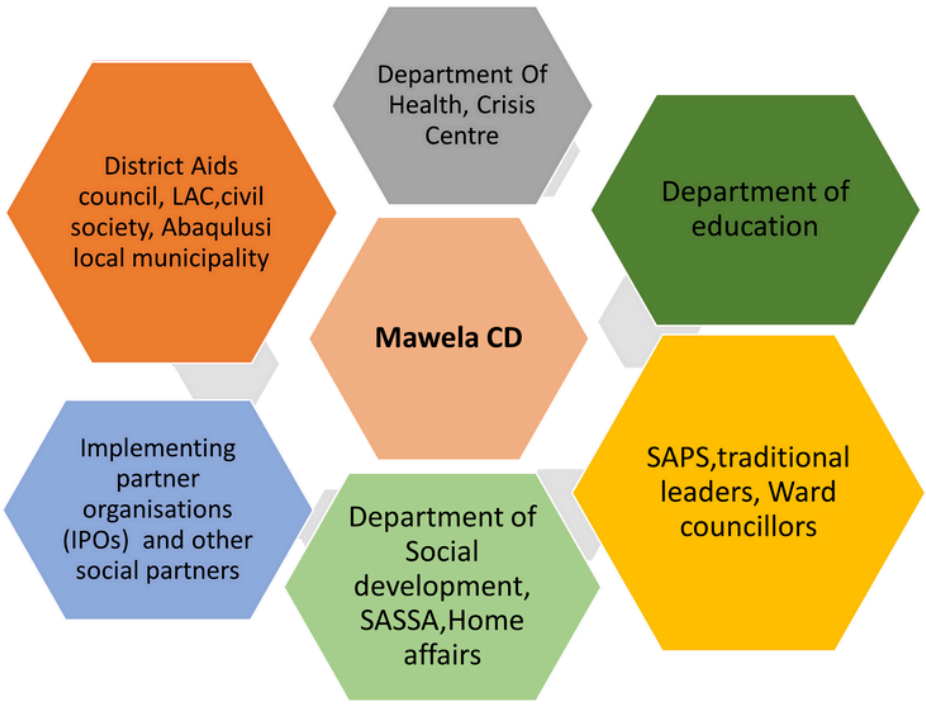


Figure 8. Stakeholder Management Matrix

Biomedical Services

To achieve Objective number 1,2, 3 of the AYP Program, Mawela rolled out targeted biomedical services to adolescents and young people in and out of school. The In school SRH services were guided by the integrated School Health Policy and were implemented in partnership with the department of health as a leading department in biomedical services. The clinical team responsible for SRH services was composed of 1 clinical manager, 3 PNs, 2 Enrolled Nurses, 7 Lay counsellors and 2 driver/linkage officers.

Performance and Achievements

Adolescents And Young People Who Received HIV Testing (2022-2025)

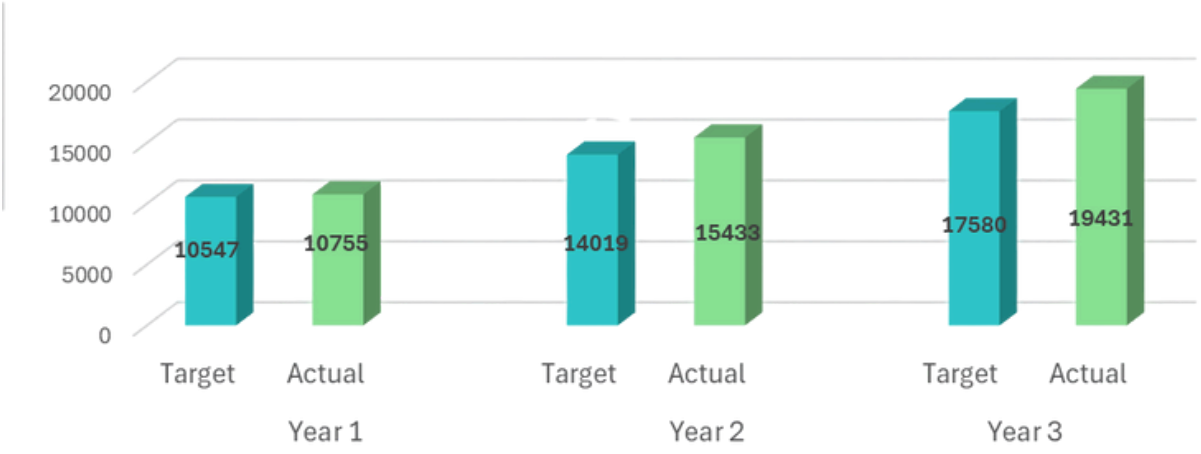
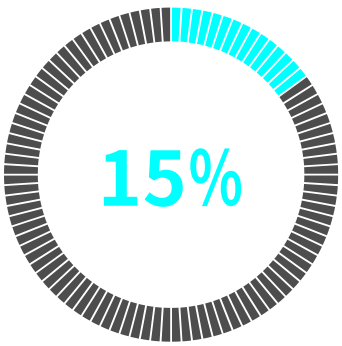


Figure 9. AYP Testing Performance Comparison Over 3 Years





On average 15% of all negative AYPs were initiated on Prep to maintain the negative status

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Biomedical Services

Performance and Achievements

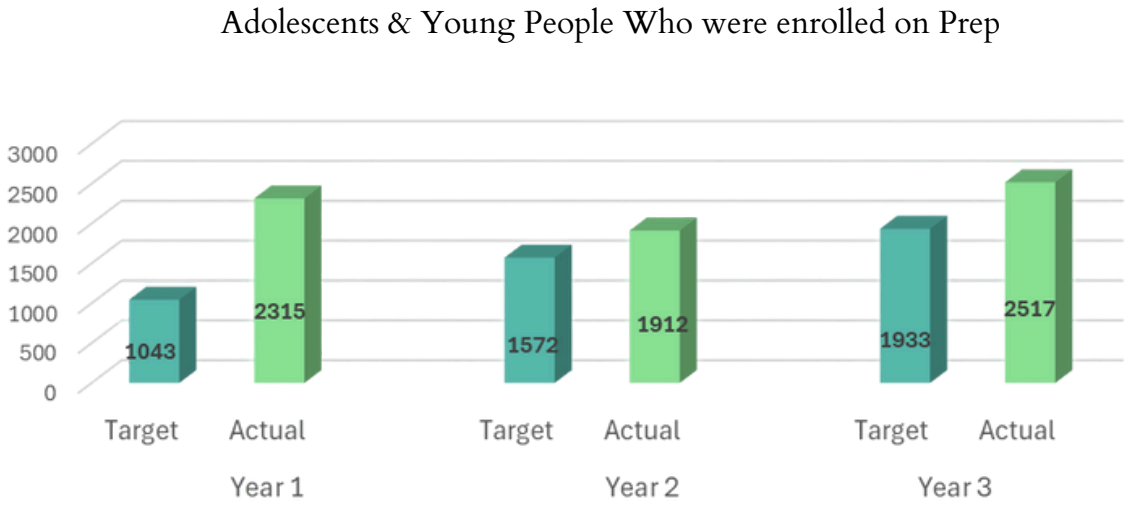


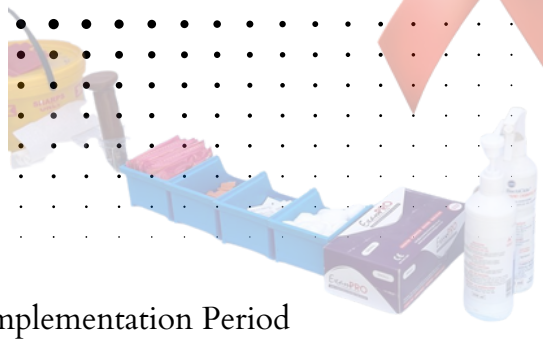
Figure 10. AYP Testing Performance Comparison Over 3 Years



Poor Prep adherence was noted on some beneficiaries who stay with parents due to lack of buy in from parents. Recommendation : Parents of beneficiaries should receive targeted sensitization on Prep to improve adherence and reduce stigmatization

AYP Modalities

Biomedical Services



Performance and Achievements

AYP Positivity rate over the 3 year implementation Period

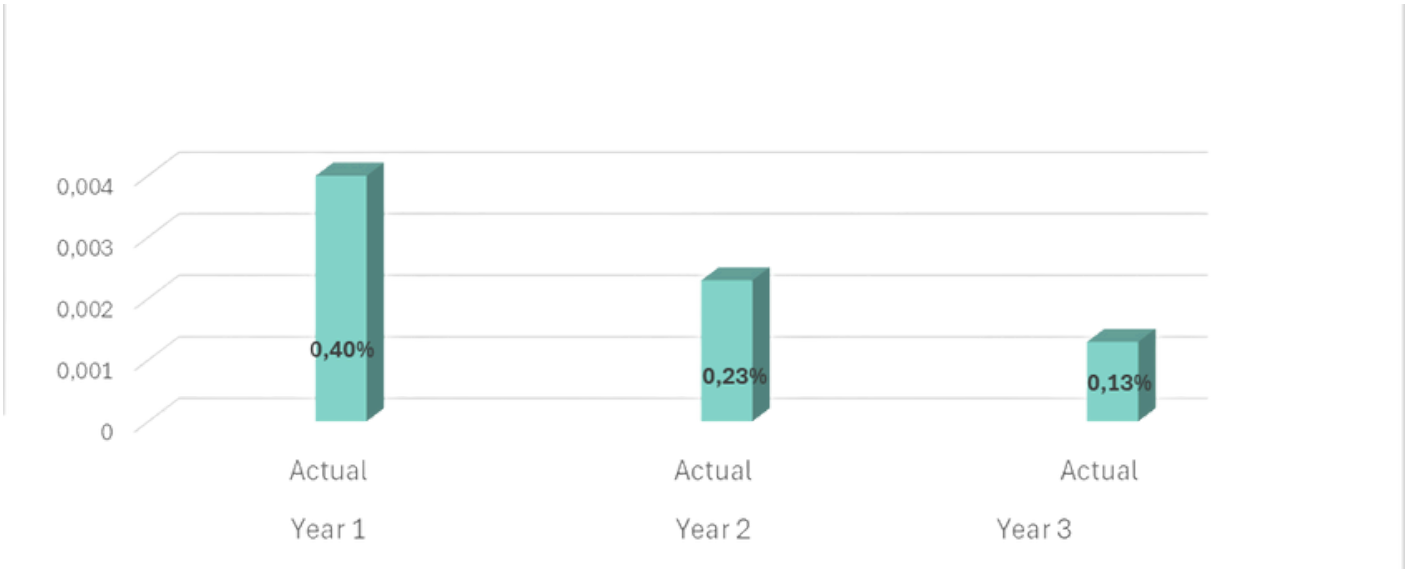


Figure 11. AYP Positivity Comparison Over 3 Years of implementation

Positivity rate was declining as implementation progressed , this can be attributed to a good Prep roll out performance and also a combination of other Hiv Prevention strategies. Same day linkage strategy worked effectively in ensuring 100% beneficiary linkage to Art.

Performance and Achievements

Male Sexual Partners Of AGYWs who received Hiv Testing

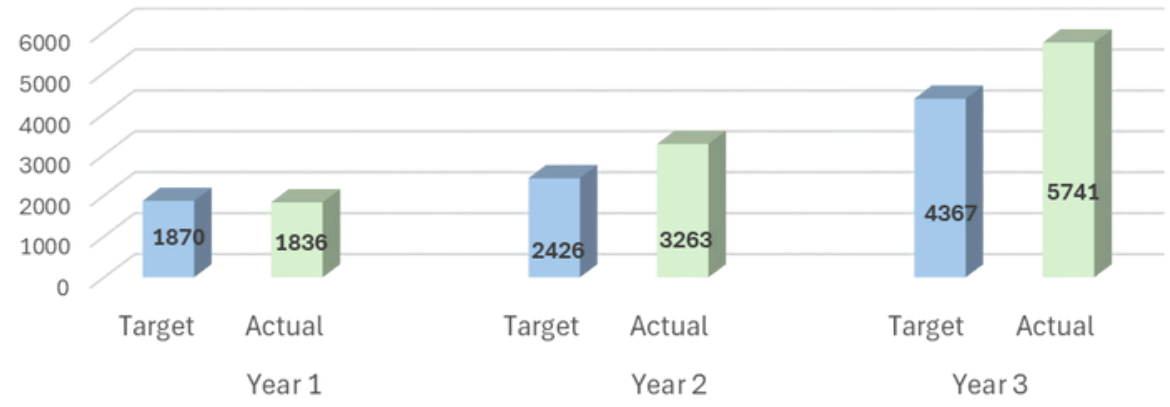


Figure 12. MSP Testing Performance

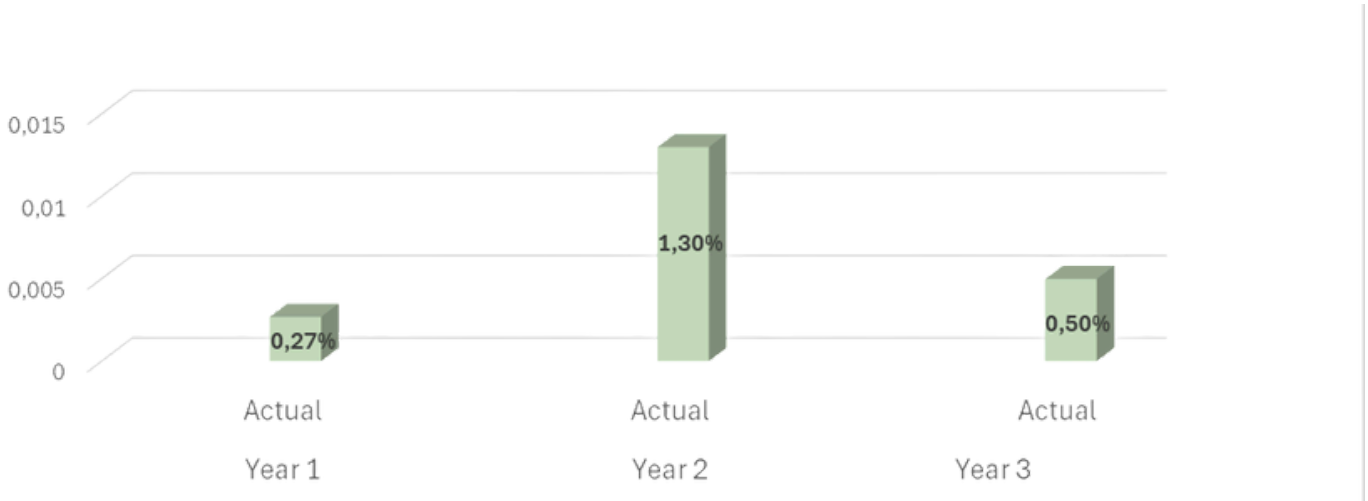


Figure 13. MSP Positivity rate

NB: MSP Testing was delayed in year 1 due to a late start and prioritization of AYP testing, however it picked up very well in the subsequent years.
What worked well for MSP testing: mapping MSP hotspots (taverns , taxi ranks, construction sites, Parks).

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Biomedical Services

Performance and Achievements

Performance of other SRH services (2022-2025)

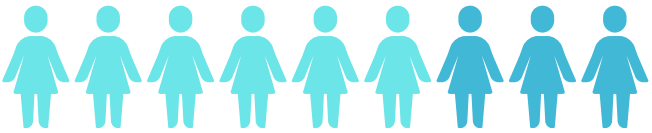
AGYWs who received contraceptives **964**



Received Condoms **48 441**



Received Pregnancy Test **3751**



Received Dignity Packs **2634**



Screened for TB **19630**



Screened for STIs **19630**



Successfully Referred for STI treatment **135**



reached with Hiv Prevention Programs **19770**



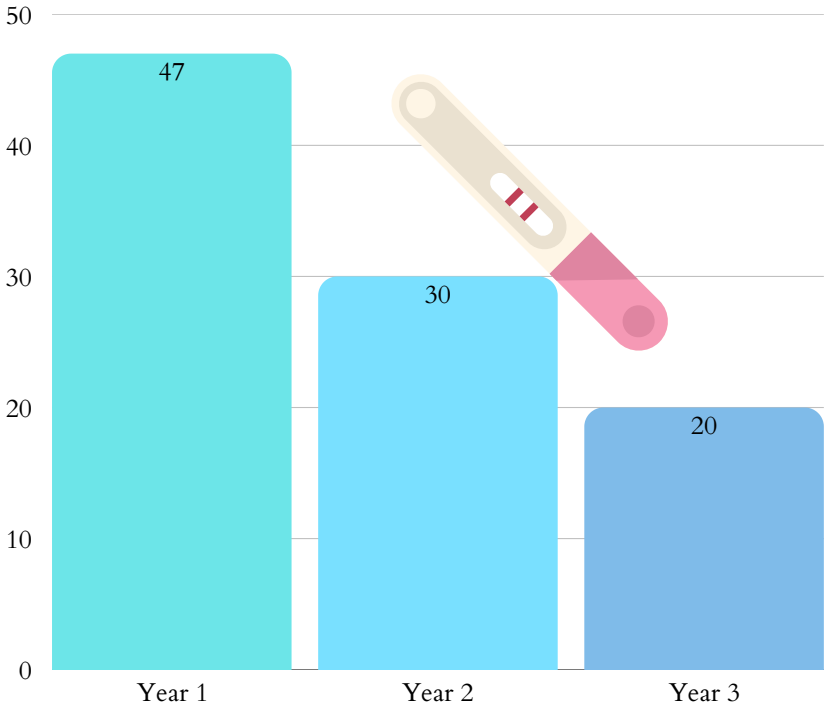
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Biomedical Services

SRH Services

Teenage pregnancy trend analysis







2.3%

out of 3751 AGYWs who received a pregnancy test 97 received a positive result. There was also a reduction in Pregnancies from year 1 to year 3 which can be attributed to AYP Interventions

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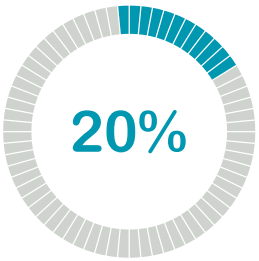
Psychosocial Services

Performance and Achievements

Psychosocial services is an indispensable tool in developing adolescents and young people. lack of psychosocial support among AYP beneficiaries increases their vulnerability to various social ills. in order to achieve the core strategic objectives of the AYP program , Mawela reached a number of beneficiaries in and out of school with psychosocial interventions. These interventions included mostly structural and behavioural layered services that were rolled out in schools and also accessed through safe spaces.

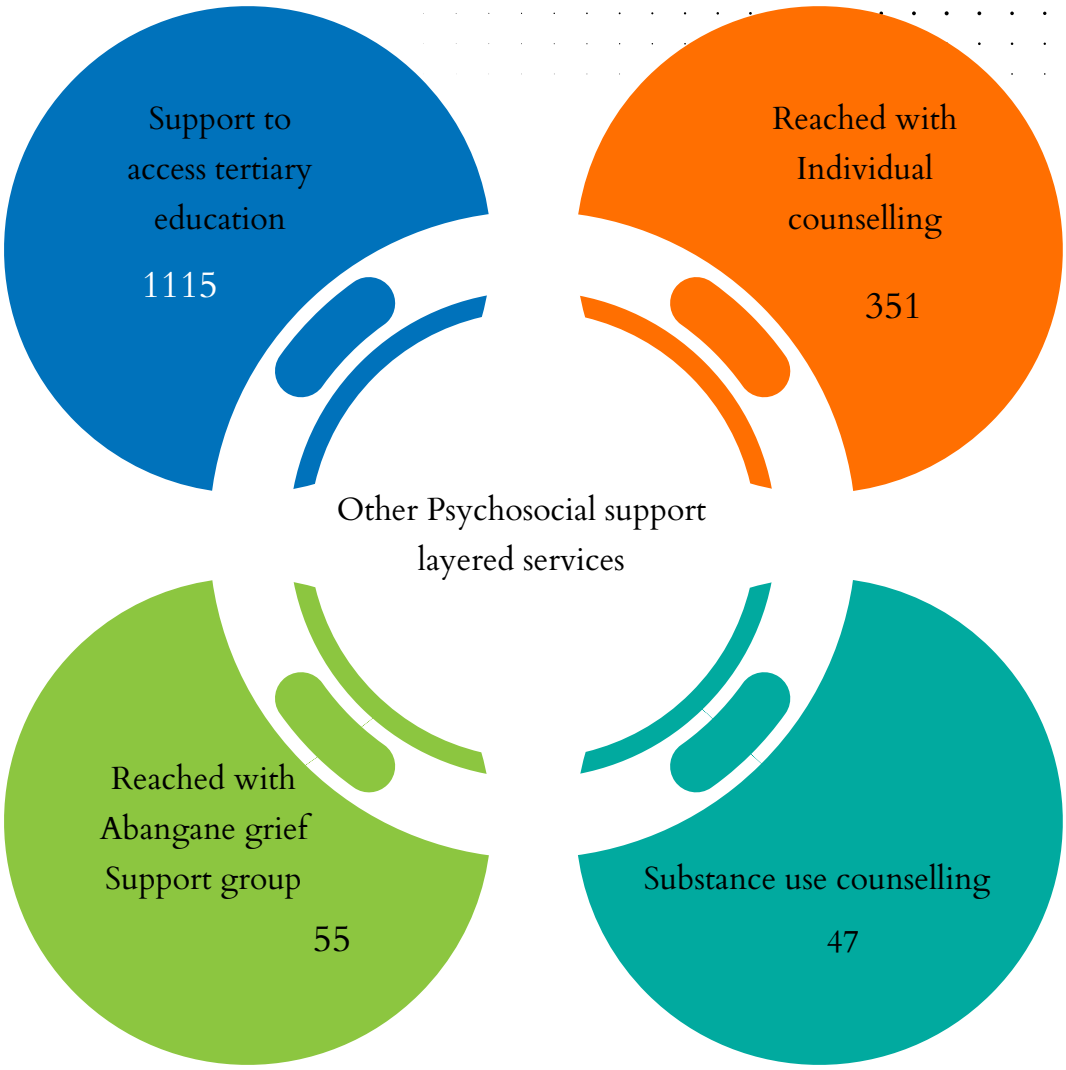
Performance of Psychosocial Services

2987	Received Tutoring & homework support
2138	Reached with GBV awareness
2018	Reached with mental health services
547	Reached through home visits
101	Return to school support
125	Assisted with obtaining SA identity document
181	Provided with access to work opportunities



A nationally representative study showed that approximately 20% of South African youth experience depression and stress-related conditions annually according to Scielo.org.za

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Safe Space Programs

The safe space model proved to be the effective vehicle in providing access to comprehensive AYP tailored services to beneficiaries. Since out of school implementation accounted for 60% in the program, ensuring safe space functionality remained a priority. 3 Safe spaces were established in partnership with community gate keepers who provided access to community facilities that were used as safe spaces. 1 safe space was housed within the DOH facility that provides youth friendly services (Mondlo Youth centre). This arrangement benefited the facility in terms of staffing and other resources. Through safe spaces AYPs were able to access internet, edutainment , SRH services , academic support and psychosocial services. All safe space programs were aimed at influencing risk reduction, behaviour change and empowering AYPs.



"Safe spaces allow people to be their authentic selves without fear of judgment, retaliation, or harm". Brené Brown





Safe Space Activities

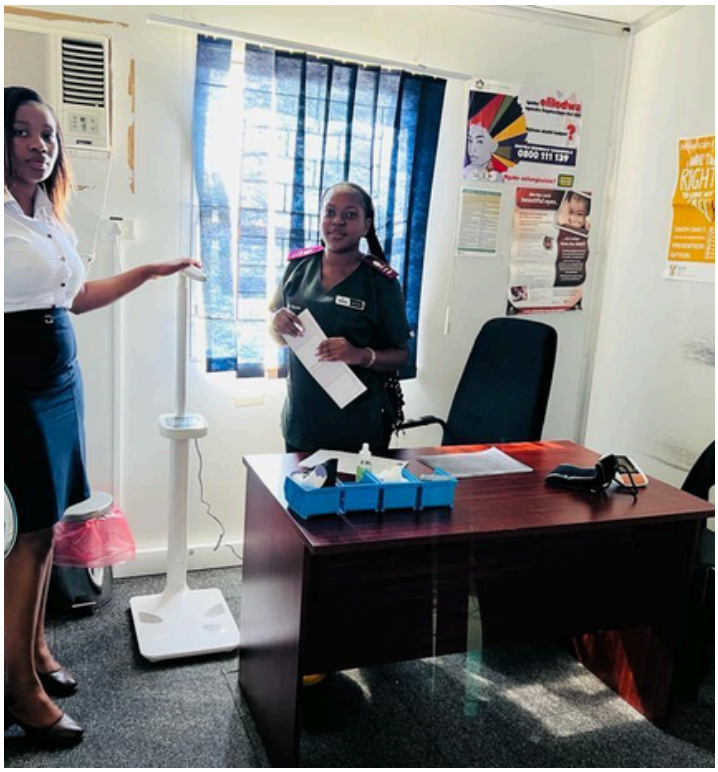
The main objective of safe spaces is to create a youth friendly zone where AYPs can be free to express themselves without the fear of judgement and stigmatization. safe space games , physical exercise and watching movies assisted in attracting AYPs to the safe space so that they can access a comprehensive package of services. Campaigns were also conducted with the aim of mitigating various social ills affecting adolescents and young people.











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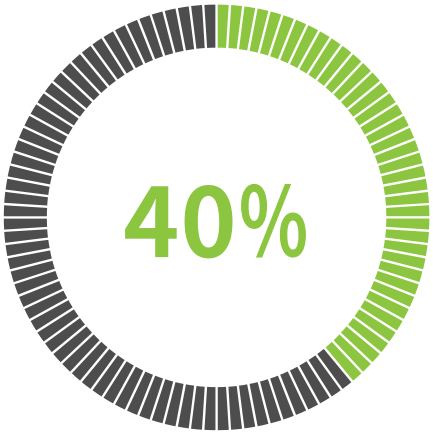
In School Implementation

The NFM 3 AYP program targeted quantile 1-4 schools that were identified in collaboration with the department of education. The in school program covered 18 primary schools and 14 secondary schools that were within Mawela's catchment population. The primary school program included comprehensive sexuality education and ISHP, Soulbuddyz clubs while the secondary school included comprehensive sexuality education and ISHP, core package of services, homework support, psychosocial support, linkage to safe spaces, biomedical services, career jamborees and home visits.

In school Staff and supported schools

- 01 In school coordinator
- 01 Professional Nurse
- 01 Enrolled Nurse
- 32 Learner support Agent
- 07 Champions
- 06 In school supervisor
- 3 Tutors

- 18 Primary schools supported
- 14 Secondary schools supported



In school implementation accounted for 40% of the overall target

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In School Implementation

School based interventions were aimed aimed at maximizing learner academic performance and school retention through mitigating social ills. from the first year of implementation to the final year, an improvement in the overall matric results has been observed in those schools that participated in the AYP program. The provision of psychosocial services , sexual and reproductive health services played a major role in keeping AYPs in schools

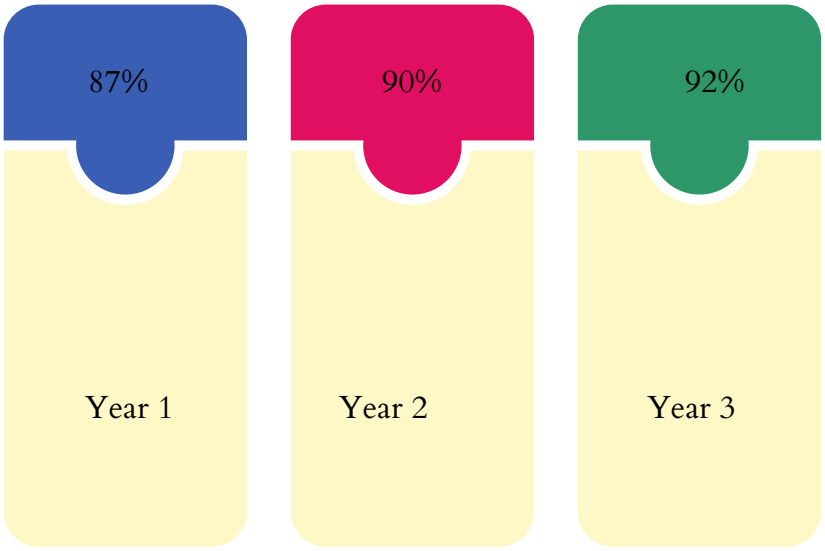
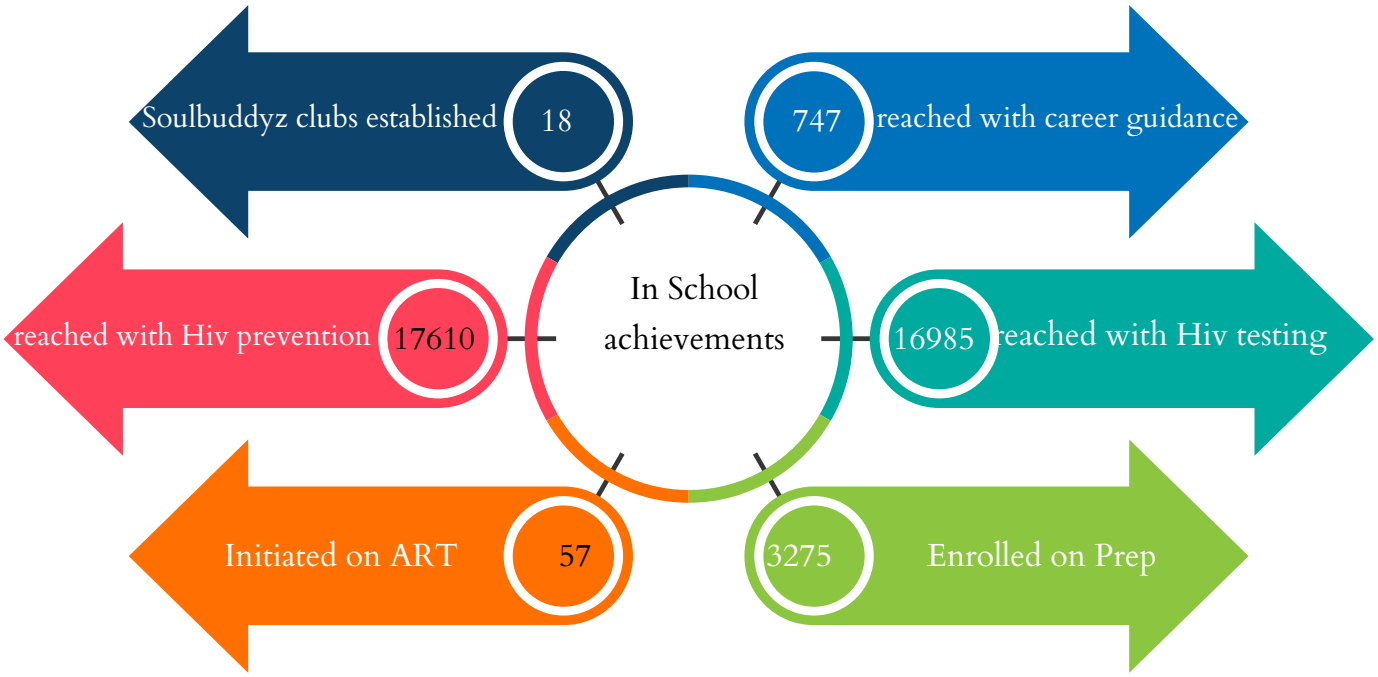


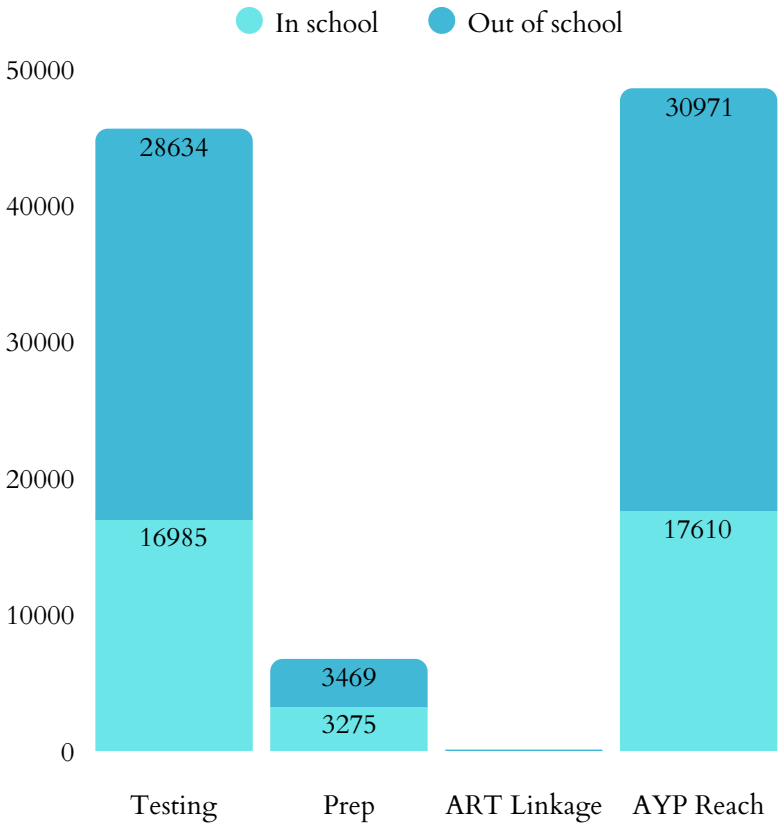
Figure 12. Matric results performance



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In School Implementation

Core indicator comparison-In & out of school



ART Linkage
In school =57
Out of school=52

In school positive percentage out of the total positives=52%
Out of school positive percentage out of the total positives=48%

Core indicator performance comparison-In & Out of school

- In school testing accounted for 37% of the total tested
- Prep uptake among in school beneficiaries is at 48% of the total prep and out of school is at 52%
- 36% of the total AYPs reached were in school and 64% out of school

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In school Implementation

Soulbuddyz Program

The Soulbuddyz clubs program was implemented across 18 primary schools that were supported by Mawela community development. The aim of the program is to empower young people on skills that will assist them to navigate through life challenges (health, rights and social issues). 18 clubs were registered to the program through the coordination of learner support agents and the in school coordinator.







SBC@KwaFuzokuhle Primary School identified an elderly woman that resides alone in the community. They took an initiative to clean and donate groceries for her.





AYP Modalities

In school Implementation

Soulbuddyz Awards

School	Award Category
Khethelihle Primary school	Provincial Soulbuddyz club of the year
Khethelihle Primary school	District Soulbuddyz club of the year
Khethelihle Primary school	Zululand Facilitator of the year
Nhliziyonhle Primary school	Soulbuddyz club of the year
Kwafuzokuhle Primary school	Special Project
Khethelihle Primary school	Zululand LSA of the year
Nhlaka Primary school	Best Unit guide project
Nhliziyonhle Primary school	Best Soulbuddyz club zone
Khethelihle & Nhlaka Primary school	Best supportive principals

AYP Modalities

In school Implementation

Soulbuddyz Awards



Figure 20 Soulbuddyz receiving gifts



Best supportive Principals

Khethelihle Primary school was the top achiever at the soulbuddyz awards ceremony that was conducted by Soul city , AFSA and the department of education. The consistent support that the club received from the school principal and Mawela community development played a major role in propelling the club towards success.Khethelihle primary school won in 5 catergories including the best provincial soulbuddyz club of the year.



AYP Modalities

Behaviour Change Programs

As part of reducing risky behaviour among AYPs and GBV, several behaviour change programs were implemented during the NFM 3 funding cycle. These programs included One man can, Grassroots soccer, Vutshilo 3, families matter, stepping stones

- 89 Reached with Grassroots soccer
- 89 Reached through One Man Can
- 100 Reached through Stepping Stones
- 80 Attended Families matter sessions

To Improve adherence among AYPs Mawela community development enrolled some 15-19 yr old beneficiaries to Vutshilo 3 intervention. The sessions were conducted by our trained social workers

To further strengthen adherence and encourage parent/kid disclosure among the 10-14 yrs beneficiaries and parents, Kidzalive intervention was rolled out by our trained social workers and social auxiliary workers.

- 27 Completed Vutshilo 3 sessions
- 26 Completed Kidzalive sessions
- 25 Parents completed kidzalive sessions

AYP Modalities

Behaviour Change Programs



Grassroots soccer graduation



Kidzalive fun day

- Behaviour Change programs attracts beneficiaries to the program
- Contribute towards strengthening AYP retention
- A bigger impact can be observed if they are introduced earlier into the program

SBC Lessons Learnt

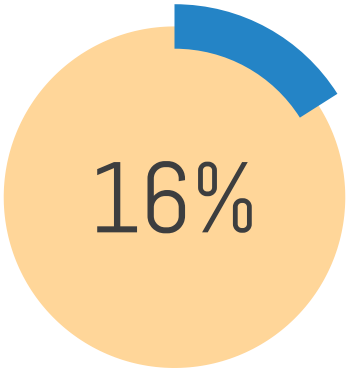
AYP Modalities

Economic strengthening

Poor economic status among AYPs increases their vulnerability to various social ills. To achieve objective 5 of the AYP program which talks to increasing economic opportunities among AYPs, Mawela conducted 2 programs targeting AYPs who are unemployed and not participating in any tertiary education. The aim of the ESL and Bizaids program was to capacitate NEETs with relevant skills that can assist them to participate in the economy.

76 beneficiaries reached with ESL

12 beneficiaries participated in Bizaids



16% of the beneficiaries who attended ESL were selected to participate in the Bizaids program



ESL graduation



Bizaids session

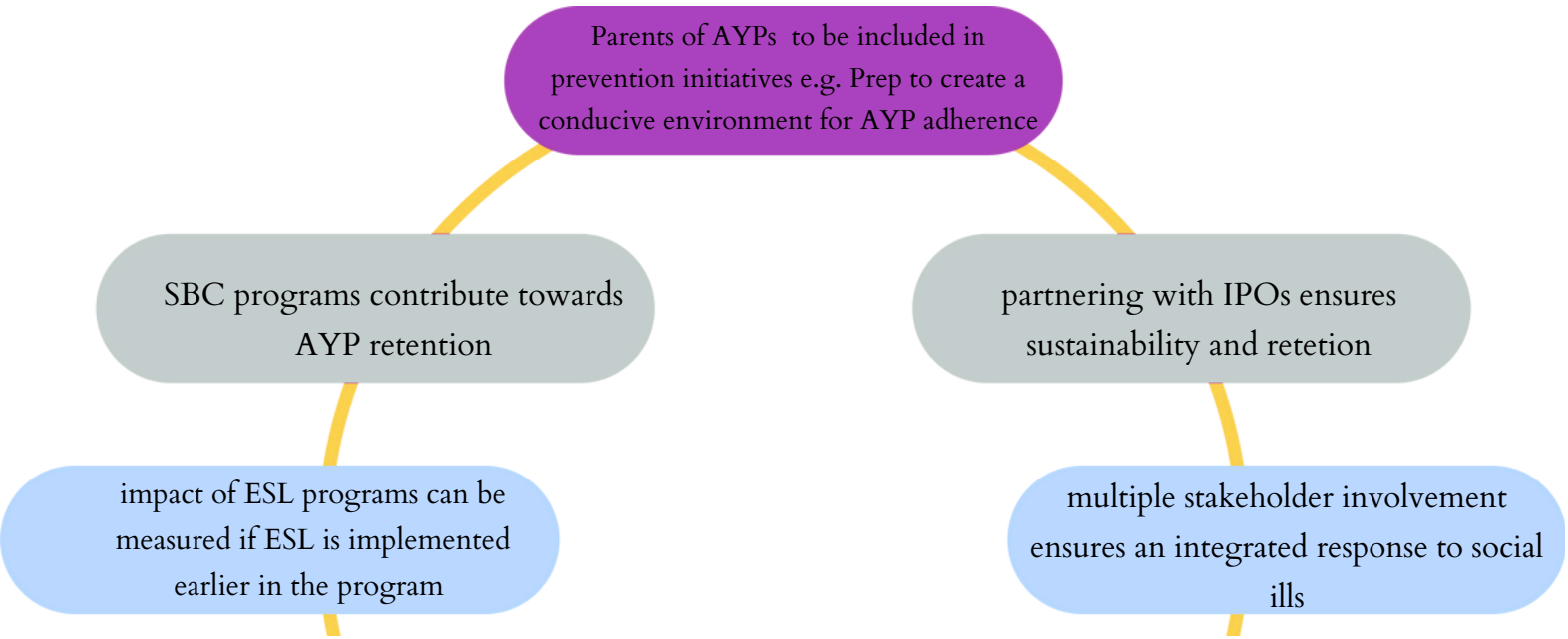
AYP Modalities

Overall achievements

- All core targets were reached
- Cohort retention was kept above 70%
- 15% of negative AYPs initiated on Prep
- Matric results improved (2022-2025)
- Best soul soulbuddyz club-award

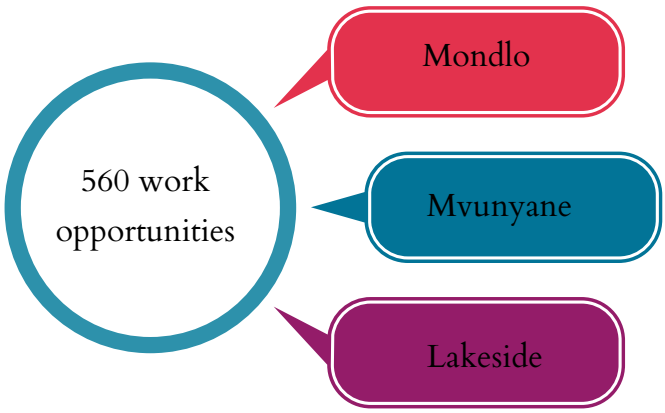
Overall achievements

- 109 AYPs assisted with access to tertiary education
- 101 AYPs successfully returned to school
- reduction in pregnancies
- AYP positivity dropped due to Prep roll out


Parents of AYPs to be included in prevention initiatives e.g. Prep to create a conducive environment for AYP adherence
SBC programs contribute towards AYP retention
partnering with IPOs ensures sustainability and retetion
impact of ESL programs can be measured if ESL is implemented earlier in the program
multiple stakeholder involvement ensures an integrated response to social ills

Mawela Community Development was selected to participate in the EPWP Non-State Sector NPO Program through the Independent Development Trust from 2022-20226. The program has 3 focus areas

Focus Area	Objectives
Gender based violence	To identify and raise awareness on the incidences of GBVF in the community. The objectives are to decrease the incidences of GBVF, identify and refer GBVF and raise awareness in the community.
Food security	To create and promote health nutrition in communities by conducting awareness programs on different methods of growing and saving food and recycling in the community.
Cleaning and maintenance of public spaces	The cleaning and maintenance of community public spaces that the community uses, like community halls and the library.





EPWP Cleaners



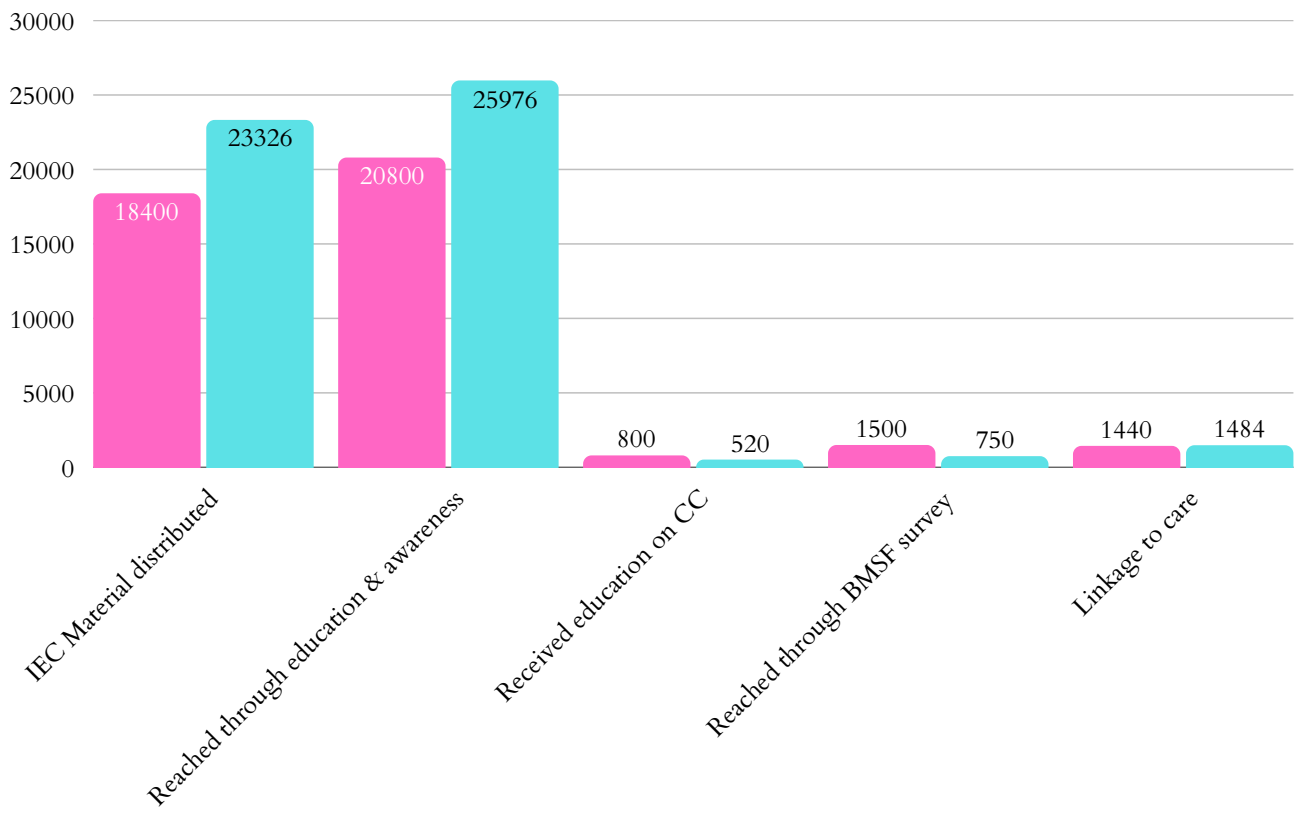
GBV awareness campaign



Plambing and skills training students

Mawela community development is committed to improving the sexual & and reproductive health of women in the societies we serve. Cervical cancer remain as one of the challenges affecting women, as part of mitigating that challenge, Mawela implemented a Cervical cancer prevention program under the Health and Systems Trust funding. The project was implemented in uLundi sub district in Zululand, supporting 6 health facilities. The aim of the project was to detect early signs of cancer among women of child bearing age and strengthen linkages to care.

CCPAC Results



Other CCPAC results

104	Community leaders engaged
45	War rooms attended
9	Community outreach events
9	Social media posts on CC
50%	members with satisfactory knowledge of CC







Awards Received

Mawela community development participated in the AYP program awards that were organized by AIDs foundation Of South Africa . The aim of the awards was to recognise and award the SRs who excelled in various program components . Mawela received awards in the 3 below categories.

- Best Performing SR-Cohort retention
- Best Performing SR- Burn rate
- Best Performing SR -In School Implementation(Secondary schools)





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