

# GETTING TO ZERO

**NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN  
ON HIV, STIs AND TB**

**2012-2016**



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



## What is the NSP?

The NSP is a framework to guide the activities of all partners whose work is relevant to HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and TB in South Africa. It provides goals and strategies for the country's response to the three diseases during the period 2012 to 2016. The NSP will guide the development of provincial strategic implementation plans as well as sector implementation plans.

## What the NSP is not

The NSP aims to focus the country on the most important interventions or activities that SANAC believes will bring about important changes in the incidence and prevalence of HIV, STIs and TB.

The NSP does not outline every intervention that must happen in South Africa to manage these diseases. It is not an operational plan. Provinces and other partners will develop their own operational plans in advance of the implementation start date of 1st April 2012. The NSP does not replace or duplicate development plans, it will work alongside them.

## Who developed the NSP?

The process of writing the NSP was guided and coordinated by the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC). SANAC represents all the national and provincial government departments, civil society organisations, trade unions, private sector bodies and faith-based organisations that are working to reverse these epidemics. SANAC structures also include the country's top researchers and experts on HIV, STIs and TB.

## What does the NSP aim to achieve by 2016?

The NSP has five goals:

- Halve the number of new HIV infections;
- Ensure that at least 80% of people who are eligible for treatment for HIV are receiving it. (At least 70% should be alive and still on treatment after five years.);
- Halve the number of new TB infections and deaths from TB;
- Ensure that the rights of people living HIV with are protected; and
- Halve stigma related to HIV and TB.

## How will these goals be reached?

The NSP has identified a number of strategic objectives that will help South Africa to reach these goals. These are:

1

Address social and structural factors that drive these epidemics, that influence their impact, and that affect the way we care for affected people.

2

Prevent new HIV, STIs and TB infections through a combination of interventions.

3

Sustain health and wellness, primarily by reducing deaths and disability from HIV, AIDS and TB.

4

Protect the human rights of people living with HIV and improve their access to justice.

## What happens next?

- Provincial AIDS Councils will co-ordinate the drafting of implementation plans that describe exactly how they will implement the four strategic objectives listed above. These plans will also cover activities that have been previously committed to and must continue. The costed implementation plans will be complete by the end of March 2012.
- Sectors represented within SANAC will work together to ensure that their work contributes to the achievement of the goals of the NSP.
- SANAC will use the NSP as a framework to coordinate and monitor this work.
- SANAC, Provincial AIDS Councils and all sectors of SANAC will cost their implementation plans.
- SANAC and the South African government, together with stakeholders and partners, will develop a plan to mobilise the funds to finance the implementation of the NSP at every level.

## How will the NSP be implemented?

The implementation of the NSP will be a combined effort of all national and provincial sectors working towards the same goals. A restructured SANAC and Secretariat will oversee the implementation of the plan by coordinating the work of SANAC members at national level. Provincial AIDS Councils will oversee the work at provincial and sub-provincial levels. Implementation will begin on April 1, 2012.



## How will progress be tracked?

A detailed plan to monitor and evaluate progress towards NSP goals will be drawn up by the Monitoring and Evaluation unit of SANAC, with input from the SANAC sectors. Implementation and measurement will be “bottom-up”. The SANAC Monitoring and Evaluation unit will produce reports based on regular input from Provinces and all sectors represented in SANAC. SANAC will review these reports regularly. At a minimum, there will be an annual monitoring report; a comprehensive evaluation report at the midpoint of the NSP and a final evaluation report at the end of the NSP. All reports will be posted on the SANAC website ([www.sanac.org.za](http://www.sanac.org.za)).

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