

ELIMINATION OF CERVICAL CANCER IN SOUTH AFRICA:
A STRATEGIC AND IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK 2026 – 2030

Progress and Game-Changers

Pillar 1: HPV Vaccination



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✔ Over 80% of girls in grade five received at least one dose of HPV vaccine annually.
- ✔ In 2024, the HPV vaccination programme expanded to include grade 5 girls in private/ independent schools.

Pillar 2A: Screening (HPV DNA Testing)



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✔ Started transitioning from cytology (LBC) to HPV primary screening.
- ✔ Some provinces introduced mass screening campaign to improve coverage.
- ✔ Screening in WLHIV was streamlined to improve early detection.

Pillar 2B: Precancer Treatment



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✔ Started the decentralization of Precancer management from tertiary hospitals to district and regional hospitals using LLETZ.
- ✔ Expanded colposcopy services to almost all regional hospitals.
- ✔ Reduced backlog for precancer treatment.

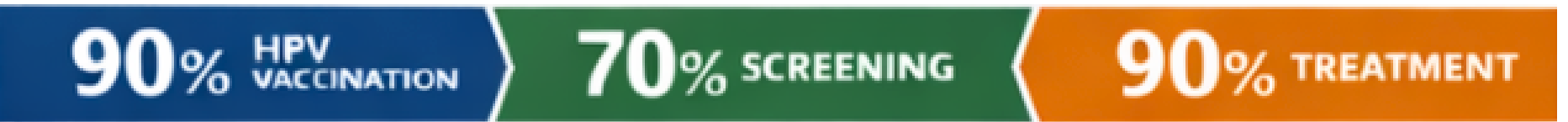
Pillar 3: Invasive Cancer Treatment



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✔ Expansion of invasive cancer treatment services
- ✔ Reduced invasive cancer treatment backlogs
- ✔ Decentralization of chemotherapy services from tertiary hospitals to regional/district hospitals

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- ✔ 90% GIRLS VACCINATED BY AGE 15
- ✔ 70% WOMEN SCREENED BY AGE 25 - 55
- ✔ 90% WOMEN WITH PRE-CERVICAL CANCER TREATED
- ✔ 90% WOMEN WITH INVASIVE CANCER TREATED

ENABLERS FOR ACCELERATION



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Multi-sectoral collaboration and accountability



EQUITABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS

Outreach and mobile service for hard-to-reach communities



INTEGRATED DATA SYSTEMS

Initiated results for action dashboard to track and follow patients to reduce loss to follow up



WORKFORCE AND LAB INVESTMENT

80% saturation of PHC providers trained on sample collection to improve adequacy rate

STRATEGIC PHASE FOCUS

Phase 1
Acceleration

2026/27 - 2027/28

- ✔ Scale-up & reach 90-70-90 Targets

Phase 2
Stabilisation

2028/29

- ✔ Maintain coverage & follow-up

Phase 3
Sustainability

2029/30

- ✔ Institutionalise & sustain gains