

MASOYISE HEALTH PROGRAMME: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The objective of the communications strategy is to support the work done by the Masoyise iTB Project, ensuring that we achieve the key targets of educating both mine employees and surrounding communities about ways to prevent and treat HIV and TB and to ultimately eliminate them.

2018 was a success for Masoyise's communications. We continued with the theme "know your rights and responsibilities" to reinforce existing educational messaging and to remind people of their rights and responsibilities in the workplace when it comes to TB and HIV. A pocket-sized leaflet was produced to assist peer educators and health advisors at the mines and mine clinics on educating both employees and community members about their rights.

Key achievements for the programme include the following:

Expansion of the project into a programme

The Masoyise iTB Project, which was meant to run until the end of 2018 was extended and the Masoyise Health Programme was approved by the Minerals Council Board in November 2019 as a three-year programme that will run till the end of 2021. The programme has a wider focus beyond TB and HIV. It has adopted a wellness approach that incorporates non-communicable diseases and occupational lung diseases.

The Eastern Cape Pledge

The pledge made by Mr Sangqu on December 2017 at the World AIDS Day celebration in the Eastern Cape to support the province with health screening was implemented. The South African Business Coalition for Health and AIDS (SABCOHA) conducted the screening between March and May 2018.

The campaign was a success with a total of 7,500 people in deep rural areas screened. A 7.9% HIV positivity rate was found; while 3,150 people needed further screening for TB, with 1,009 of these having partners in the mines.

• The UNAIDS Programme Committee Board (PCB) meeting

The communications team attended the UN High-Level meeting in September as part of the support it gives to the programme. The experiences of the mining industry with Masoyise iTB and its success in reducing TB and HIV were showcased at the meeting.

Masoyise iTB hosted a delegation from the UNAIDS Programme Committee Board (PCB), with representatives from across the world. The objective of the meeting was to understand the national AIDS response in South Africa, with particular reference to the mining sector, the role of communities and sustainability. These are issues which were discussed at the PCB meeting in December 2018.

Mr Andile Sangqu (Masoyise chairperson) and Dr Catherine Sozi (UNAIDS Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa) chaired the meeting, with the opening done by Ms Shi Ying (Deputy Director Bureau of Diseases Control and Prevention National Health Commission, China & PCB Deputy Chair). The meeting was attended by representatives of the Masoyise working group committee which includes industry, organised labour and government.

Representing the mining industry, Drs Charles Mbekeni and Peter Mothapo from Anglo American and Dr Jameson Malemela from Sibanye Stillwater delivered presentations on the strategies for health and wellness in their companies. Anglo American had achieved massive declines in TB incidence due to ART programmes, while Sibanye Stillwater presented their findings on an HIV self-screening pilot.

From organised labour, Mr Matthew Grant from The Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union of Mineworkers (AMCU) and Mr Mziwakhe Nhlapo from The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) shared some of the successful campaigns they have held in

collaboration with both mining companies and government, what challenges remain and what noticeable improvements they have seen on the ground.

Dr Barry Kistnasamy from the National Department of Health gave an overview of the efforts made by government to fight HIV/AIDS and the growing TB pandemic. He explained the importance of prevention and highlighted some of government's collaborative campaigns with the private sector. As a concluding point, Dr Kistnasamy appealed to the PCB board and its stakeholders to continue working on improving tolerable dust occupational exposure levels in South Africa, aligning them with those of other countries so that silicosis and TB can be eliminated by 2025.



UNAIDS PCB DELEGATES MEETING



BANNERWALL FOR THE PCB MEETING

The key achievements for the Masoyise's communications strategy include:

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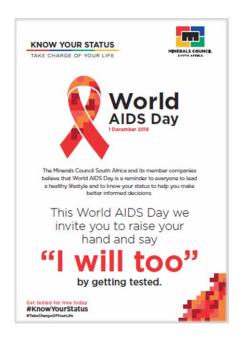
A comprehensive set of SMSs were produced and shared with mining companies. These SMSs aimed to educate employees about TB, how to prevent it and how to manage it.



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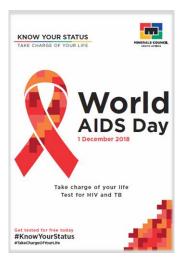
World AIDS Day

An extensive social media campaign which was translated into five African languages was conducted on the Minerals Council's Facebook page. The campaign was supplemented by posters which were produced and distributed to various mining companies to ensure that employees without social media exposure also receive the messaging.

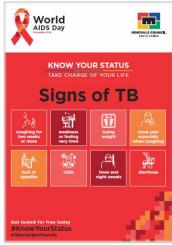




WORLD AIDS DAY FLYER







WORLD AIDS POSTER



HR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

SA TB conference parallel session and HR newsletter article

The communications team assisted in putting together a parallel session under the theme "MINING INDUSTRY – Reinforcing the Multisectoral Response to TB and HIV", which was hosted on the side-lines of the SA TB conference held in June 2018 in Durban. Invitations, an agenda and a post session report were produced.

An HR newsletter article covering the SA TB parallel session and the conference itself was also written and published.



INVITATION

POST CAMPAIGN REPORT





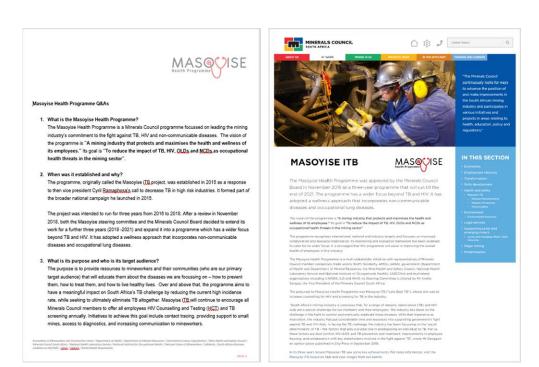
Images of parallel session attendees

• Masoyise's rebranding

The Masoyise iTB Project, which came to an end in December 2018 was extended and renamed Masoyise Health Programme. The communications team developed new collateral for the rebranding such as a new logo and letterheads. The team will work on the animated Masoyise character as part of the rebranding.

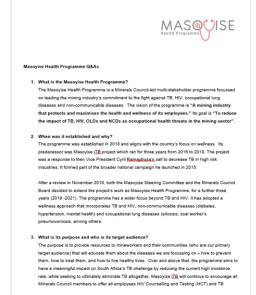


New Masoyise logo



Letterhead

Website



Masoyise Q&As

Challenges

The biggest challenge the project was faced with was spreading the Masoyise messaging to wider audiences. Communications executives have since been further involved in the dissemination of the work done in the project to allow more awareness of the work we do.

Conclusion

2018 was the last year of the Masoyise iTB project and it had achieved a lot; a lot of learnings were encountered in the process. Challenges were met and solutions devised to overcome them. Masoyise iTB has come to be a great example for the industry and for individual mining companies. The new Programme brings with it a larger focus on the fight against TB and HIV.