Our Programmes

**Nutrition**

The Nutrition programme at Etafeni aims to contribute towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, while reducing child-throw mortality. It does so by improving the nutritional status and health of vulnerable children under the age of six years, and providing nutritional support to severely malnourished HIV- or TB-infected adults. Home visits are made to families who are too incapacitated to attend the clinic sessions.

**Breastfeeding**

Etafeni's Nutrition programme was extended to provide education and support to breastfeeding mothers at Midwife Obstetric Units (MOUs), where pregnant mothers also have the opportunity to find out their HIV status. Our five breastfeeding peer counsellors promote exclusive breastfeeding by introducing breastfeeding to pregnant mothers, educating them on the benefits of breastfeeding and running practice sessions. Mothers with infants who are not breastfeeding come every two weeks and receive nutritional powdered milk.

**Lay counsellors**

The Lay Counselling programme, which is fully supported by the Department of Health, employs two coordinators and 26 trained counsellors who work as a team with staff at eight different township clinics. All counsellors are qualified to teach about, test for and counsel clients regarding HIV; some are trained to provide similar services to people with TB – and yet others are deployed in the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme. The counsellors are supported in their work by 44 community care workers who do home visits.

**Families Matter!**

This is an HIV-prevention programme for parents, guardians and primary caregivers of pre-adolescents aged between 9 to 12 years. It was based on the realisation that children face many challenges that can prevent them from being successful in life, including pre-adolescent sex promoted through messages about sex in songs, movies and magazines. The main aim of the programme is to enhance positive parenting practices associated with reduced sexual risk among adolescents and promote parent-child communication about sexuality and sexual risk reduction.

**Social Work**

Etafeni’s long-term aim is to entrench a rights-based, safe and supportive environment for children 3 to 18 years of age living in Nyanga who are victims of abuse or neglect or are at risk, as well as to promote a compassionate society in which children are valued, nurtured, protected, cared for and supported to achieve their full potential. We employ two full-time social workers and two full-time auxiliary social workers, who help Etafeni’s clients access grants and submit applications for identity documents and birth certificates. Children are referred to us by the Wynberg Magistrate’s Court and Nyanga South African Police Service (SAPS), as well as the other programmes at Etafeni.

**Mobile VCT (Voluntary Counselling and Testing)**

In partnership with the Deonord Tutu TB Centre at the University of Stellenbosch, the Etafeni COMAPP team of two nurses and four counsellors runs a mobile Wellness Centre in the community. Services provided include HIV counselling and testing, testing for linked sugar and blood pressure, height and weight measurements, BMI calculations, and reproductive health services such as family planning and pap smears.

**Food garden**

The food garden forms an important part of the facilities at our multi-purpose centre. It generates a substantial amount of the fresh produce used by the kitchen for the beneficiaries – the preschool, after-school and income generation programmes, as well as for some AIDS-affected households. We grow a variety of vegetables including cabbages, carrots, spinach, beetroot, eggplants, pumpkins, onions, and turnips, as well as herbs, which are used to produce over 250 healthy meals daily.

**Greening Nyanga**

The Greening of Nyanga project encourages community members to keep the environment clean and green, plant trees and establish home vegetable gardens. Five Greening Nyanga interns are at work, turning a ‘nuisance plot’ across from the Etafeni Centre into a community park. Various partners, including City Parks, the City’s Sustainable Living Department, the Department of Agriculture, St Bernard’s and St Ignatius’ parishes and other Greening partners, work with Etafeni to develop infrastructure and supply trees, gardening tools, soil, compost and a variety of vegetable seedlings for each small garden.
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### Our Programmes

#### ECD (Early Childhood Development Centre)

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**Fit for Life, Fit for Work**

Fit for Life, Fit for Work, an adapted version of the Fit for Life, Fit for Work Programme, offers life skills and maths and accountancy support to Grade 9 and 10 learners. An additional component encourages participants to establish small businesses.

### Our Vision

A flourishing community in Nyanga (Ukuphuhlisa abahlali base Nyanga)

### Our Mission

To use relevant programmes to promote wellbeing, break the cycle of poverty, and create positive change in Nyanga (Sisebenzisane kunye kwinqubozethu ukuze siphucule kanye ukulwa ne ndlala, khone ukuze kaphandile imilo skhanya nimo sawu Nyanga)

### Our Core Values

- Excellence – aliphuzulu | Love – thando
- Strength – amandla | Education – funeka
- Work – amandeni | Light – moya-iqempelilo
- Transformation – ihle

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Over 100 HIV positive women are employed in the income generation programme to learn skills – beadwork, sewing, smocking and quilting. They produce a range of products that are sold in an on-site shop and other outlets in Cape Town, as well as internationally.