

ACCESS EQUITY RIGHTS NOW

This month the International AIDS Conference returns to Durban. Over eighteen thousand people from around the world including one thousand journalists will be descending on Durban. The conference will focus on access, equity and rights – all the things that we Amaqhawe advocate for each day.

This special edition highlights the announcement of PrEP for sex workers (pg 1) and the launch of the South African National Sex Worker HIV Plan (pg 22). These are major milestones and world-firsts of which we can be proud. Let us protect our health and also encourage our Amaqhawe Sistaz to take up these services because it is part of our health rights (pg 8). More work is still to be done on moving towards legal reform in order to minimise the dangers involved where sex work goes unmonitored and unregulated, but we have shared some useful tips on how Amaqhawe can stay safe on the job (both 'house call' and 'ngiyakubona chommy'). While busy working don't forget to take care of your body by eating right (pg 12) and keep your skin glowing during this winter (pg 6).

The journey to access, equity and rights is a long one but we are moving in the right direction. Let us come together and unite as we define the next legacy we want to achieve.

Until next time,

Constance ♡

Editor

