



Caring for South Africans With AIDS

Thandiswa Priscilla Stokwe, Dunoon Community Leader

In the Dunoon community, we've got over 100,000 people. More than 50 percent are suffering from HIV and AIDS. In South Africa, 750 people are dying every day.

Haymish Paulse, Cape Town Refinery

When the community leaders approached us at our community advisory panel about the urgent need to provide assistance to those living with HIV and AIDS in this community, Chevron, together with the Department of Social Development, Heavenly Promise and the community leaders, collaborated to establish the Dunoon Community Home-Based Care Center.

Enid Sithole, Chairperson, Heavenly Promise Nonprofit Organization

Chevron gave us support in the project. They provided us with a soup facility. They provided us with project management skills. The project management is so important because it helps us in our skills to run the project properly, the way it should be done.

Andile Peter, Dunoon Community Leader

The community themselves, they take ownership of the center. In other words, the center belongs to them. They're very proud of the center. And one of the highlights of this center – this center is being led by women. One of our national mandates in South Africa is to empower women, is to put women in leadership positions so that at the end of the day they can feel that they are part and parcel of the change that is happening in our country.

Lindelwa Mdovu, Home-Based Caregiver, Dunoon HCBC Center

I am Lindelwa Mdovu. I'm a home-based caregiver at the Dunoon HCBC Center. We're preparing meals, and we go out into the community to provide care and support to the homebound AIDS patients.

Ntombekaya Gloria Gqobo, Dunoon Community Leader

Our caregivers are the people that they are looking after those who are sick at home, who cannot go to the clinic.

Lindelwa Mdovu

The training I have received has helped me so much to give them care and support so that they can be more comfortable. We talk to them, make them feel strong, tell them that it's not the end of the world.

Bulelwe Njingala, AIDS Patient

I'm happy because always I know every day I'm going to have soup, you see. Because sometimes you don't have electricity. So when I have soup, then I have food.

Lindelwa Mdovu

They talk to us, tell us, "After you came, when I saw you, I get better. I get power. I get energy." That's where they get energy from. They get energy from us. We are visiting 150 patients per week. And these numbers of patients will grow as more caregivers are brought on staff.

Enid Sithole

There is definitely hope for the future. It's always about you wanting to make it happen.

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