

## BLM LOCAL AIDS COUNCIL RELAUNCHED

The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga accepted her appointment letter as new chairperson of the Blouberg Local Aids Council.

The joint launch of Aids Councils for Capricorn District Municipality and its local municipalities was held at Jack Botes Hall in Polokwane.

Blouberg Local Municipality is committed to achieving an HIV free generation as well as offering quality support to all residents that are affected or infected with HIV/AIDS. The Council will conduct campaigns that will educate the community on ways to prevent the spread of HIV and TB.

The Keynote speaker on the day, Limpopo Health MEC, Dr Phophi Ramathuba commended the municipalities for launching their Aids Councils which will play a pivotal role in promoting HIV/AIDS/STI/TB(HAST) awareness in communities.

The Blouberg Local Aids Council is made up of representatives from relevant national and provincial departments,

community structures; Youth, Older Persons, Disability Council, Women, Men, Children, People Living With HIV, Faith Based Organizations, LGBTQI and sex workers among others.

The Local Aids Council's will assist the Blouberg Local Municipality to better understand the challenges faced by people that are affected and infected with the virus, play an advisory role to the municipality on policy and implementation of HAST programmes. The Council's will also be responsible for collect ward-level data on HIV that will help inform the provincial and national councils.



