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Linking with Integrated Development Plans

As stated above, the district health plans are rolling three-year plans that are prepared each year. Each IDP, however, covers a five-year period and is only done once every five years. It is updated each year, but the five-year period remains the same.

An IDP is multi-sectoral, and includes education, social services and health. The health priorities selected for a district health plan and an IDP should be the same, since provincial and municipal managers should determine these priorities together. However, while a district health plan must cover all health objectives, including both PHC and district hospital elements, the municipalities in the district may only select a few of these for implementation by them. For example, only one priority from the district health plan was included in the Ukhahlamba Municipality's IDP, which was to implement the full PHC Package of services. The type of detail included in the Ukhahlamba IDP health project is shown in Figure 3.

- ✓ The goal is to implement the full PHC Package at all health facilities in the district by March 2004.
- ✓ The outputs are:
 - All elements of the defined PHC package delivered to defined standards at all health facilities in each municipality
 - Gaps and shortfalls in the provision of services identified, monitored and progressively eliminated
 - Integrated programmes implemented for HIV/AIDS and other priorities
- ✓ The outcomes are that *“All people living in each municipality have easy access to a wide range of high quality PHC services and, through appropriate referral, also to relevant secondary and tertiary health care services.”*
- ✓ Responsibilities are:
 - National Department of Health (DOH) to provide booklets listing PHC package and associated norms and standards.
 - Additional support from European Union funded project and from The EQUITY Project.
 - Electricity company to help ensure reliable supply of electricity to all facilities.
 - Provincial DOH to staff, equip and run all provincial PHC services and, in consultation with municipalities, to upgrade services to meet required standards.
 - Provincial Departments (Education etc.) and Local Government to provide support for different elements of package.
 - District to provide basic Municipal Health Services component of package, and to ensure water, sanitation, electricity and access roads.

Figure 3. Ukhahlamba IDP health project