

## **INTRODUCTION**

His Majesty's Correctional Services Health Care Services provides quality health care to offenders, officers, their families and the community in an effort to have a healthy nation. A healthy nation will therefore have the physical capacity to develop itself thus unlocking trade opportunities for economic growth.

His Majesty's Correctional Services has clinics in all the twelve Centres. These Centres provide quality Health Care Services free of charge to all clientele. Correctional Services' clinics have qualified nurses that provide comprehensive health care and wellness programmes. These programmes include curative services; screening and treatment of various health ailments, referrals to other health care facilities for complicated ailments, TB screening and TB treatment services, HIV testing and counselling services, Antiretroviral treatment services and treatment of non-communicable diseases like Diabetes Mellitus, hypertension, and mental health services.

The department also has two medical practitioners assisting inmates in various illnesses and facilitates referral services where necessary.

This personnel is based at strategic places in the department and they provide scheduled medical care to the Correctional Centres periodically.

## **MISSION**

The Mission of His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Health Care Services is to render comprehensive health care services to offenders, officers, and community members.

## **VISION**

To render holistic health care service in curative, prevention and pandemic.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- ❖ To provide high quality care and maintain a high level of professionalism.

- ❖ To reduce morbidity and mortality rate through the utilization of health care components strategies.
- ❖ To provide effective infection control strategies
- ❖ To encourage and support those living with threatening conditions to live better and prolonged life.
- ❖ To improve the standard of nursing care

## **SERVICES RENDERED**

To provide comprehensive health care services to offenders, officers and community members.

1. HEALTH EDUCATION- Correctional Health Care Services medical personnel comprising nurses, expert clients, peer educators, psychologists and nutritionists provide periodic health education sessions and information sharing on various health topics.
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3. SCREENING- Conducting head to toe physical assessment of offenders on admission and clients when visiting Correctional Services Health Care facilities.
4. TREATMENT- assessment, diagnosis, treatment of offenders, officers and members of the community.
5. HIV AND AIDS CARE AND SUPPORT- Provide initiated and voluntary HIV testing, counselling, Pre-Art and ART services to offenders, officers and community members.
6. HOME BASED CARE SERVICES- provide home based care to offenders, officers and other members of the public.
7. NATIONAL DUTIES- Provision of primary health care services to the public during national events like, Buganu festival, Umhlanga and Incwala to name but a few.

8. PROMPT REFERRAL OF OFFENDERS TO RELEVANT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES-  
Referral of major cases to relevant hospitals and linkages of offenders to nearest health facilities on release.