UNAIDS implemented an ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS epidemic known as 90-90-90. Its aim is that by 2020, 90 per cent of all people living with HIV will know their status, 90 per cent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained anti-retroviral therapy and 90 per cent of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Sasol has used these targets to measure its own progress on reducing the impact of AIDS on its workforce. Our HIV/AIDS programme is based on prevention through awareness, education (World AIDS Day campaign), access to testing, counselling and treatment. We also provide support services to HIV positive employees, service providers and their families.

How Sasol meets the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets

FIRST TARGET: 90 percent of people should be tested for HIV in any given population  
Achieved: tested  
88%

SECOND TARGET: 90 percent of people that have tested positive for HIV should be on treatment  
Achieved: of people on therapy  
96%

THIRD TARGET: 90 percent of people who are HIV positive, and on therapy, should have a suppressed viral load  
Achieved: of people on therapy with a suppressed viral load  
88%
Managing other health issues

Employees and service providers are also regularly screened for diabetes, hyperlipidaemia and hypertension. Where employees are diagnosed with more than one of the above chronic diseases, they are enrolled on the high-risk beneficiary programme run by Sasolmed. This programme aims to manage high-risk employees effectively to ensure that hospitalisation is avoided where possible, or limited, to help employees to be at work and make a positive contribution to Sasol.

Sasolmed has a contract with Document Based Care (DBC), which specialises in back and neck rehabilitation. The purpose of this programme is to treat employees conservatively, in order to avoid spinal surgery as far as possible.

As part of our holistic approach to wellness, we also offer short-term counselling sessions to assist employees with mental health and stress-related issues. Our OME’s Human Resources (HR) and Line Managers are trained to manage sick leave and absence without leave to an acceptable level, compared to an internationally accepted benchmark, by monitoring trends and identifying employees that need to be managed through implementation of the Sasol work incapacity policy. The absenteeism rate for 2018 was 3.7% compared to 3.3% for 2017.

We also offer financial wellbeing assistance as we recognise the correlation between financial health and stress-related health issues. Through this programme, employees are provided with opportunities for financial education to make informed financial decisions.

The impact of our health and wellbeing programmes

We enable a healthy workforce that is fit-for work and able to work safely and productively throughout their careers at Sasol. Through our various programmes, we focus on fostering the health and wellbeing of our employees. As such we invest in multiple programmes to deliver on this objective, with the following outcomes achieved in 2018:

Occupational disease

Number of statutory reported occupational diseases, down to 29 from 39 in 2017.

Improved occupational incident rate (ODIR) to 0.03 from 0.045 in 2017.

Disease management

**8 196**

Employees and service providers screened for HIV/AIDS compared to 7 806 in 2017.

**18 903**

Employees were screened for hypertension compared to 12 447 in 2017.

**17 464**

Employees screened for cholesterol compared to 5 690 in 2017.

**18 166**

Employees screened for diabetes compared to 4 822 in 2017.

**333**

Employees attended a dbc clinic compared to 166 in 2017.

Our financial wellbeing programmes

Following the affordability survey that was done across our South African-based OMEs, it was determined that our bargaining unit monthly salaried personnel (MSP) employees are highly indebted with morale negatively impacted as a result. Against this backdrop, specific interventions had to be implemented, including the contracting of SUMMIT to help our employees with debt consolidation. The quantitative extract below depicts progress made thus far in regards to financial management challenges being experienced by our employees:

**9 160**

Employees attended financial wellbeing sessions.

**7 821**

Employees made use of financial advice and debt counselling sessions.