

Province of the  
**Northern Cape**  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY



PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL

## FOREWORD

It goes without saying that the Coronavirus pandemic has marked a turning point in many of our lives. As a Province we had to adapt to the many changes that came about as a result of this invisible enemy. The conditions that came with the lockdown left many of our vulnerable and poor people around the province in a dire state, which warranted a response from Government.

Our COVID-19 response plan as the Northern Cape province is based on providing a complete health response, ensuring food security, putting in place enforcement and compliance measures and mobilizing sectors in an effort to have a social solidarity partnership that would include providing water, soap, sanitizers and food relief to the many destitute in our province.

We have as a Province managed to build relationships with numerous individuals and organizations who have assisted Provincial Government in the fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic. In the past few weeks we have seen generous partners in the private sector as well as private individuals coming forth and donating PPE's and food relief to our communities. An amount of R4.3 million was allocated by the Province for the COVID-19 Relief Fund for the Arts and Culture sector as well as the Sport and Recreation sector. This is but just a few ways in which we, as Government are trying to cushion our people against the devastating effects of the Coronavirus.

It has been particularly concerning that since the country entered into lockdown, we have, as a province, seen an increase in the prevalence of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Women across the length and breadth of our province are victims of many forms of abuse at the hands of men in our society on a daily basis. During the weekend we laid to rest a 26-year-old woman who was killed by a former partner in Hartswater, in the Phokwane Municipality, as well as a 28-year-old woman who was found hanging from a rafter in her shanty in Wrenchville, Kuruman. As the Provincial Government we send our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of these young women.

We have entered a phase in this new lockdown that has seen the sale of alcohol being permitted, which calls on more vigilance from our security cluster as well as our communities. We need to adopt the culture of being each others' keepers in this fight against GBV. It is in this way that we can together, protect the most vulnerable in our societies.

I call upon the people of this Province to observe the COVID-19 regulations as outlined, ensuring that we take responsibility for our health and that of the next person, by wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, washing your hands regularly with soap and water or sanitizing as frequently as possible and most importantly, staying at home.

I trust that you will enjoy the first publication of Northern Cape Government Weekly. With this publication we aim to share with you the many efforts of our Provincial Government in our quest to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Northern Cape.





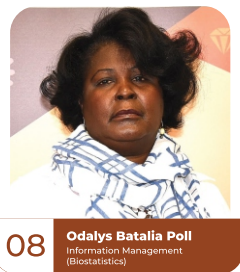


## TRACKING OUR CUBAN DOCTORS

The Premier, Dr Zamani Saul together with the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for Health in the Northern Cape, Ms Mase Manopole, on the 18th May 2020, welcomed 11 Cuban doctors to the Province. The 11 Cuban doctors are part of the Cuban Brigade of medical experts who have been brought into the country to assist in the ongoing fight against the global Coronavirus pandemic.

After undergoing a week long orientation the doctors have been deployed to the different Districts as follows;

**Alenna Zayas Banteurt - Frances Baard District Office**  
**Benilde Torres - John Taolo Gaetsewe District**  
**Daniel Cabrera Arteaga - ZF Mgcawu District Office**  
**Daniel Cambara Santiesteban - Namakwa District Office**  
**Darami Sanchez Sandchez - John Taolo Gaetsewe District Office**  
**Eliecer Matos Reyes - Pixley Ka Seme District Office**  
**Ledian Barbaro Bekker Bianco - Frances Baard District Office**  
**Odalys Batalia Poll - Northern Cape Provincial Office**  
**Pablo Rafael Sanchez Pina - Northern Cape Provincial Office**  
**Rafael Enrique Cedeno - Northern Cape Provincial Office**  
**Roy Roderiguez Salado - Northern Cape Provincial Office**



These doctors join the many medical professionals who are working in the frontline ensuring that we stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

## MEC MARUPING LEKWENE AND MEC BENTLEY VASS APPOINTED AS ACTING MEC's FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT ARTS AND CULTURE RESPECTIVELY

Following the resignation of two Members of the Executive Council, Ms Martha Bartlett and Ms Bernice Sineve in the portfolios, Social Development and Sports Arts and Culture, the Premier Dr Zamani Saul, has appointed MEC Maruping Lekwene as the acting MEC for Social Development and MEC Bentley Vass as the acting MEC for the Department of Sports Arts and Culture.

Both portfolios are not only critical towards the building of a Modern, Growing and Successful Province, but are also critical in ensuring that we advance the ongoing fight against poverty in our communities.

The Premier, Dr Zamani Saul, has called on stakeholders in both departments to provide the MEC's with the necessary support in an effort to continue delivering uninterrupted services to the people of this Province.

## COVID-19

South Africa remains at Lockdown Level three, but additional sectors of our economy will now be allowed to reopen - as long as strict measures are in place to ensure physical distancing & personal hygiene **#COVID19**



**STAY HOME  
STAY SAFE**

LET'S STOP  
CORONAVIRUS

**CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE:**  
0800 029 999





## PREMIER DR ZAMANI SAUL TO TAKE PART IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION AT THE INAUGURAL SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Premier, Dr Zamani Saul, is joining premiers' from across the country in the Presidential round-table discussion at the Inaugural Sustainable infrastructure Development Symposium of South Africa (SIDSSA).

The SIDSSA will feature an in-depth debate on the latest developments around finance, sustainable infrastructure and the impact of the new technology before delving more deeply into sectors, including; energy, cities and transport, with case studies showcasing ground-breaking projects, advanced technologies and emerging funding structures.

A key feature at the symposium will be the Marketplace, a networking platform for leaders in infrastructure to pitch their ideas, projects or solutions to stakeholders across the value chain.



### GBV CONTACT DETAILS

Know and share these contact details:

GBV Command Centre:

0800 428 428 / \*120\*7867# from any cell phone

Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531

Women Abuse Helpline:

0800 150 150

Child Line:

0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop:

0860 10111

GBVF-Related Service Complaints (SAPS):

0800 333 177/complaintsnodalpoint@saps.gov.za

National AIDS Helpline:

0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline:

0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline:

0800 567 567

National Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int>



### ENHANCED LEVEL 3

The country remains in level three and it is important to ensure that as responsible citizens we abide by all level three lockdown regulations. The regulations have been put in place to ensure that we stop the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic which has introduced a new normal in our lives. Abiding by the hygiene protocols as set by the World Health Organisation is now more important now than ever before. The President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, has in his address to the nation last week introduced a more enhanced lockdown level three which, this saw the relaxing of more level three regulations, ensuring that we further open the economy.

**Level three still maintains that citizens need to stay home and stay safe at all times except to:**

- Exercise between 06h00 and 18h00 and not in groups
- Move children between homes, where permitted
- Attend a place of worship
- Purchase goods or obtain services that are allowed at level three
- Attend a school or institution
- Travel to and from work

**The following activities are allowed at level three with strict health protocols in place:**

- Restaurants for sit down meals with limited capacity
- Personal care services, including hairdressers
- Conferences for work purposes
- Commercially licensed accommodation (but not home sharing services)
- Cinemas, theatres and casinos, with limited capacity
- Non-contact sports, including golf and tennis

