

## **North West Government Join Forces With Private Sector To Acknowledge Frontline Workers**

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The Department of Health (DoH) has joined forces with SANLAM, an insurance broker and investment company, to acknowledge the contribution and hard work of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. In a string of events which started early in April, SANLAM together with the North West (NW) provincial DoH are visiting health centres in the province 'to encourage staff members and bolster staff morale'.

The team, comprising of senior staff members from SANLAM and the Department of Health, visited Hebron Clinic in the North West on 14 April to 'personally deliver words of encouragement' from the provincial leadership of the Department to staff at the clinic. During this visit staff members were handed gold plated medals and pens as token of appreciation.

A senior staff member from the DoH said; "we are on a roadshow to bolster morale amongst our staff. We know it has been hard with COVID-19 to stay focused but we appreciate the work you are doing as health workers. We appreciate your resilience and resolve in providing quality healthcare to our communities."

One Community Healthcare Worker who was interviewed said; "We appreciate the gesture from SANLAM and our employer but we can do with money in the bank".

As the roadshow continues we hope the North West government will do more to honour it's employees by implementing the 2018 court ruling to its fullest which asserts that CHWs in the public sector are fully fledged employees of the government, and must receive all the recognition and benefits that come with that.

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