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Media Statement

20 February 2021

As of today the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **1 502 367**.

| Province | Total cases for 20 February 2021 | Percentage total |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Eastern Cape | 193637 | 12,9 |
| Free State | 79313 | 5,3 |
| Gauteng | 401632 | 26,7 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 326703 | 21,7 |
| Limpopo | 61370 | 4,1 |
| Mpumalanga | 70011 | 4,7 |
| North West | 60214 | 4,0 |
| Northern Cape | 33504 | 2,2 |
| Western Cape | 275983 | 18,4 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0,0 |
| Total | 1502367 | 100,0 |

The cumulative total of tests conducted to date is **8 867 659** with **28 722** new tests recorded since the last report.

| Sector | Total tested | | New tested | |
|--------------|------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| PRIVATE | 4 994 615 | 56% | 15 608 | 54% |
| PUBLIC | 3 873 044 | 44% | 13 114 | 46% |
| Total | 8 867 659 | | 28 722 | |

Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, a further **81** COVID-19 related deaths have been reported: Eastern Cape 3, Free State 5, Gauteng 29, Kwa-Zulu Natal 23, Limpopo 0, Mpumalanga 6, North West 0, Northern Cape 0 and Western Cape 15 which brings the **total to 48 940 deaths**

We convey our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the health care workers who treated the deceased patients.

Our recoveries now stand at **1 409 553**, representing a recovery rate of 93,8%

| Province | Total Deaths | Total Recoveries | Active Cases |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Eastern Cape | 11204 | 181 771 | 662 |
| Free State | 3065 | 69 285 | 6 963 |
| Gauteng | 9464 | 387 377 | 4 791 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 9463 | 302 698 | 14 542 |
| Limpopo | 1785 | 58 377 | 1 208 |
| Mpumalanga | 1227 | 67 174 | 1 610 |
| North West | 1057 | 54 817 | 4 340 |
| Northern Cape | 650 | 30 071 | 2 783 |
| Western Cape | 11025 | 257 983 | 6 975 |
| Total | 48 940 | 1 409 553 | 43 874 |

Vaccination Rollout

The number of health care workers vaccinated under the Sisonke Protocol is **10 414** as of 6 pm 20 February 2021.

Dr. Zwelini Mkhize
Minister of Health
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