

## Media Statement

### BOGUS PRACTITIONER ARRESTED IN JOHANNESBURG

**22 September 2023**

**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The sustained crackdown on bogus and unregistered healthcare practitioners by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) continues to bear fruit as the Inspectorate Office brings more perpetrators to book.

In the latest joint operation with the South African Police Service (SAPS) the HPCSA's Inspectorate Office conducted an inspection at a medical practice in Northriding, Johannesburg. It was found that Ms Nicola Kitsisi Seya, a Congolese national, has been practising as a locum for Dr Nalumango whilst not registered with Council.

Ms Seya was arrested for contravening the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. She was detained at Douglasdale SAPS under CAS: 308/09/2023 and she is due to appear in court. Dr Nalumango is registered with Council and will be reported to the Medical and Dental Board for employing an unregistered person.

The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and encourages community members to be cautious of bogus practitioners and report them to the authorities. Registered practitioners must refrain from employing unregistered persons as this puts the health and lives of the public at risk. Practising whilst not registered with Council is also a criminal offense.

Members of the public can verify a practitioner's status by calling the HPCSA Call Centre on 012 338 9300/1

**END**

## **About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council, is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

---

### **Issued by:**

Christopher Tsatsawane

Head of Division: Corporate Affairs

Health Professions Council of South Africa

Cell: 082 803 1600

Email: [ChristopherT@hpcsa.co.za](mailto:ChristopherT@hpcsa.co.za)