

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **UNREGISTERED PERSON ARRESTED FOR PRACTISING ILLEGALLY**

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**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) continues to uphold its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions through re-enforced efforts of combating unregistered persons for illegally practising in the healthcare profession.

The Inspectorate Office under the ambit of the HPCSA conducted a joint operation with the National Crime Intelligence and the Diepkloof South African Police Service (SAPS) at the Dental Therapy practice of Mr Alfred Partick Mosiwa in Diepkloof Zone 6. During the inspection, the team found Ms Sunganani Misoyah (a Malawi national) practising as a Dental Assistant whilst not registered with Council. Ms Misoyah indicated that she had been employed at Mr Mosiwa's practice for the past four months and she had no qualifications nor experience as a Dental Assistant.

Ms Misoyah was arrested and taken into custody at the Diepkloof SAPS.

The HPCSA is committed to ensuring that illegal healthcare practitioners do not practise and put the lives of the public at risk. Council is requesting registered healthcare practitioners to refrain from employing unregistered healthcare practitioners and those who are not registered to practise the profession. Council should also ensure that they verify the status of the healthcare practitioners with the HPCSA before any employment is undertaken. It is the responsibility of Council to ensure that it protects the public and therefore request the public to continue to notify Council of illegal practices.

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## **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.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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