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**Media Statement**

**LOCUM PRACTITIONER ARRESTED**

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**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is unwavering in its commitment of protecting the public and guiding the professions as it safeguards the South African citizens against bogus practitioners.

On Tuesday, 22 June 2021 the HPCSA's Inspectorate Office in conjunction with members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) conducted an inspection in Orange Farm at Dr Yava Kalula's practice. This is a normal procedure that is randomly carried out by the Inspectorate Office to enforce compliance by inspecting where the healthcare practitioners operate.

Mr Shabani Fazili (Democratic Republic of Congo National) was found practising as a medical practitioner whilst not registered with Council. Mr Fazili indicated that he was employed as a locum by Dr Yava Kalula since February 2021. He was arrested and detained at the Orange Farm Police Station for fraud and contravention of Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. Dr Yava Kalula is actively registered with the HPCSA, and he will be reported to the Medical and Dental Professions Board for employing an unregistered locum.

Council is pleading with registered healthcare practitioners to refrain from employing unregistered persons as it is a criminal offence to practise whilst not registered.

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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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