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## Media Statement

### BOGUS PRACTITIONERS ARRESTED IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is continuing to uphold its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions. The HPCSA inspectorate office is unceasingly eradicating bogus practitioners through the operations that are being carried out throughout the country.

On Tuesday 03 November 2021, the HPCSA Inspectorate Office and members of Delportshoop South African Police Service conducted an operation aimed at eradicating unregistered practitioners at the practice of Dr MJ Amsani practice situated in Delportshoop, Northern Cape.

During the operation, Mr Jonathan Ilunga Kilumba (a DRC National) was found practising as a medical practitioner while he is not registered as such with Council. Mr Kilumba indicated that he has been working at Dr Amsani's practice since 05 October 2020. He was arrested for Contravention of section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 197 and detained at Delportshoop SAPS under case no 02/11/2021.

In another inspection (still in the Northern Cape) the Inspectorate Office in conjunction with members of Danielskuil SAPS steered an operation at another practice still belonging to MJ Amsani.

Mr Josue Katshelewa Luhanga (DRC National) was found practising as a medical practitioner whilst not registered with the HPCSA. Mr Luhanga has been working at the practice since May 2021 and he was also arrested for Contravention of section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 197 and detained at Danielskuil SAPS.

Dr Amsani is actively registered with the HPCSA and will be reported to the Medical and Dental Professions Board.

Registered healthcare practitioners are cautioned from employing unregistered healthcare practitioners or locums at their practices. They should verify the healthcare practitioner's qualifications and registration with Council by simply using the iRegister on the HPCSA website.

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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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