

A well deserved award for dedicated caregivers



MEC of Health in KZN, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo congratulated Londa Langa and his team for their Kamoso Award. It was in recognition of the contribution of the department's community caregiver programme in improving access to healthcare for vulnerable communities

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health recently won the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Kamoso Award.

The prize is in recognition of the contribution of the department's Community Care Giver (CCG) programme aimed at improving access to healthcare for vulnerable communities.

As an extension of the primary health care system, the caregivers visit people's homes and render a host of services. They include assessing patients, facilitating treatment for chronic and other ailments; identifying and tracing who default on medication and referring them accordingly.

They also mobilise communities against diseases and ill-health through awareness campaigns, health promotional material, word of mouth, and role modelling, among others.

Londa Langa, who heads the department's CCG programme, said it was good to know

that the hard work of CCG is being recognised.

Langa, who is also a director of inter-governmental relations, said the award was dedicated to all hard working personnel. "The department has won the award as the best home community-based care in the province. Poverty and illnesses are rife, but CCGs assist communities by giving people hope, and educating them about health prevention and promotion. We really appreciate their efforts," he added.

KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo congratulated Langa and his team. He also paid tribute to CCGs, saying that they work tirelessly to improve the health of the poor.

"CCGs have been making a huge contribution within the health sector for some time. This award bears testimony to their work. We congratulate them for this award, and wish that they continue serving their fellow compatriots as they have been doing," said Dhlomo.