

# Bara in a dire state, claims Sanco

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The South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) has called for better working conditions for the staff at Chris Hani Baragwanath hospital in Soweto and the urgent supply of medication for patients.

Sanco yesterday picketed at the hospital, demanding more doc-

tors, nurses and cleaners.

“It has come to our attention that the hospital is in a dire state, which has become a provincial and a national concern,” said Sanco in a statement. “We therefore demand that the following be urgently attended to and be resolved: shortage of staff, medication supply, maintenance and absorption of EPWP [Expanded Public Works

Programme] volunteers.”

Sanco also wants EPWP workers to be permanently employed with immediate effect.

The organisation claims over R200 million was transferred from Baragwanath to Charlotte Maxeke hospital in 2013 and is demanding the money be returned to relieve some of the Soweto facility's financial problems.