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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Minister Phaahla sends condolences to the family of Prof Mhlanga**

**Pretoria:** The Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla has learnt with sadness on the passing away of Prof Eddie Mhlanga, and would like to express his deepest condolences to Mhlanga family, friends, colleagues and medical profession at large on behalf of the Department.

Prof Mhlanga was the Chief Director responsible for Women and Maternal Health in the Department. He later became a member and subsequently the Chairperson of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on National Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths until his passing away.

The committee was established to investigate the circumstances which led to increased maternal mortality in South Africa and make recommendations to the department on how to address them to save lives of our women.

His death is a great loss to the Committee on National Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths and the health in general.

We thank Mhlanga family for giving us this dedicated servant of the people of our country in the field of health, and for that we remain eternally grateful.

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