

# LIMPOPO SOMSA REPORT



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# BACKGROUND



- Limpopo is South Africa's northernmost province, lying within the great curve of the Limpopo River with a population of 5 404 868 (2011)
- The province borders the countries of Botswana to the west, Zimbabwe to the north and Mozambique to the east. In the eastern region lies the northern half of the magnificent Kruger National Park, a nature reserve teeming with African wildlife in a total area roughly the size of Israel.
- Limpopo is the gateway to the rest of Africa, with its shared borders making it favourably situated for economic cooperation with other parts of southern Africa.

# BACKGROUND CONT'



- The capital is Polokwane, located in the middle of the province. Further north is Modimolle, the hub of the local table-grape industry set near the beautiful Waterberg mountain range; Makhado at the foot of the Soutpansberg mountains; and Musina, with its thick-set baobab trees.
- Other important Limpopo towns include the major mining centres of Phalaborwa and Thabazimbi, and Tzaneen, a producer of tea, forestry products and tropical fruit. Bela- Bela, with its popular mineral water baths, is near the southern border.
- Through the centre of the province runs the Great North Road, an important route into Africa, which crosses into Zimbabwe at the major border post of Beit Bridge.

# LIMPOPO MAP



# FACILITIES



- **Health Facilities conducting deliveries:**
- i. PHC/CHC/Clinics/ all together 411
- ii. District hospitals are 30
- iii. Regional hospitals 5
- iv. Tertiary hospitals 2

# HIV PREVALENCE



- HIV prevalence according to the 2010 antenatal clinic survey data:

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE / %</b>
VHEMBE	17.0
GREATER SEKHUKHUNE	20.2
CAPRICORN	23.7
MOPANI	24.9
WATERBERG	26.1
PROVINCIAL AVERAGE	21.9

# MORTALITY RATES



INDICATOR	RATES
Maternal mortality rate	172.6/ 100 000
Perinatal mortality rate	31.3/ 1000
Neonatal mortality rate	11.1/ 1000
Perinatal care index	2.4

# LIMPOPO EXECUTIVE



- Charperson: Ms M. Nyakane
- Vice chairperson: Mrs K. Mohlake
- Secretary: Ms C. Lehwete
- Vice secretary: Ms B. Mafefe
- Treasurer: Ms E. Mdluli
- Additional members: Mrs M. Makhubele, Mrs T.J. Gwangwa, Mrs L. Tiba, Mrs P. Raseona, Mrs M. Manabile.
- The executive committee meets on quarterly basis



# MEMBERSHIP



- Remains a challenge
- Grows steadily
- SOMSA visibility is promoted during maternal health workshops and meetings
- We still need to work hard on geographical representation

# MIDWIVES ACTIVITIES



- Midwives as backbone of the maternal and child health care participate actively in the following:
  - Maternal health quality improvement committee
  - Maternal health workshops and meetings
  - Maternal death assessors
  - CTOP providers
  - Maternal and perinatal mortality review meetings
  - Community education via media
  - DCST Midwife only functional in Capricorn districts

# EVENTS



- Limpopo Midwifery Forum in collaboration with DOH will host a family planning symposium on 04 October 2013
- There will be SOMSA membership registration and merchandise
- Exhibitors are welcome

# SPONSORS



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