



To: MEC for Health, Hon. Nomagugu Simelane-Mngadi
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Date: Wednesday, 09 April 2025
Subject: Non-Payment of Cleaners at Niemeyer Hospital by Luyandiza Investments

Dear MEC Nomagugu Simelane-Mngadi

I write to you with great concern regarding the ongoing crisis at Niemeyer Hospital in Utrecht/Madlangeni, where cleaners contracted through a private company, Luyandiza Investments, have gone unpaid for the past three months.

Despite continuing to report for duty and carry out their responsibilities under difficult circumstances, these workers have not received a single salary payment for the past 3 months.

The affected workers have been left in a state of deep financial distress, with no clear communication or reason provided for the non-payment. They have been informally told by representatives of Luyandiza Investments that the issue is due to the Department's failure to pay the contractor, citing a lack of available funds.

We therefore request clarity on the following:

1. Why has the Department not paid its contractor, Luyandiza Investments, for services rendered?
2. When can the affected workers expect their outstanding wages to be paid?
3. Will the Department ensure that all unpaid workers are back paid in full for the past three months?

Furthermore, we wish to enquire about the progress of the insourcing process promised by the KZN Premier, Hon Thami Ntuli. What steps have been taken to implement this within the Department of Health, and by when can workers expect the full implementation of this commitment?

The ongoing exploitation and uncertainty faced by these cleaners is a direct result of poor oversight and delayed action.

We urge your office to prioritise this matter and provide a comprehensive response outlining a clear plan to resolve the situation.

I look forward to your swift response and the immediate resolution of this crisis.

Yours Faithfully
(unsigned as electronically sent)

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