



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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### **SACSSP SADDENED BY DEATH OF MS CONNY NXUMALO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR WELFARE SERVICES**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) mourns the sudden passing of *Ms Constance Glerah Nxumalo*, fondly known as 'sis' Conny'. Ms Nxumalo was a seasoned social worker and at the time of her passing she was Deputy Director-General: Welfare Services at the National Department of Social Development. Ms. Nxumalo passed away on 22 August 2020, due to COVID-19 related complications.

She was known throughout the social service sector not just for her outstanding leadership, but also for her human warmth. Her passing is a loss for the sector and the people of South Africa as she was an advocate for social justice. She embodied Council's motto '*NON NOBIS- Not for ourselves*' throughout her work as she made valuable contributions in championing child protection, prevention of violence against women and children as well as the anti-substance abuse interventions.

Her legacy will continue to shine upon the social service sector for decades to come.

"Sis' Conny" was a mentor and an inspiration to many social workers across the social service sector. Her untimely death came at the time when the sector is at the final stages of the Social Service Practitioners Bill, a project which was close to her heart. She will be solemnly missed. *Lala ngoxolo mbokodo*", says the Acting Registrar, Mr. Hitler Sekhitla.

The South African Council for Social Service Professions, its Professional Boards for Social Work and for Child and Youth Care Work, and staff express our condolences to Ms Nxumalo's family, friends and colleagues.

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#### **ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is a statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978. The SACSSP has two professional boards under its auspices: i.e. the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. The SACSSP, in conjunction with its two professional boards, guides and regulates the professions of social work and child youth care work in aspects pertaining to registration, education and training, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing professional development and fostering compliance with professional standards. It is protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act with the SACSSP is a prerequisite for practising social work and child and youth care work. This includes social workers, social auxiliary workers, student social workers, student social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student child and youth care workers, and student auxiliary child and youth care workers.

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