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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his reply to question 840 on 24 March 2025, with regard to the collection of data on the number of children under five years of age who die with moderate or severe acute malnutrition as an underlying condition, what number of children in public health facilities died while having (a) moderate and (b) severe acute malnutrition as an underlying condition in each province since 2013 to date? **NW2298E**

**REPLY:**

1. The number of children under five years of age with moderate acute malnutrition who died in public health facilities is shown in the table below. It should be noted that this information has only been collected since April 2017.

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|  | **2017****(Apr – Dec)** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** **(to date)** |
| Eastern Cape | 23 | 50 | 25 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 4 |
| Free State | 18 | 59 | 23 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 30 | 13 | 28 | 42 | 50 | 39 | 30 | 33 | 7 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 50 | 70 | 47 | 66 | 75 | 120 | 60 | 59 | 8 |
| Limpopo | 28 | 20 | 12 | 25 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 2 |
| Mpumalanga | 9 | 16 | 9 | 20 | 27 | 19 | 31 | 19 | 4 |
| Northern Cape | 9 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| North West | 42 | 66 | 25 | 7 | 17 | 33 | 18 | 40 | 2 |
| Western Cape | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Source: District Health Information System. Extracted 29th April 2025.

1. The number of children under five years of age with severe acute malnutrition who died in public health facilities in each province for the period January 2013 to date is shown in the table below.

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|  | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** **(to date)** |
| Eastern Cape | 337 | 385 | 318 | 237 | 175 | 133 | 148 | 85 | 116 | 115 | 107 | 109 | 25 |
| Free State | 143 | 151 | 112 | 100 | 78 | 58 | 49 | 53 | 83 | 112 | 64 | 68 | 9 |
| Gauteng | 89 | 123 | 112 | 121 | 85 | 103 | 91 | 71 | 116 | 131 | 106 | 89 | 23 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 385 | 361 | 260 | 217 | 207 | 183 | 168 | 168 | 190 | 206 | 170 | 118 | 21 |
| Limpopo | 300 | 311 | 357 | 182 | 123 | 117 | 130 | 75 | 78 | 123 | 137 | 112 | 30 |
| Mpumalanga | 145 | 216 | 182 | 95 | 63 | 57 | 69 | 54 | 51 | 57 | 42 | 24 | 10 |
| Northern Cape | 59 | 70 | 52 | 44 | 37 | 30 | 33 | 26 | 29 | 52 | 26 | 30 | 7 |
| North West | 205 | 308 | 166 | 224 | 129 | 96 | 134 | 83 | 66 | 71 | 36 | 15 | 1 |
| Western Cape | 12 | 13 | 18 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 11 | 9 | 1 |

Source: District Health Information System. Extracted 29th April 2025

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