

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION: 6755

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

- (1) Since the last information provided in his reply to question 3418 on 19 June 2025, what number of children under five years (a) were admitted to and (b) have died in public health facilities with (i) moderate or (ii) severe acute malnutrition as an underlying condition in each province in each month since 1 May 2025;
- (2) what number of adults were (a) admitted to and (b) have died in public health facilities with (i) moderate or (ii) severe acute malnutrition as an underlying condition in each (aa) month, (bb) province and (cc) year since 2013?

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REPLY:

- (1) (a) (i)

Number of children admitted to public health facilities with moderate acute malnutrition from 1 May to 30 September 2025.

| | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | August 2025 | Sept 2025 |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Eastern Cape | 38 | 29 | 33 | 38 | 33 |
| Free State | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 107 | 153 | 90 | 68 | 117 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 55 | 43 | 45 | 40 | 55 |
| Limpopo | 43 | 50 | 30 | 39 | 60 |
| Mpumalanga | 21 | 30 | 20 | 30 | 19 |
| Northern Cape | 40 | 28 | 38 | 33 | 27 |
| North West | 37 | 39 | 21 | 15 | 53 |
| Western Cape | 43 | 28 | 35 | 24 | 20 |

Source: National Department of Health. District Health Information System. Extracted 17 November 2025.

- (ii) Number of children admitted with severe acute malnutrition from 1 May to 30 September 2025.

| | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | August 2025 | Sept 2025 |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Eastern Cape | 76 | 72 | 55 | 48 | 53 |
| Free State | 53 | 46 | 37 | 43 | 43 |
| Gauteng | 149 | 91 | 85 | 92 | 106 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 138 | 114 | 108 | 102 | 111 |
| Limpopo | 104 | 106 | 62 | 45 | 94 |
| Mpumalanga | 41 | 36 | 22 | 27 | 38 |
| Northern Cape | 48 | 53 | 35 | 39 | 51 |
| North West | 123 | 68 | 57 | 50 | 75 |
| Western Cape | 40 | 26 | 29 | 28 | 25 |

Source: National Department of Health. District Health Information System. Extracted 17 November 2025.

- (b) (i) The number of children under five years of age with moderate acute malnutrition who died in public health facilities from 1 May to 30 September 2025.

| | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | August 2025 | Sept 2025 |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Eastern Cape | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Free State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 22 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| Limpopo | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| North West | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Western Cape | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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- (ii) The number of children under five years of age with severe acute malnutrition who died in public health facilities from 1 May to 30 September 2025.

| | May 2025 | June 2025 | July 2025 | August 2025 | Sept 2025 |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Eastern Cape | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| Free State | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Gauteng | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 14 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| Limpopo | 10 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Mpumalanga | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Northern Cape | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| North West | 7 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Western Cape | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

Source: National Department of Health. District Health Information System. Extracted 17 November 2025.

- (2) Data on the nutritional status of adults admitted to public sector hospitals are not routinely recorded or reported. As a result, it is not possible to provide information on the number of admissions, nor the number of deaths associated with severe or moderate acute malnutrition in adults.

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