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COMBINED AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE

The Provincial Department of Health has again added more awards in its list of accolades. The Combined Awards for Excellence in Health Care were presented by National Health Minister, Dr Manto Tshabalala-Msimang to health workers who have excelled in their field.

The glittering event was held at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg yesterday evening.

The National Department of Health in partnership with all provincial health departments and municipalities honoured health professionals through the Cecilia Makiwane Award, the Alfred Nzo Award for Environmental Health and the District Health Service Award.

Mr. Dokotela Jotham Mthembu who is the malaria control programme manager in KZN scooped the much coveted Alfred Nzo Environmental Health Achievement Award.

The award is given to individuals who have contributed to the improvement of quality of life of their communities and created innovative ideas in the advancement of environmental health services. Through his hard work and dedication KZN received a trophy for having the best malaria control programme in SA.



Mthembu is a co-founder of the inter-country collaboration on malaria issues. This initiative later became the Lubombo Spatial Development Initiative.

Under the Cecilia Makiwane Award category, Mr. Mark Green a professional nurse from Mooiriver in KZN came is as second runner-up. Mr. Green has been instrumental in ensuring that donated food reaches the needy in the area where he lives. The award is named after the first black nurse to obtain state registration.

Umzanyathi District went away with the Millennium Development Best Local Service Awards (District Health Service) for presenting a best poster displaying services that the district provides in the Presidential rural node.

In her address National Health Minister, Dr Manto Tshabalala-Msimang said, “Tonight as we honour our dedicated and hard working health workers, they should be reminded to perform more than before to be able to deal with the new health challenges.”

Superintendent-General Prof Ronald Green-Thompson congratulated the winners, “Our staff are the backbone of service delivery and it is great to see them being recognised for their hardwork”.

KZN MEC for Health Ms Peggy Nkonyeni said, “These awards show that I have taken over a solid hardworking department and I am sure the entire province will join me in congratulating the KZN winners.”

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