

Dear Stakeholder

Re: National Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control Non-Communicable Diseases 2020 - 2025

The Department appreciates the opportunity to engage with all stakeholders on finalising the National -Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control Non-Communicable Diseases 2020 – 2025. You are thanked for your patience during the extended period of development of the document and your support and guidance remain of great value to us.

As you are all aware, the national COVID 19 response demanded prioritisation over the last 2 months. During this period, all officials were deployed to work streams in support of the response resulting in the unintentional neglect of certain tasks, including the proposed finalisation of the NSP by March 2020.

It is within this context that we acknowledge our shortcoming by not allowing sufficient time for consultation. However, we make an earnest appeal for you review of the attached; hopefully, penultimate version of the Draft as per the proposed work schedule.

	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE
1.	Circulate the draft to ALL Stakeholders for inputs/comments	Itumeleng Setlhare	18/05/2020
2.	Receive final inputs from Stakeholder	Itumeleng Setlhare	23/05 2020
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate the inputs/comments received from the Stakeholders into the draft and finalise the draft• Incorporate Costing input• Obtain Approval for Minster's Foreword and DG's Acknowledgement	Working Group	23 – 27 /05/20 20
4.	Prepare submission for consideration and recommendation by the Technical Committee of the NHC	Itumeleng Setlhare	26/05/2020

Previously we sent you the action plan with timeframes and unfortunately that could not be honored as containing the COVID 19 Pandemic became key. Most of the resources including re-deployment of officials had to occur in order to respond effectively to this pandemic. The Department is still grappling with containing the COVID 19 even today. The development of the Strategic Plan on the other hand is long overdue and some of the developments in the Department like the possible leaving of Dr Yogan Pillay at the

end of May makes it necessary to try to finalize the Strategic Plan within a short space of time.

The Department acknowledges that the time given for you to make inputs is short, however; it is also important to try to finalize this document before the possible departure of Dr Pillay.

It is against this brief background that we humbly request that you accept our apology and make inputs into the attached draft at your earliest convenience noting the times as reflected in the action plan.

Yours sincerely

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