

MEDIA STATEMENT
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LIMPOPO CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL 2026 WINTER VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION CAMPAIGN

The Limpopo Department of Health has successfully concluded the 2026 Winter Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Campaign, recording 34,834 circumcisions between 1 June and 28 July 2026. Of these, 30,543 were performed on boys aged 10–14 years, while 4,291 were performed on males aged 15 years and older.

The campaign was implemented across all five districts, with Capricorn leading at 11,143 circumcisions, followed by Waterberg (6,928), Sekhukhune (6,212), Mopani (5,745) and Vhembe (4,806). Among the best-performing sites were Seshego Hospital (1,500), Lebowakgomo Hospital (1,307), Thabaleshoba CHC (891), WF Knobel Hospital (852) and Warmbaths Hospital (652).

MEC for Health, Ms Dieketseng Mashego, thanked the LDoH staff, community leaders, parents and all clients who participated in the campaign.

"This achievement demonstrates what is possible when communities, healthcare workers and partners work together towards a common goal. Every circumcision performed represents another step in protecting lives, preventing new HIV infections and building healthier communities across Limpopo."

The Department reiterates that voluntary medical male circumcision remains available throughout the year at designated public health facilities and encourages eligible males to continue utilising this free service as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention package.

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