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### **FOUR TIMES A MOTHER** **“A 24 year old woman gives birth to quadraplets”**

A 24 year old woman from Inanda township in Durban who was expecting to give birth to triplets received an unexpected surprise when medical staff discovered that she was to be a mother to four baby boys (quadraplets), and not triplets as was expected.

Bongiwe Hlongwane, a first time mother gave birth at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in Durban by Caesarean Section. The babies were born prematurely at 8 months and they each weighed between 1.5 kg and 1.8kg. The babies have been given a clean bill of health, and they are being kept under observation in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Bongiwe, says she is overwhelmed and feels blessed, “I love them and I pray to God to keep them healthy”, said Bongiwe.

Bongiwe is an unemployed single mother and she would appreciate any support that will assist her to care for her babies.

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