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MEC Dhlomo launches the Annual Service Excellence Awards

The MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo says to be a health worker is not a job but a calling. This requires individuals who are dedicated and loyal to their calling even at the risk to their own lives because in the performance of their duties, they may get infected with TB or even HIV. Dr Dhlomo was speaking at a KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Consultative Health Forum attended by among others, the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Senzo Mchunu, Mayors, Amakhosi, Traditional Healers and health care professionals.

Dr Dhlomo has launched the MEC's Annual Service Excellence Awards as a token of appreciation to those health workers who selflessly give their all against all odds to give hope to the sick as well as quality health care.

The Province of KwaZulu-Natal has been praised for its successful fight against the spread of HIV and TB infections. The Province of KwaZulu-Natal has the highest number of patients who are receiving ARV's .

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