

KZN Health MEC sends his deepest condolences, following the demise of four learners in Ntuzuma crash

KZN HEALTH MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has sent his deepest condolences to the families of the three boys and a girl who lost their lives in a crash involving a bus and a minibus taxi at Ntuzuma, north of Durban, this morning.

The learners, all of whom were aged between 13 and 17, were en-route to school when the crash occurred. Apart from the four learners who demised, 18 others sustained injuries ranging from critical (1), to serious (7) and minor (10).

The child who was critically injured was airlifted to Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, while the seven who sustained serious injuries were transported to King Edward VIII Hospital. The 10 children who sustained minor injuries were taken to health facilities at KwaMashu, Lindelani and Ntuzuma.

Speaking from Amajuba District, where he conducted school visits to ensure that education kicks off smoothly on the first day of school, MEC Dhlomo said: "We are deeply saddened by this tragic incident which has claimed the lives of four children this morning, and left so many others injured. The young people who have passed away left their homes in pursuit of an education, something which is the key to life. They were looking forward to starting the new academic year, in the hope that they will get educated and become somebody in life one day. Their parents, and indeed their communities, were still expecting a lot from them. So, it is very tragic that their lives have been cruelly cut short on the first day of school, before they had even reached the prime of their lives. We also wish those who sustained injuries a speedy and full recovery."