

MEDIA STATEMENT

MASOYISE ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

Shows continuing improvements in employee health thanks to multi-stakeholder efforts

Johannesburg, 12 July 2024. The Minerals Council is pleased to announce the publication of the 2023 Masoyise Health Programme annual report.

Masoyise was launched in 2016 as a unique multi-stakeholder programme meaningfully to tackle the incidence of tuberculosis, HIV and occupational lung diseases in the industry. More recently, non-communicable diseases and, in 2023, mental health, have been added to the Masoyise focus.

The report adds further evidence of the game-changing impact Masoyise has had on the health status of the industry's employees and their communities.

Participants include the industry's five recognised trade unions, the departments of Health and Mineral Resources and certain of their institutions including the Mine Health and Safety Council, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization and UNAIDS.

With Masoyise's initial goal of reducing the industry's TB incidence rate to below that of South Africa's as a whole having been achieved some years ago, we are pleased to see the incidence rate having fallen further in the year under review to 223 per 100,000 population in 2023, from 236 per 100,000 population in 2022.

We hope our newer efforts in the fields of non-communicable diseases and mental health will soon have a significant impact, in the interests of both our industry's employees and communities, and in the interests of better performing and safer industry workplaces.

“I am pleased with the support our members have shown in ensuring that they improve their health performance reporting and continue to implement robust programmes on TB, HIV, OLDs and NCDs... We need to identify best practices and learn from each other to improve the health of all our employees,” says Mike Teke, the Masoyise chair.

We invite you to access the report at

<https://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/work/masoyise/annual-reports>

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