

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PORT HEALTH

Mission

To obtain a supportive environment which will promote the health of all the people in the Western Cape.

Objectives

To influence policy and service provision that have an impact on human health at all spheres of government and to render an efficient port health service at all international ports of entry in the Western cape.

To monitor, evaluate and co-ordinate the rendering of all environmental health services in the province and ensure effective intersectoral collaboration.

Role and Services

- To monitor, evaluate and co-ordinate the rendering of all environmental health services at provincial as well as local authority level.
- To ensure that infrastructure at municipal level is health promoting (Housing/Water supply/ Waste disposal/sanitation etc)
- To develop environmental health policies and guidelines for the Western Cape.
- To ensure that all foodstuffs are safe for human consumption and the co-ordination of a food sampling program in all 4 regions.
- Development of a environmental health information system to be utilized by all local authorities and the dissemination of data at provincial level in order to determine the status of basic subsistence facilities.
- To ensure that all EHP's in the Western Cape receive regular "in service" training by means of workshops, seminars etc.
- The rendering of environmental health services at all governmental institutions (Correctional Services/Police Stations, Parliament/Hospitals)
- Assessment of human resource needs to ensure an effective environmental health service at district health level.
- To monitor and evaluate all foodstuffs, cosmetics, disinfectants, hazardous substances and medicines entering the Province.

- To control and monitor the possible entering of all serious contagious diseases into the Western Cape Province.

Management of the following legislation

- Health Act
- Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act
- Hazardous Substances Act
- International Health Regulations Act
- Tobacco Control Act

Supportive role regarding the following legislation

- Water Act
- Conservation Act
- Air Pollution Act
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Physical Planning Act
- Marketing Act
- Medicine Control Act
- Sea Shore Act
- Abattoir Hygiene Act
- Liquor Products Act
- Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act