



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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MMC: HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

City of Johannesburg Media Statement on behalf of the MMC for Health and Social Development, Cllr Ennie Makhafola

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MMC Makhafola visits families of children who died of suspected food poisoning and the survivors

The Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Health and Social Development in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Ennie Makhafola, visited the families of two children who died from alleged food poisoning in Naledi, Soweto, on Thursday, 5 October 2023.

It suspected that children died after consuming some products they had bought from a local spaza shop on Sunday, 1 October 2023. They started feeling sick at night and were taken to hospital where sadly two children died.

Cllr Makhafola said: "We are shocked to learn about the deaths. We wish to convey our sincere condolences to the families and to the community at large. We have reached out to the families and provided them with support in these difficult times.

"Our Environmental Health Practitioners have conducted the inspections according to the National Health regulations to the premises and taken food samples for laboratory tests.

"We urge the community members to remain calm during this painful and trying period. The investigation referred to above is being conducted to determine if there is a link between children's death and the foodstuffs that they consumed at the local shop. We also have our psychosocial team ready to assist when a need arises," said Cllr Makhafola.

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