

## **Shoprite partners with health department to care for Covid-19 patients**

The Shoprite Group donated 250 care packs containing hygiene essentials and a warm blanket to the Western Cape Department of Health today (29 June 2020) in a bid to support the most vulnerable in their fight against Covid-19.

Health MEC Nomafrrench Mbombo was at the Cape Town Convention Centre to receive the care packs, which her department will distribute among patients at its quarantine and isolation facilities throughout the province. Each pack contains a blanket, soap, waterless hand sanitiser, a face cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste.

“Coming in the wake of a bruising cold front over the weekend, this donation could not have come at a better time and we are deeply grateful for the support from the Shoprite Group. When government and the private sector join hands like this, there are not many obstacles we cannot overcome. So, thank you Shoprite and may we in the course of this crisis have more opportunities to come together to assist the people of the Western Cape,” says Mbombo.

“As a business with heart we continue to look after the needs of the communities we serve. Only by standing together will we overcome the many obstacles we confront in the face of this pandemic,” says Lunga Schoeman, CSI Manager of the Shoprite Group.

The retailer has since the start of the national lockdown provided extensive support to vulnerable communities affected by Covid-19. It has donated surplus food valued at over R26 million, translating to 7.9 million meals, which is over and above the more than 1 million meals delivered by the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens to over 1400 beneficiary organisations.

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CAPTION 1: Dr Nomafrrench Mbombo, Western Cape MEC for Health, with the content of the care packs destined for Covid-19 patients in isolation facilities. The Shoprite Group, represented by Wendy van Rensburg (left) donated 250 of these packs which includes a warm blanket to the Western Cape Department of Health.

CAPTION 2: From left Wendy van Rensburg from the Shoprite Group, Dr Nomafrrench Mbombo, Western Cape MEC for Health and Theo Abrahams, CEO of the Cape Town Convention Centre, where the retailer recently donated 250 of these packs which includes a warm blanket to the Western Cape Department of Health.