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## Media Statement: Condolences on the passing of Minister Jackson Mthembu

The Ronnie Mamoepa Foundation has learnt with great shock and sadness about the untimely passing of Minister Jackson Mthembu. We would like to express our deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues as well as the many South Africans who put their faith in his diligent work.

Mthembu was a prominent part of the government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, communicating key messages about the virus to citizens.

Minister Mthembu dedicated his life to serving our people during the most challenging times we have faced as a nation. He led his team from the front line with impeccable integrity, dignity and conscientiousness.

Reacting to the news of his death, Board member of the Ronnie Mamoepa Foundation, Audrey Mamoepa said, "We have lost an exemplary civil servant who cared deeply about his country and his profession. Minister Mthembu was proud to see Ronnie's memory and legacy being preserved. He was instrumental in imprinting Mamoepa's legacy into the annals of history and he often joked about the common passion and interests he shared with my late husband for education, innovative communication and football."

May we honour this distinguished South African - as he did to the last day of good health, show up, serve with integrity & and uphold the values of our constitution. May his soul rest in peace.

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