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## Media Statement

**7 March 2020**

### **Six lives claimed on N2 Road near Mkhondo**

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Ms Gabisile Shabalala has reiterated her call to motorists to use the road with great caution following a deadly crash that occurred today, 7 March 2020 around 11h00.

Six people were killed during the head on collision that happened between two vehicles on N2 Road between Mkhondo and Pongola. The third vehicle crashed into one of the vehicles that had already collided.

Five of the deceased died at the scene while the sixth person succumbed to injuries while at the hospital. Three vehicles in total which are all sedans, were involved. Two people who passed on were from one of the vehicles while four other victims were occupants in another vehicle. The deceased include a child.

Two people were seriously injured while one person escaped with slight injuries. The injured were stabilized at scene before being transported to the hospital for further care.

The cause of the collision remains unclear at this stage. The police along with Safety Engineering Unit in the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison have commenced with the investigation into the cause of the crash.

MEC Shabalala added that with increased cooperation among the road users crashes can be minimized. She encouraged motorists to obey the rules and also overtake only when it is safe to do so.

"While as government we will continue to implement various programmes on road safety, motorists have a responsibility for their safety and that of their passengers. Rules must be obeyed at all times. Road user behaviour remains one of the key ingredients towards making our roads safer," said Shabalala.

She extending her heartfelt condolences to the affected families. The MEC has also wished those who were injured a speedy recovery.

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