



NEHAWU STATEMENT ON THE LABOUR COURT CASE OF COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE WORKERS

MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union [NEHAWU] appeared at the Labour Court in Defence of Community Healthcare Workers on the 29th October 2024, in Braamfontein Johannesburg.

The matter was heard today, after the union filed a case in the Labour Court to review the Arbitration Award that ruled against our application to force the employer to appoint Community Healthcare Workers permanently.

Judge Cook of the Labour Court listened to both arguments, in the main the union remains steadfast that the National Department of Health failed to demonstrate justifiable reasons why Community Health Workers are kept in recurring fixed-term contracts.

The judgement was reserved and the union will await the court decision on the matter.

The union wants to express gratitude to the countless Community Healthcare Workers, Members of the union, our Federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions [COSATU] and the Vanguard Party of the Working-Class, the South African Communist Party [SACP] for their support in the picket-line in defence of community healthcare workers.

We reiterate once more that the union is prepared to intensify the fight for the permanent absorption of all Community Health Workers with full employment benefits that are enjoyed by other public servants. This is a fight we shall not dare falter until the bitter end.

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