

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF QUESTION

BY

Hon. Winnie Moongo

Signature: _____)

I hereby give notice that on **Thursday, 24 February 2022**, I shall ask the **Minister of Health and Social Services**, Hon. Kalumbi Shangula, the following:

Honourable Minister,

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Health and Social Services revealed that it will not be renewing the contracts of around 197 Tuberculosis (TB) field workers who had been employed as casual workers countrywide due to the unavailability of funding of funding from external funders such as the Global Fund (GF).

Needless to say, this represents a blow to our efforts in fighting the tuberculosis virus, which is still lingers as one of the major health epidemics in modern human history.

I thus ask the Honourable Minister

1. Will the Ministry of Health and Social Services consider allocating special funds for the 197 field workers countrywide to ensure that the facilitation

of the treatment of TB patients continues unabated until a sustainable funding model is found?

2. What mechanisms has the ministry put in place to ensure that patients that relied on the services of field workers to receive their treatment continue to do so as is without defaulting on their treatment in the absence of field workers who made sure that patients receive their treatment promptly?
3. Lastly, is the ministry engaging NGO's and other external funders in efforts to ensure that this programme is able to be funded in the short, medium to long term?

I so submit...