

Dear reader

The urgency with which all sectors of society must act to address South Africa's gaping socioeconomic divide is only reinforced by Covid-19. While we heed the government's decisive call to curb the spread of the virus, we are also compelled to consider the far-reaching impact that it could have on our already disenfranchised and under-resourced communities.

As individuals and responsible businesses, we need to consider how we can assist the most vulnerable in society – the elderly, those with existing conditions and those that rely on public transport. Many SMEs will suffer tremendously in the coming months and we encourage you and your companies to look at how you can continue to support them with ongoing work, better payment terms or other arrangements.

The health of our staff and partners is our priority and, like most businesses, we have initiated travel limits, flexible work arrangements and stricter hygiene policies in the office. We are also exploring different ways of delivering our knowledge sharing and advisory services. You can expect to hear about our new webinars covering a range of responsible business topics, and our updated data collection methods for monitoring and evaluation services, among other things, in our regular updates.

As a small business ourselves, we would like to thank you – our clients, partners and supporters – for your ongoing support during this difficult period. We'd also like to share innovative ideas of how companies are responding to Covid-19 – email info@trialogue.co.za to let us know what your company is doing.

TRIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY CONFERENCE: 20/20 VISION POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 2020

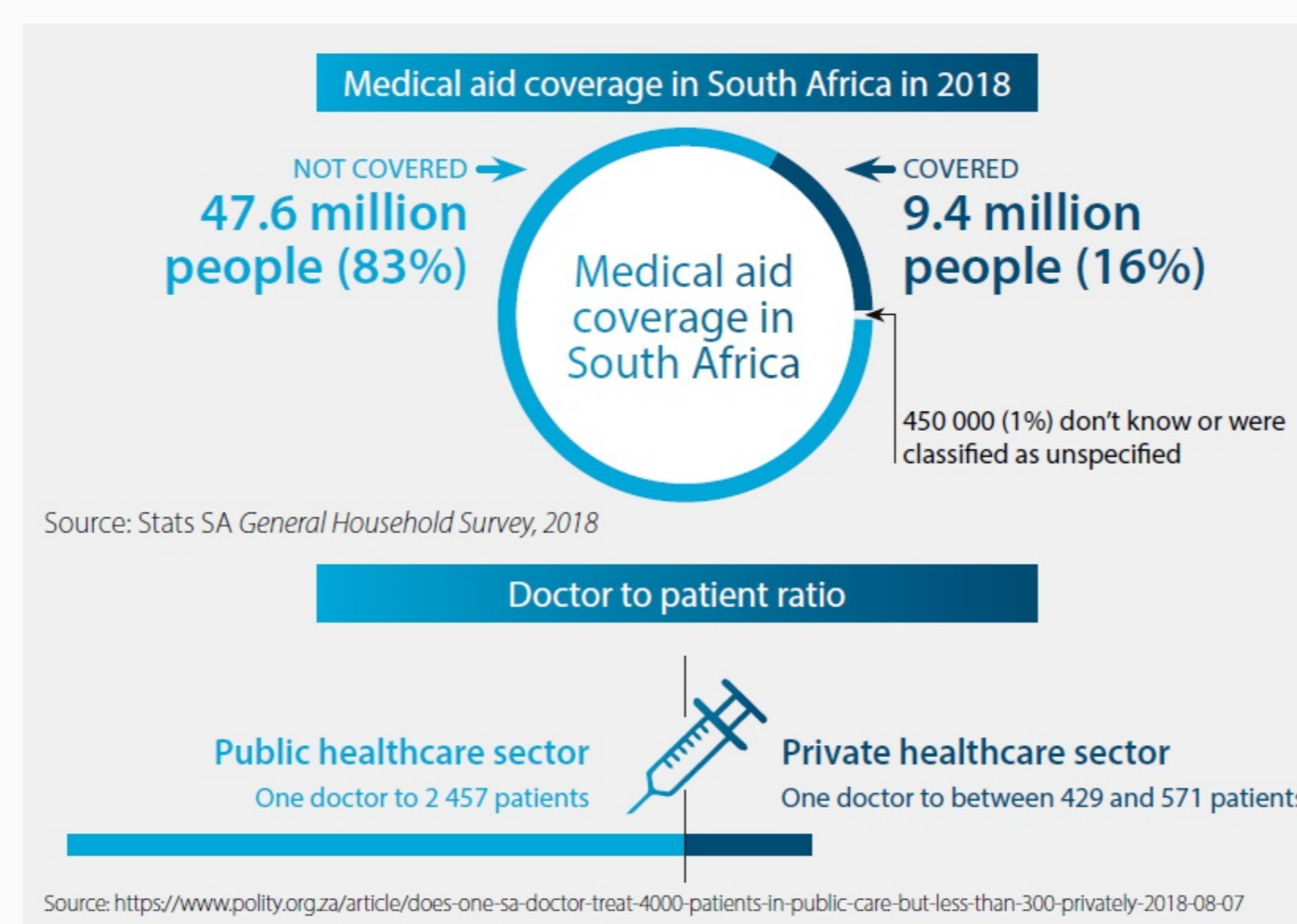
Following consultation with our corporate partners last week, and in light of government's announcement on Sunday about the prohibition of gatherings of more than 100 people in an effort to curb the spread of Covid-19, the Trialogue Business in Society Conference: 20/20 Vision will be postponed to 13 and 14 October and the pre-conference masterclasses will be postponed until 12 October 2020.

All registered delegates will automatically be registered for the new dates. If you cannot make the new dates, please contact us at conference@trialogue.co.za to request a refund.

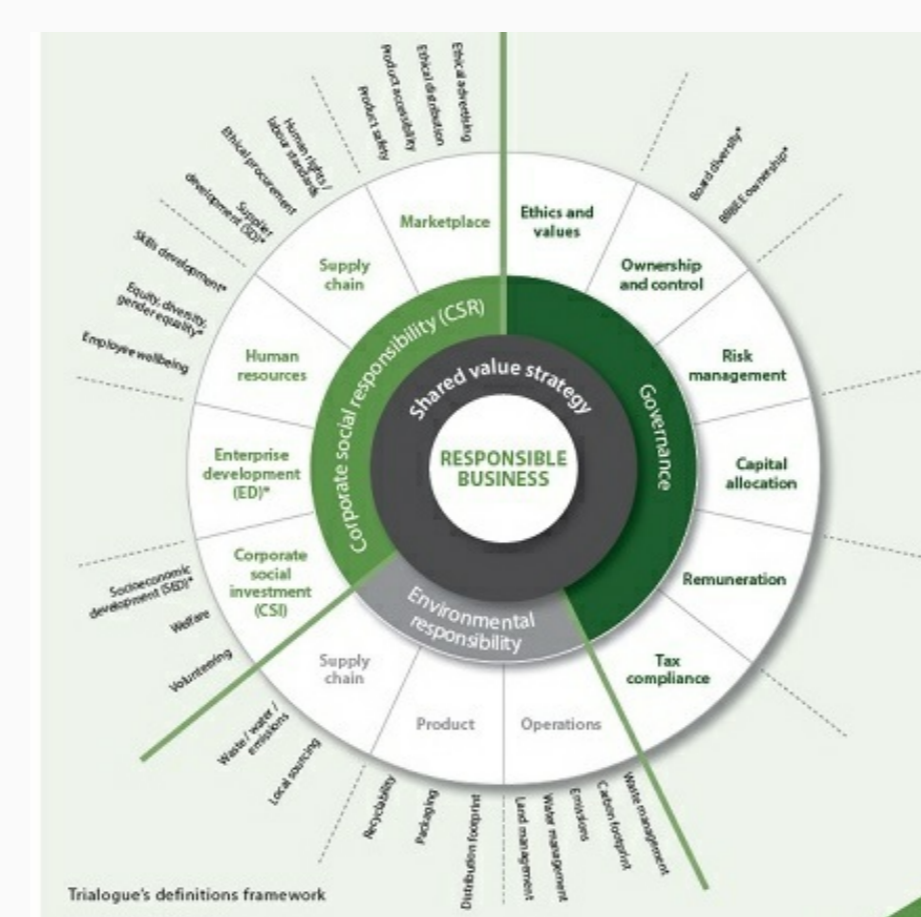
We look forward to gathering with renewed vigour for the high quality conferencing experience that you have come to expect.

NATIONAL AND CSI CONTRIBUTIONS TO SA'S HEALTH SECTOR

Health was supported by 51% of companies but only received an average of 7% of CSI expenditure in 2019. Read more [here](#)



WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS? AND WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT?



The approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) in South Africa is maturing, with many companies looking well beyond their CSI departments to affect meaningful change in society, and some interrogating how their management strategies can address social issues. However, despite considerable advancement in the sector, questions remain about the parameters and overlaps of responsible business concepts. At the recently-held Trialogue CSI Forum, delegates unpacked commonly used responsible business concepts, including shared value, CSR, CSI and socioeconomic development, interrogated where CSI fits in and discussed how to advocate internally and externally for change.

Read more [here](#)

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TRAINING INTERVENTIONS – FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

The Old Mutual Education Flagship Project (OMEFP), launched in 2013, committed to investing R350 million over seven years in under-resourced schools. Part of the intervention invested in research on how leadership methodologies inform behaviours, decision-making and the functioning of schools. In this opinion editorial, Kanyisa Diamond, Senior Project Manager: Education at the Old Mutual Foundation, writes about why the role of the principal within a complex educational system cannot be underestimated.

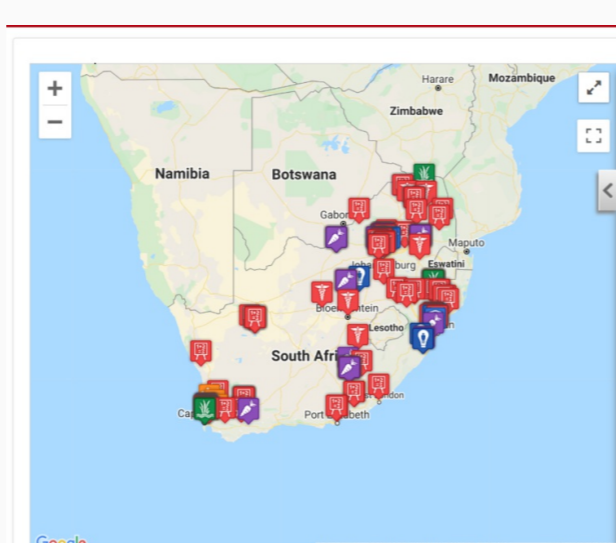
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A REVIEW OF SA'S PUBLIC INSURER'S CSI PROGRAMMING

As South Africa's public insurer, SASRIA has a special interest in the transformation and professionalisation of the financial services sector. SASRIA's CSI, therefore, focuses on education and skills development for previously disadvantaged individuals. In 2019, SASRIA commissioned Trialogue to review two bursary programmes and a professional leadership development programme.

Read insights from the review [here](#)

TRIALOGUE'S SEARCHABLE NPO DIRECTORY



NPO Listings by Sector

Visit Trialogue's new searchable sector-related non-profit directory on the [Trialogue Knowledge Hub](#) to learn about what organisations are working on, and which provinces they are working in.

Non-profits interested in featuring on the platform, as well as being listed in print, in the next edition of the Trialogue Business in Society Handbook, can visit the [Trialogue website](#) for more information.