



NEHAWU ON GOVERNMENT STOCK OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

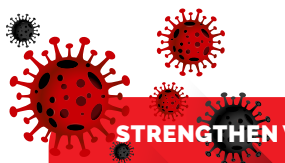


STRENGTHEN WORKPLACE ORGANISATION, DEEPEN CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS AND ADVANCE INTERNATIONALISM



1. INTRODUCTION

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines the Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) as including “gloves, medical masks, goggles or a face shield, and gowns, as well as for specific procedures, respirators (i.e. N95 or FFP2 standard or equivalent) and aprons”. The Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, is convinced that there is enough national stock of the PPEs for the frontline healthcare workers in the public healthcare sector. This view appears to be widely shared within government and in part this is because the public healthcare system has not yet been flooded by rising waves of people suffering from COVID-19.
- As NEHAWU we have been very concerned that even after a month since the notification of the outbreak of the Coronavirus infection in South Africa on the 5th March 2020, a comprehensive plan to roll-out the necessary PPEs nation-wide and across different tiers of our public healthcare system has not been forthcoming. We would have expected that such a plan would be at a scale of the projected trend of the infection and hospitalisation rates and informed by variables such as the required number of the frontline health workers and therefore the prioritisation of the PPEs to arm those who would occupy the front trenches in the defence of the nation and in the offensive against the epidemic.
- On the 8th April 2020 the National Office Bearers of NEHAWU met with government, which was represented by Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, Minister of Employment and Labour, Thulas Nxesi and the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel to address the dispute around the PPEs. To back up its claim that there is enough national stock of PPE, government made a presentation through the Acting Director General of the National Department of Health (NDOH), Dr Anban Pillay. The presentation covered various provincial data-sets of the currently available stock and the supplementary stock that each province has ordered from suppliers. When we subsequently examined what was presented, we discovered that in fact there were no data-sets of Limpopo and Northern Cape. We have since made a request for them on the 9th April 2020, but still to no avail. This is one of our concern regarding government's claim that it has enough national stock of the PPEs.
- Our second concern is that even by a mere superficial examination of the presented provincial data-sets, it is blindingly obvious that this national stock of PPEs is by no means sufficient. Disturbingly, this implies that when government publicly dismissed our members' complaints about the lack of PPEs in their workplaces, it was a deliberate misleading the public. In our view, there is no justification for an unwarranted public relations exercise, when some officials in provinces are even contemplating discharging all the workers in certain hospitals due to the lack of PPEs. We make this point because in terms of the quantity of the available provincial stocks as at the 8th April 2020, as presented before us, we can make the following conclusions:
 1. The data of what has been put out as currently available and the ordered supplementary stocks of PPEs, was not squared with the number of the frontline public health workers who are supposed to use them. Therefore, the claim that the stock is sufficient is a thumb-suck and the deficiency of this claim lies in the fact that the data was merely an inventory that did not show the extent to which the enlisted numbers of the different categories of the frontline health workers matched the stock.
 2. Internationally, it is common-cause that different items of the PPEs are not used by all categories of the frontline healthcare workers in a uniform manner, since their occupational exposures are different. In other words, for different occupations such as nurses, morgue workers, cleaners, emergency technicians, doctors, sanitation workers, community care workers, dentists, community health workers, paramedics, laboratory personnel, potters, etc. there are different designated items of the PPEs. Therefore, the stock must relate to these differentiated requirements. For instance, the guidelines released on the 19 March 2020 by the WHO entitled *Rational Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)* designates different sets and amounts of items of PPEs to different according to the level of their potential viral exposure in specific occupational settings. So, in terms of what was presented as available PPEs stock and the ordered additional stock, there is no indication whatsoever as to how this pool meets the designated requirements





of the different categories of the frontline health workers. Thus, it is a serious concern that both the available and ordered stocks are not informed or aligned to the requirements of different categories of the frontline health workers. This is in addition to the fact that even the total number of what is available and ordered is not based on the concrete number of the frontline healthcare workforce, as pointed out above.

3. The procurement of PPEs has taken place in a decentralised manner, i.e. at the provincial level in line with the document of the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) called *Guidelines on the Management of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Public Service*. Consistent with the Treasury's rationality of austerity even in the face of what government itself regards as an epidemic that warranted the declaration of the State of Disaster, provinces were accordingly expected to find their own funds, through "budget reprioritisation" to stock up the PPEs. Thus, accordingly from their already reduced budgets the provinces were to "procure sufficient hand sanitisers, soap, gloves, masks, tissues and if possible temperature scanners for use to monitor employee's possible exposure in terms of the COVID-19 symptoms." Hence, we find in the provincial data-sets (as reflected hereunder) that there are wide-ranging disparities amongst provinces from a perspective of the entire national pool of PPEs. In fact, it is clear that there was some kind of winner-takes-all scramble amongst provinces as they vied against each other, hence across the board there is maldistribution of different items of PPEs. As a result, the vastly varying provincial stocks of PPE items do not square with the provincial numerical layout or sizes of different categories of the frontline healthcare workforce. This means that several items of the PPEs are overly stocked and/or understocked in different provinces. In fact, from a national perspective, in the overall the stocking simply underlines the irrationality of treating this important responsibility being guided by the dictate of budget austerity and a business-as-usual approach. Even more so when the declaration of the State of Disaster actually called for a plan that must be centrally funded and coordinated in line with Section 26 of the Disaster Management Act of 2002.

2. CONTEXT

South Africa's capacity to ensure the availability of the PPEs in the interest of the health and safety of the frontline health workers must be located within the context of our current miserable experiences in the public healthcare system. Amongst others, this context features serious weaknesses and challenges that include:

- The pervasive or wide-spread medical negligence in the public healthcare system that endanger patients and health workers themselves. The amounts involved in the medico-legal claims have been growing very fast, by 14% per year from 2009 to 2015. By the end of March 2019 government was faced with contingent liabilities worth around R104.5 billion.
- According to the South African Health System Trust (2018/19 District Health Barometer), in the public healthcare sector there are only 18 hospital beds per 10 000 people, 32 doctors per 100 000 people and a mere 144 professional nurses per 100 000 people. Such a limited amount of personnel is indeed precious and demands absolute vigilance on the part of the authorities in terms of occupational health and safety in order to overcome the epidemic.
- The fact that the last report of the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC), i.e. the Annual Inspection Report for 2016/17, found that of the 696 facilities that were inspected only five were fully compliant with National Core Standards (NCS). The seven domains of the NCS are Patient Rights; Patient Safety; Clinical Governance and Care; Public Health; Leadership and Corporate Governance; Operational Management; Facilities and Infrastructure. In fact, about 412 facilities were simply non-compliant.
- With regard to this pervasive and the ingrained culture of non-compliance, we must hasten to add that this includes non-compliance with regard to the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1993 itself. Amongst others, this legislation places the responsibility upon the employer to eliminate or mitigate hazards in the workplace even before resorting to PPEs, to establish hazards and apply precautionary measures to guide occupational practices and the use of articles and substances, to provide information, instruction, training, and supervision around occupational health and safety in the workplace, and to impart awareness and as well



as to ensure that employees do not work unless precautionary measures are put in place.

- It is estimated that about 3000 out of 7000 critical care beds are available between the public and private healthcare systems, and amongst these the beds with ventilators tend to be available only in the Intensive Care Units (ICU) in South Africa. It has already been clearly illustrated internationally that in countries that are experiencing huge loads of cases of COVID-19, a decisive factor in terms of the death rate is the availability or otherwise of the ventilators. It is needless to say that a very high rate of death due to the lack of such critical devices would undermine the national effort and only serve to demoralise the overwhelmed frontline healthcare cadre.

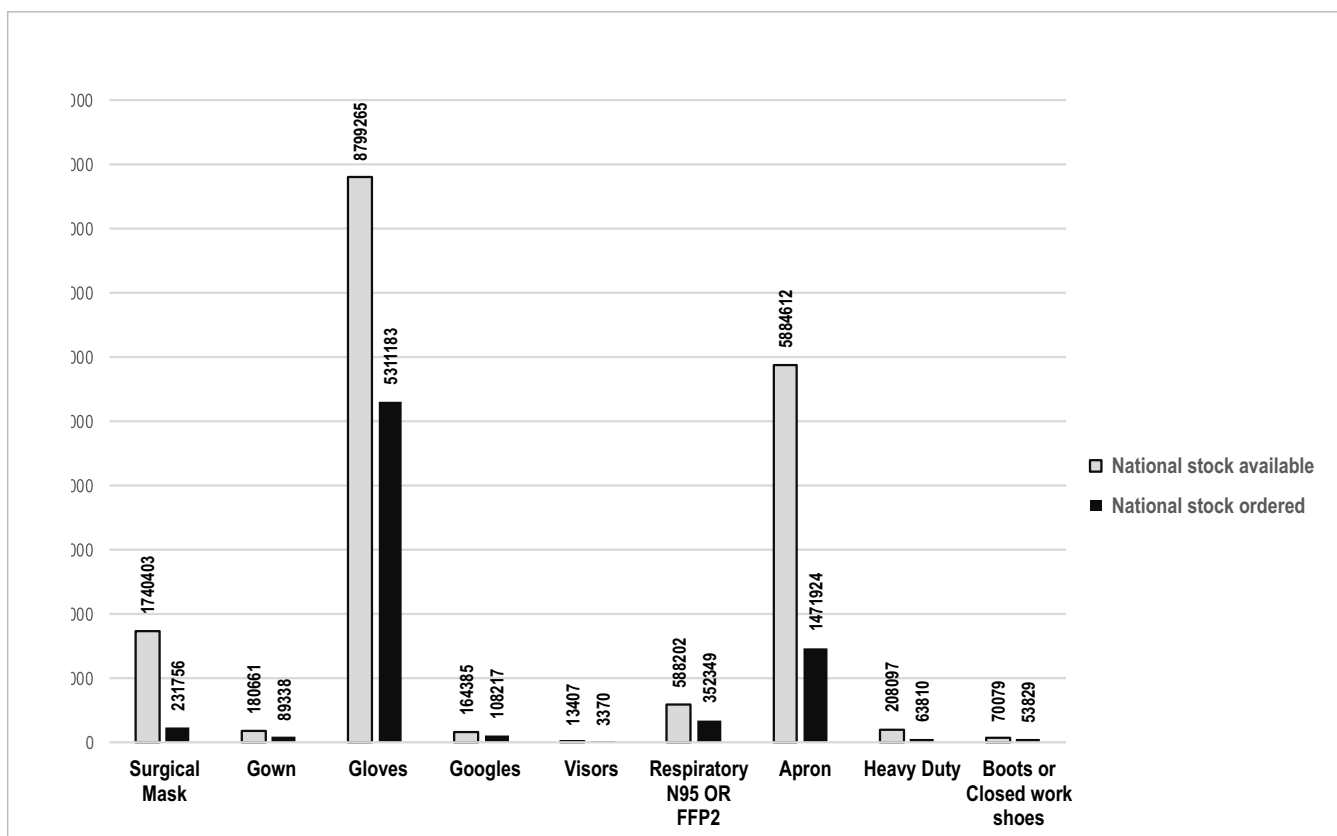
3. THE NATIONAL STOCK IN PERSPECTIVE

- Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, said that NEHAWU's call for the PPEs to protect frontline

health workers in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act is "spurious". This sentiment has been repeated even after the meeting with the union on the 8th April 2020. Accordingly, there is adequate stock of PPEs and this propaganda against NEHAWU has been echoed by a few MECs. Figure 1 below is actually as graphic summery of what was presented as nationally available and ordered stock, as at the 8th April 2020. Of course, there has since been some additional supplies that must be taken into account in this perspective.

- But contrary to the government's claim that there is adequate stock of PPEs, hereunder are provincial data-sets of the NDOH itself in which we first of all catalogue hospitals and some clinics across the country that do not have any number of the required items of the PPEs and for which there are no plans to order from suppliers to ensure that such vital protective paraphernalia are available in the interest of the frontline health workers. This is a long list of such institutions that includes some in which almost all the items of the PPEs are currently not in stock and are not even ordered.

3.1 Aggregated available and ordered national stock of PPEs.



3.2 Hospitals without any specific PPE items and for which nothing has been ordered, as at the 8th April 2020

NORTH WEST								
	SURGICAL MASK	RESPIRATORY N95 OR FFP2	GOWNS	GOOGLES	VISORS	APRON	HEAVY DUTY GLOVES	BOOTS
Nic Bodenstein Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Potchefstroom Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0	0		0	
ORDERS				0	0		0	
Witrand hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Moses Kotane								
AVAILABLE				0	0		0	0
ORDERS				0	0		0	0
Brits Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
Koster Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Mahikeng Provincial Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0	0			
ORDERS				0	0			
Bophelong Psychiatric Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
			0		0		0	0
Joe Morolong Memorial Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Taung Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0			0			
ORDERS		0			0			
Schweizer Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Christiana Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
Ganyesa Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0			
ORDERS			0		0			

MPUMALANGA								
	SURGICAL MASK	RESPIRATORY N95 OR FFP2	GOWNS	GOOGLES	VISORS	APRON	HEAVY DUTY GLOVES	BOOTS
Amajuba								
AVAILABLE				0	0		0	0
ORDERS				0	0		0	0
Bethal Hospital								
AVAILABLE						0	0	0
ORDERS						0	0	0
Carolina								
AVAILABLE							0	
ORDERS							0	
Standerton Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0	0		0	0
ORDERS				0	0		0	0
Matibidi Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
Elsie Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	
ORDERS			0		0		0	



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HA Grove Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0		0				0	0
ORDERS	0		0				0	0
Mapulaneng Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0	0		0	0
ORDERS				0	0		0	0
Themba								
AVAILABLE							0	
ORDERS							0	
Matikwana								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	
ORDERS			0		0		0	

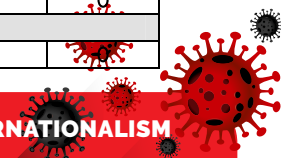
WESTERN CAPE								
	SURGICAL MASK	RESPIRATORY N95 OR FFP2	GOWNS	GOOGLES	VISORS	APRON	HEAVY DUTY GLOVES	BOOTS
Paarl Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
Grootteschuur								
AVAILABLE			0		0			0
ORDERS			0		0			0
Hermanus								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Khayelitsha								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Knysna								
AVAILABLE			0		0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0		0	0	0	0
Ladysmith Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Mitchell's Plain Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Ceres Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	
ORDERS			0		0		0	
Vincent Pallotti Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0			0	0		0
ORDERS		0			0	0		0
Montagu Hospital								
AVAILABLE								0
ORDERS								0
Eerste River Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS				0	0	0	0	0
Mossel Bay Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0			0
ORDERS			0	0	0			0
Mowbray Maternity								
AVAILABLE		0	0	0		0	0	0
ORDERS		0	0	0		0	0	0
Oudtshoorn								
AVAILABLE			0					0
ORDERS			0					0
2 Military Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Prince Albert Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0			0	0
ORDERS			0	0			0	0
Red Cross Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Robertson								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Stellenbosch Hospital								



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AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Vredenburg								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0

KWAZULU NATAL								
	SURGICAL MASK	RESPIRATORY N95 OR FFP2	GOWNS	GOOGLES	VISORS	APRON	HEAVY DUTY GLOVES	BOOTS
Newcastle Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Niemeyer Memorial Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0			
ORDERS			0		0			
Danhauser (CHC)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0			
ORDERS			0	0	0			
Hillcrest Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0	0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS		0	0	0	0		0	0
McCord Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
KZN Children's Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0	0	0	0		0	
ORDERS		0	0	0	0		0	
Clairwood Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
KwaDabeka CHC								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Tongaat CHC								
AVAILABLE			0		0			0
ORDERS			0		0			0
St Mary's Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0				0			
ORDERS	0				0			
Don Mckenzie Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0	0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS		0	0	0	0		0	0
Newton CHC								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
King Edward Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0			0
ORDERS			0		0			0
Addington Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Phoenix CHC								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
King Dinuzulu Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0	0		0
ORDERS					0	0		0
Prince Mshiyeni Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0	0	0	
ORDERS					0	0	0	
Mahatma Gandhi Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Manor CHC								
AVAILABLE		0		0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS		0		0	0	0	0	0
R K Khan Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
eKuhlengeni Hospital								
AVAILABLE		0		0	0			





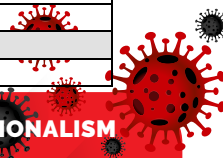
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ORDERS		0		0	0			0
Osindisweni Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Wentworth Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0			0
ORDERS			0		0			0
Charles James Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
St Aidans Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Hlengisizwe CHC								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Inanda C CHC								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
KwaMashu CHC								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
EG & USHER								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Rietvlei Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
Christ the King Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
St Apollinaris								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
St Magarets Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
UMzimkhulu Psychiatric Hospital								
AVAILABLE			0		0			
ORDERS			0		0			
Untunjambili Hospital and Clinics								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Umphumulo Hospital and Clinics								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Montebello Hospital and attached Clinics								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Ndwedwe CHC and Clinics								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Ekombe Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
Mbongolwane Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Queen Nandi								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
St Mary's KwaMagwaza Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
Eshowe Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0				0		0	0
ORDERS	0				0		0	0
Nkandla Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0				0		0	0



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ORDERS	0				0		0	0
Catherine Booth Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Nseleni CHC								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Ngwelezana Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Murchison Hospital								
AVAILABLE				0			0	0
ORDERS				0			0	0
GJ Crookes Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
St Andrews Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
Turton CHC								
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Gamalakhe CHC								
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Edendale Hospital								
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ORDERS				0	0		0	0
Northdale Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0		0		0	0	0	0
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Appelsboch Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
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Doris Goodwin								
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ORDERS			0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond Chest Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
Umgeni Specialized Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Townhill								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Fortnapier Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0	0		0
ORDERS					0	0		0
Bruntville CHC								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
East Boom CHC								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
Imbalenhle Community CHC								
AVAILABLE			0	0			0	0
ORDERS			0	0			0	0
Mosvold Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Mseleni Hospital								
AVAILABLE	0				0			0
ORDERS	0				0			0
Bethesda Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Manguzi Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
Hlabisa Hospital								
AVAILABLE					0		0	





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ORDERS				0		0	
CO+C208:T209SH							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Greytown Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0		0	0
ORDERS				0		0	0
Dundee Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0		0	0
ORDERS				0		0	0
CJM Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			0
ORDERS				0			0
Pomeroy CHC							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Emmaus Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			0
ORDERS				0			0
Escort Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Ladysmith Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
St Chad CHC							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Vryheid Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Ceza/Thulasizwe Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Benedictine Hospital							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			
Edumbe CHC							
AVAILABLE				0			
ORDERS				0			

FREE STATE								
	SURGICAL MASK	RESPIRATORY N95 OR FFP2	GOWN	GOOGLES	VISORS	APRON	HEAVY DUTY GLOVES	BOOTS
NATIONAL HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
BOTSHABELO HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	
ORDERS			0		0		0	
Dr JS MOROKA (District)								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
EMBEKWENI (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0	0	0	0
STOFFEL COEZEE (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0	0	0	0
DIAMANT (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
ALBERT NZULA (District)								
AVAILABLE					0	0	0	0
ORDERS					0	0	0	0
KATLEHO (District)								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			
NATIONAL HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0			
ORDERS					0			





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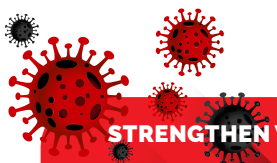
ORDERS					0			0
BEDFORD HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0		0	0	0	0
SS GIDA HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0		0	0	0	0
KOMGA HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0			0	0	0
ORDERS			0			0	0	0
CRADOCK HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0		0	0	0	0
MARJIE HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
DORDRECHT HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE	0		0		0			0
ORDERS	0		0		0			0
STERKSTROOM HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
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INDWE HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
HEWU HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0	0	0	0
MOLTENO HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0	0	0	0	0	0
ELLIOT HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE		0			0	0	0	0
ORDERS		0			0	0	0	0
WILHELM STAHL HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0				
ORDERS			0	0				
MOUNT AYLIF HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0	0	0	0
ORDERS			0		0	0	0	0
SIPETU HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE				0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS				0	0	0	0	0
ANDRIES VOSLOO HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
GREY HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0			0
ORDERS					0			0
CALA HOSPITAL (District)								
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ORDERS					0			
MJANYANA HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COFIMVABA HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0			
ORDERS			0		0			
ST PATRICKS HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0		0	
ORDERS					0		0	
TAYLOR BEQUEST HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
MIDLAND HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
ADERDEEN HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0		0		0	0
ORDERS			0		0		0	0
WILLOWMORE HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE			0	0	0		0	0



ORDERS			0	0	0		0	0
BJ VOSTER HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE				0			0	0
ORDERS				0			0	0
PORT ALFRED HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE					0		0	0
ORDERS					0		0	0
ALI WAL NORTH HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UITENHANGE HOSPITAL (District)								
AVAILABLE		0		0	0	0	0	0
ORDERS		0		0	0	0	0	0

3.3 Provincial distribution of different items of PPEs

Table 1: Provincial Contribution to National Stock									
	Surgical Masks	Gowns	Gloves	Googles	Visors	Respiratory N95 & FFP2	Aprons	Heavy Duty Gloves	Boots
FREE STATE									
AVAILABLE	149600	4964	262054	20556	0	24451	655465	350	504
ORDERS	750	0	31350	0	0	10920	0	0	300
MPUMALANGA									
AVAILABLE	31028	976	125777	2019	4000	24580	38230	0	404
ORDERS	10060	1665	2800	254	2300	6000	3944	130	1060
WESTERN CAPE									
AVAILABLE	162448	2873	325781	17032	203	51553	560322	2080	288
ORDERS	39384	520	27482	15180	370	60974	254600	130	1610
NORTH WEST									
AVAILABLE	78 946	4939	262 054	20 556	0	24451	655465	10	504
ORDERS	750	0	0	0	0	10920	0	0	300
GAUTENG									
AVAILABLE	188 938	97071	2006113	6372	746	181090	875359	3085	7328
ORDERS	22892	14200	426 909	8505	0	38125	45200	4750	2600
EASTERN CAPE									
AVAILABLE	474 616	44 634	1550302	25 956	7 814	66 844	243 450	172 790	635
ORDERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



3.4 Graphic illustration of the provincial distribution of different items of PPEs

Figure 2: Heavy Duty Gloves Per Province

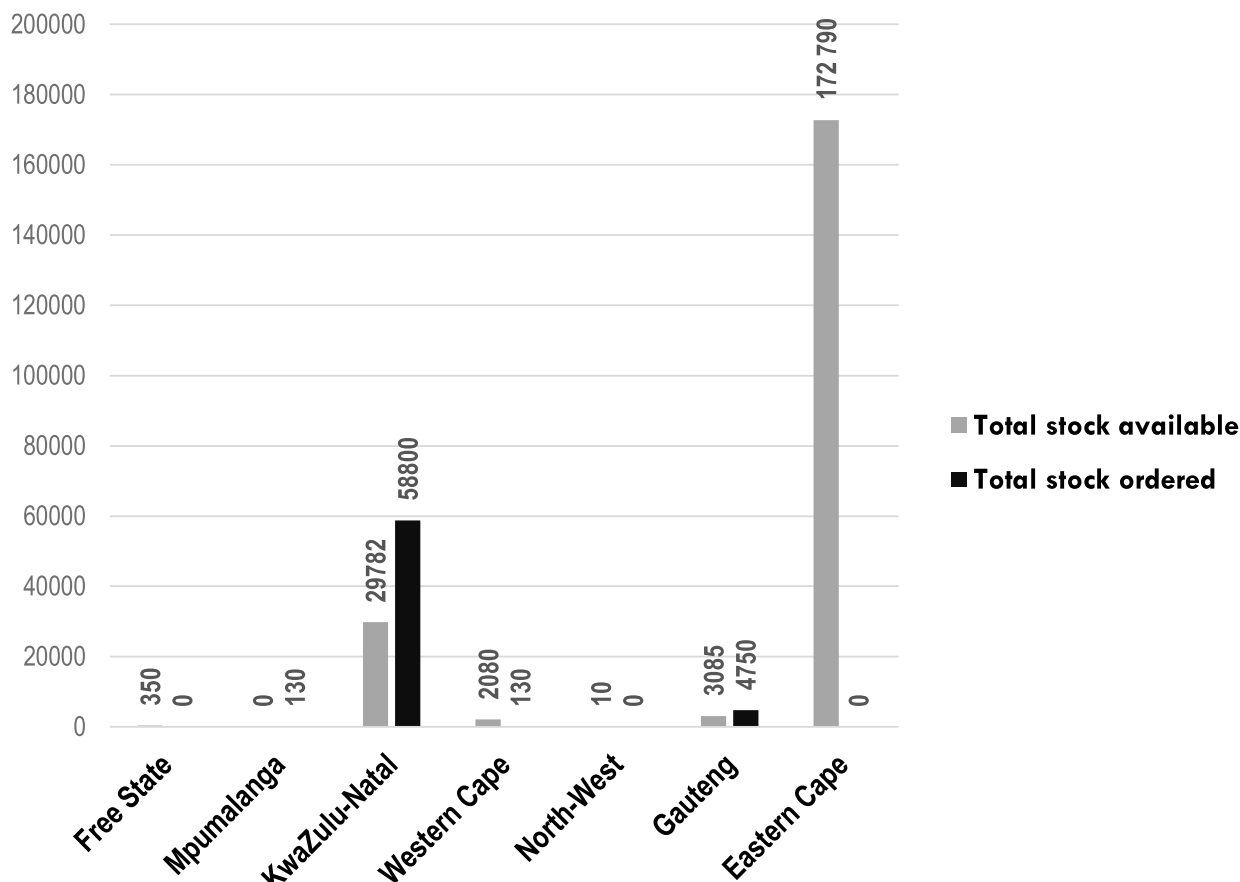


Figure 3: Gloves Per Province

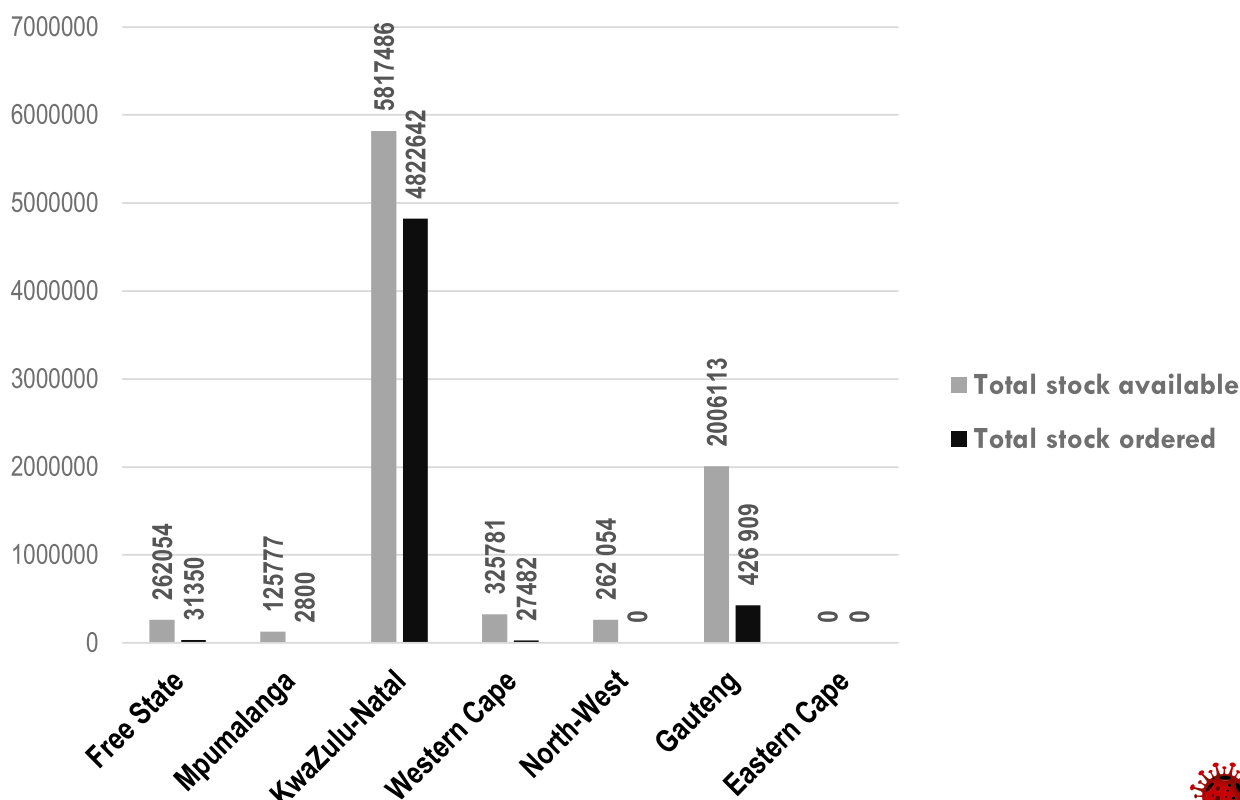


Figure: 4 Surgical Mask Per Province

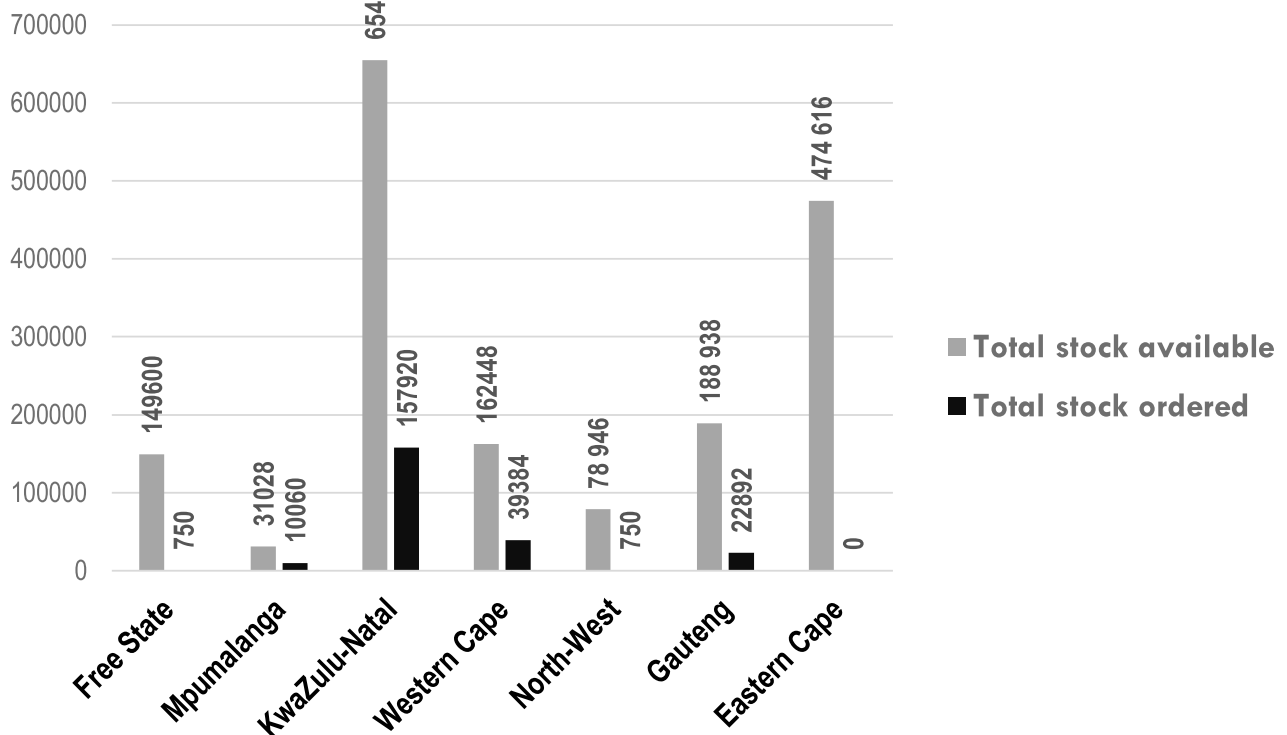


Figure 5: Gowns Per Province

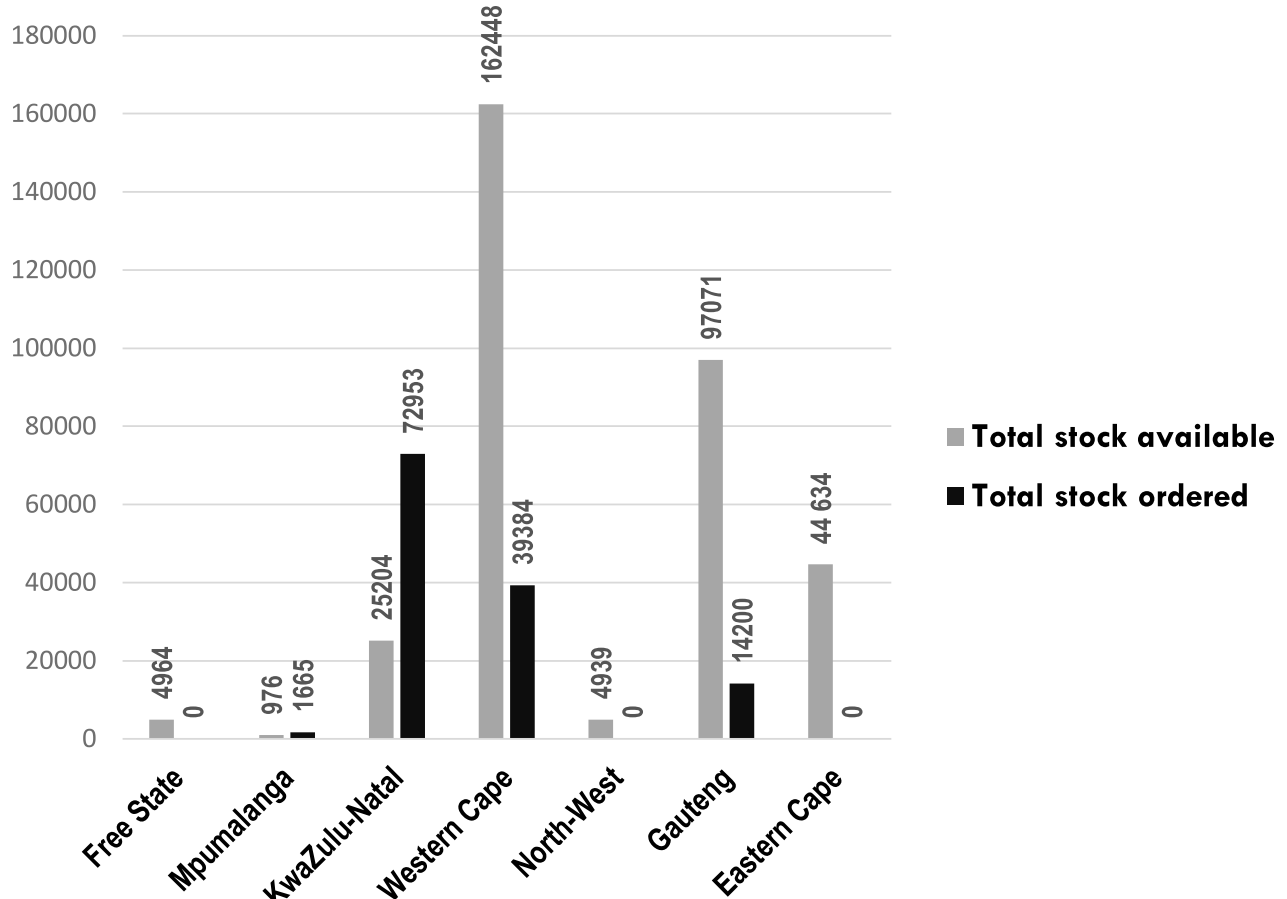


Figure 6: Googles Per Province

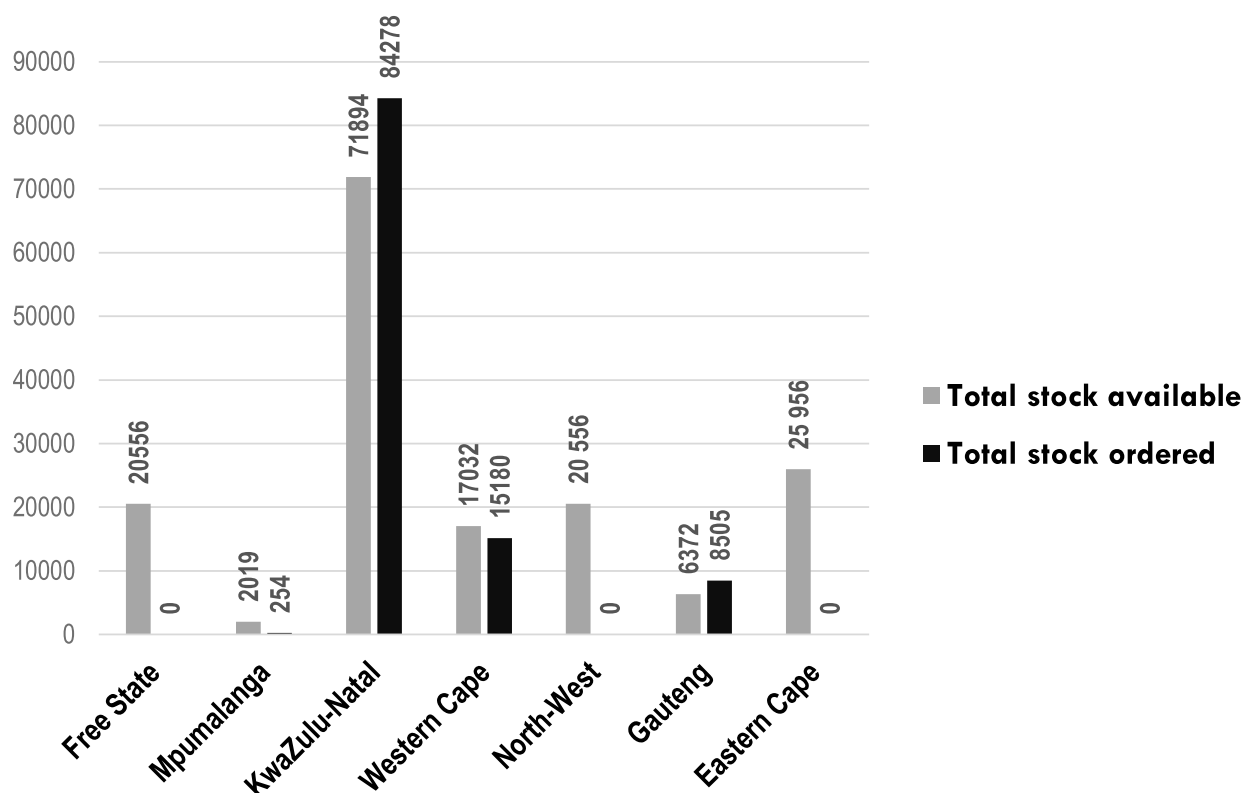


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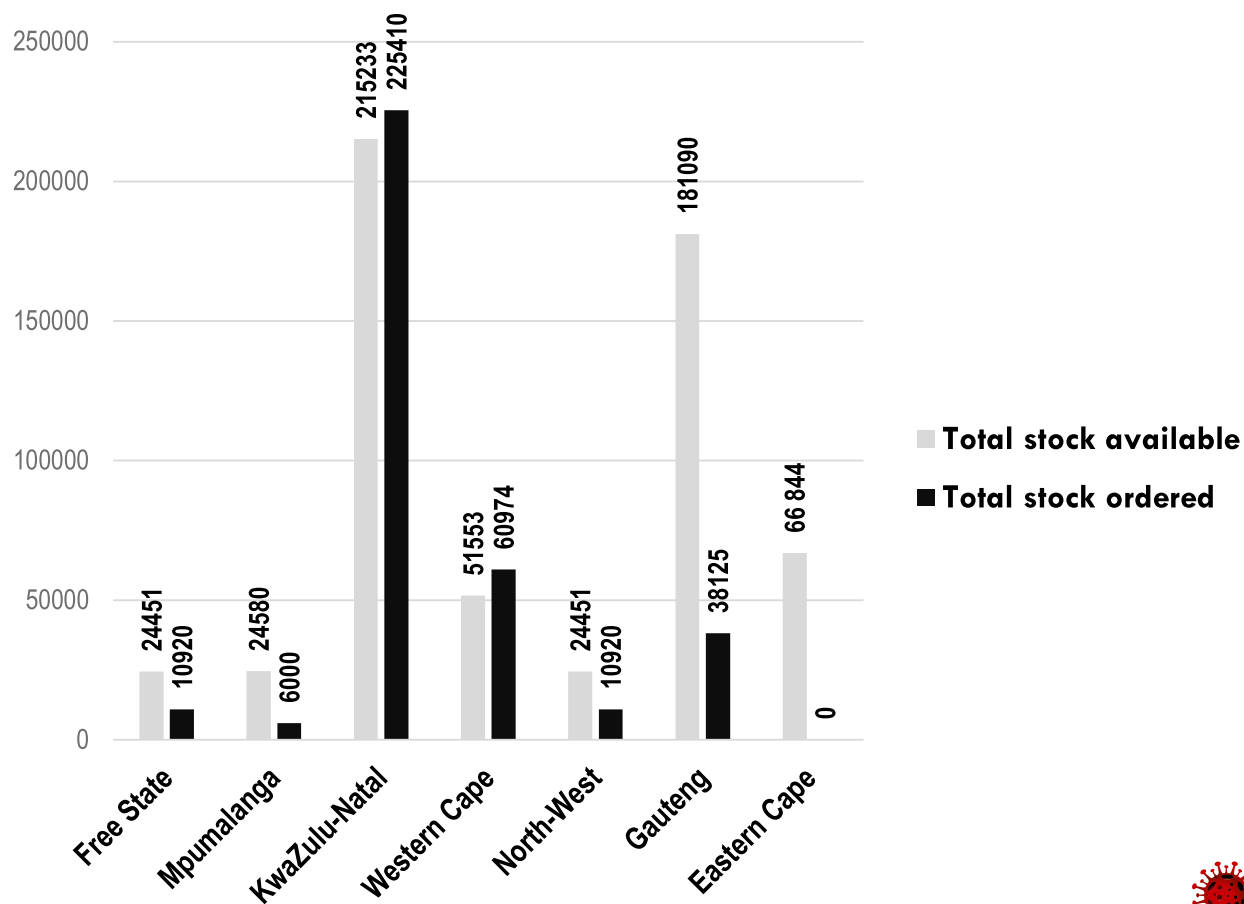


Figure 8: Aprons Per Province

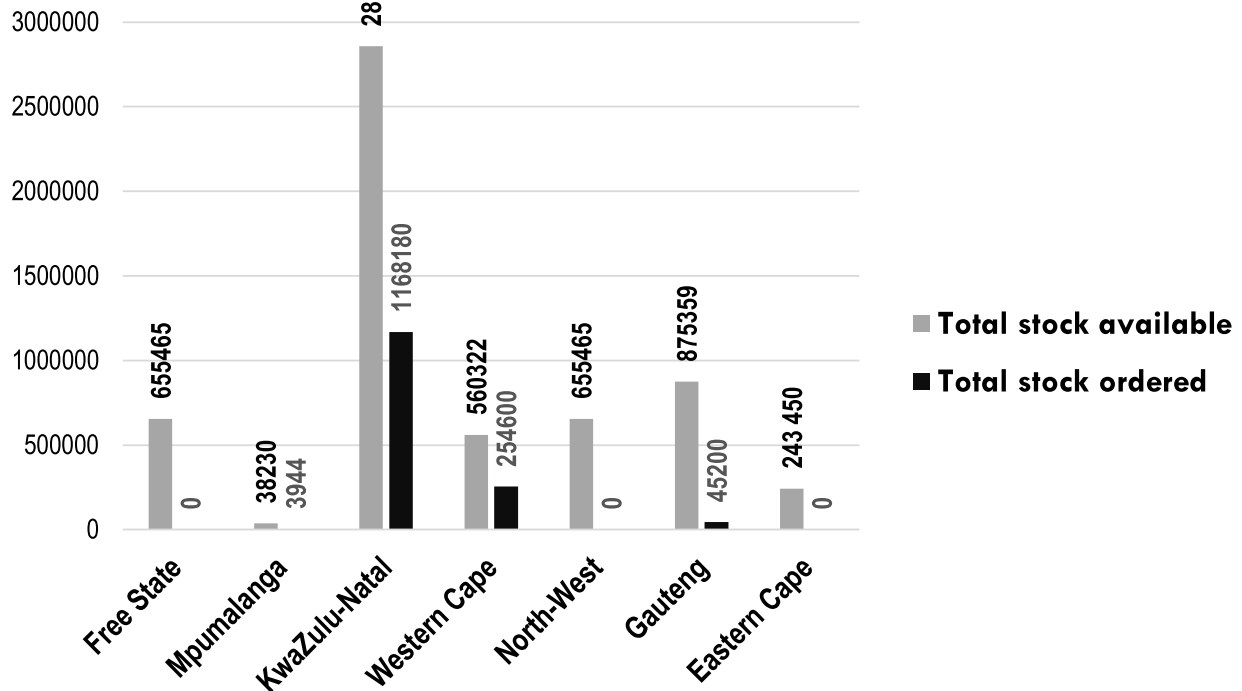
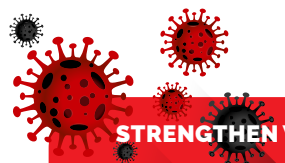
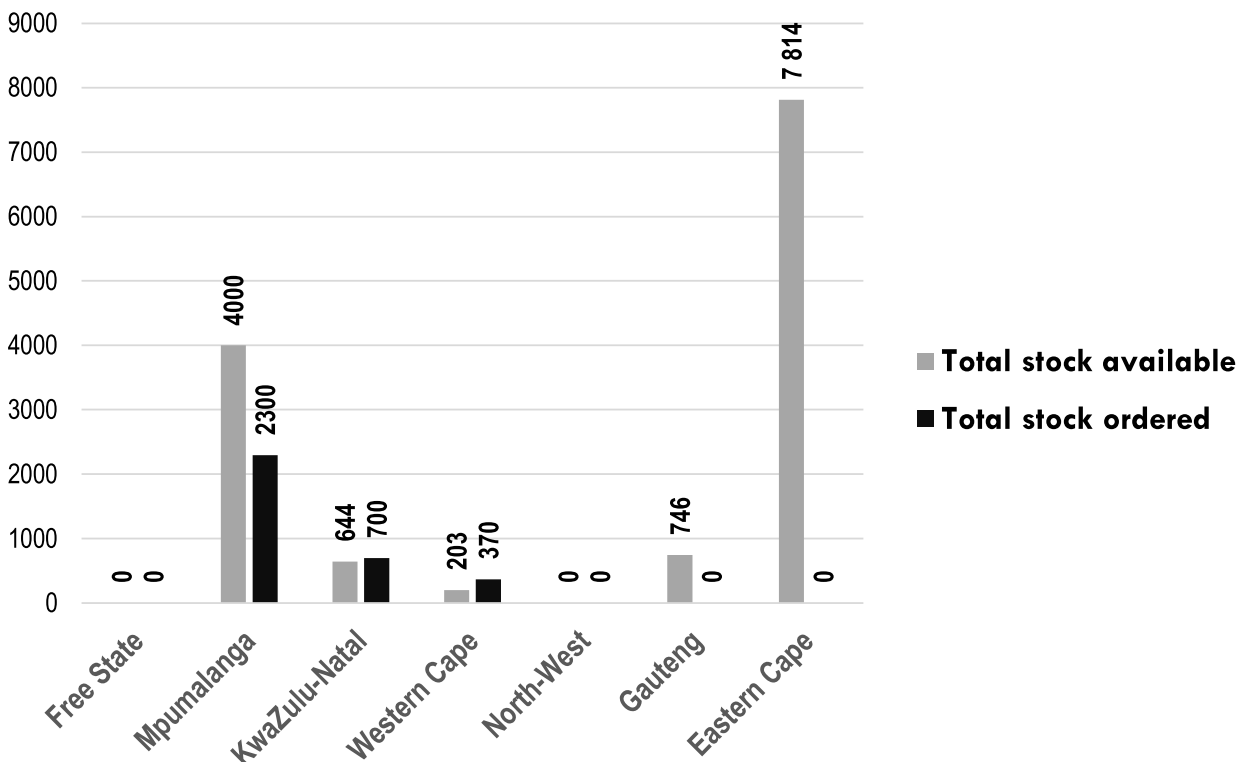


Figure 9: Visors Per Province





4. CONCLUSION

- There is a massive shortage of the Surgical Masks relative to the need as almost all categories of the frontline workers have to have them.
- Heavy Duty Gloves are by far concentrated in the Eastern Cape as compared to other provinces. In fact, with the exception of KwaZulu-Natal, the rest of other provinces have next to nothing when it comes to the Heavy Duty Gloves.
- The other Gloves are by far concentrated in the KwaZulu-Natal, both in terms of the currently available and ordered stock. In fact, the entire Eastern Cape has nothing in the current stock and worst still it has placed no orders on Gloves.
- Only KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape have some considerable amounts of Surgical Mask. Otherwise, other provinces simply have far too little at this stage and this is concerning because of the inadequate orders put in place.
- Only the Western Cape and to some extent Gauteng have adequate stocks of Gowns.
- Googles are highly concentrated in KwaZulu-Natal, whilst other provinces have very limited stocks.
- Only KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng have adequate stocks of the vital Respiratory N95/FFP5, which are crucial and may be required in more numbers in a province like the Western Cape which is the second biggest hotspot.
- Only KwaZulu-Natal has adequate stock of Aprons, which are crucial for clinicians directly interacting with acute patients.
- KwaZulu-Natal has overly ordered the Boots or Closed Work Shoes and this appears to be at the expense of other provinces, which have next to nothing except for Gauteng.
- Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga have adequate Visors, whilst the rest of the provinces have very limited stocks. Disturbingly, Free State and North West have none currently and no orders put in place.
- The Eastern Cape has not placed new orders on any kind or component of the PPE.

