

Friends and foes hail Manto

Political allies of former health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang offered praise in the wake of her death on Wednesday, 16 December 2009, while her many detractors muted their criticism and offered condolences to her family.

"As minister of health she contributed effectively in the enhancement of government programmes with regards to child and maternal health, which were her particular interests, as well as in responding to diabetes and other chronic diseases," the presidency said in a statement.

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