

**Full Name: Dr Nomafrench Mbombo**

**Designation: Western Cape Health Minister**

Dr Nomafrench Mbombo was born and bred in Mdantsane Township in East London, Eastern Cape, SA. She is currently the Western Cape Health Minister having assumed the position on 1 January 2015. The first female ever appointed in this position in this Department. Before being appointed as the Health Minister she was the Minister at the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports.

She is a mother, a human rights activist and nature lover.

Before entering into politics, Dr Mbombo was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa.

She holds a PhD in the area of Gender and Human Rights (UWC), Masters in Maternal & Child Health (UKZN) and a Bachelors in Nursing Science (UFH). She previously worked in provincial and local government health departments in the Eastern Cape and KZN respectively. Dr Mbombo has held advisory and consultative roles to various ministries of health in Africa and in multinational organisations across the globe.

Her area of interest and closer to her heart is community empowerment as agency to reclaim the voices of the populations at risk such as young women & girls, rural women and minority groups.

She lives with her life mantra, "Where I am planted, I grow"