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Dudu Shiba is the Director: Mental Health and Substance Abuse at the National Department of Health, South Africa. She has more than 25 years' experience in the mental health field having worked as a psychiatric nurse in an inpatient psychiatry unit, at primary health care, as well as a community psychiatric nurse responsible for community psychiatry nursing services in a sub district. She has also been a mental health coordinator first at a district level and then at provincial level in Mpumalanga Province before joining the National Department of Health in the same programme as a Deputy Director in 2008 and then appointed in a Director position in 2022.

She is a registered professional nurse with a BA Cur Degree in Nursing Sciences, Master's Degree in Public Health, a BA Degree in Health and Social Services and is currently pursuing a PhD. She has authored one peer-reviewed journal, co-authored one peer reviewed journal, co-authored a mental health chapter in the SA Health Reforms 2015-2020: the Road Ahead book as well as an article published in the South African Health Professions Council Bulletin. She has presented two papers at the 2014 and 2022 Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University research days and presented a paper at the South African National AIDS Conference 2019. She led the project to develop the National Mental Health Policy Framework and Strategic Plan 2023-2030.