

Tshiamiso Trust reaches halfway milestone, with R2.5 billion paid to eligible claimants

The Tshiamiso Trust has officially reached the halfway mark in administering compensation for the historic Silicosis and TB Settlement Agreement. As of 9 February 2026, the Trust has disbursed R2.5 billion to eligible claimants, shortly after crossing the midpoint of its 12-year legislative lifecycle in December 2025. The R2.5 billion disbursed to date is a result of the Trust's work across South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe – and relies on prescribed claim processes to ensure fairness, accuracy, and compliance with the Trust Deed.

“Reaching the halfway mark of our lifecycle allows us to reflect on our progress while sharpening our focus for the remaining years ahead”, says Tshiamiso Trust CEO, Dr Munyadziwa Kwindi. “Our mandate remains clear: to ensure that every eligible claimant receives what is due to them.”

Progress amid complexity

The Trust operates in a complex environment, where the wide geographical spread of claimants, the sourcing and verification of historical records, and the rigorous implementation of the Trust Deed requirements continue to pose operational challenges. “This has necessitated extensive, careful, methodical processes to ensure fairness, accuracy, and compliance with the Trust Deed”, says Kwindi. “And unfortunately, not all claims meet the eligibility criteria.”

Despite these complexities, the Trust has steadily expanded its reach through on-the-ground interventions, outreach programmes, and partnerships with service providers, governments, and community-based structures. These efforts are aimed at improving access, accelerating claims processing, and ensuring eligible claimants are supported throughout the process.

A call to action: the urgency to lodge

With the window for new claim lodgements closing in December 2029, urgency is paramount. Kwindi explains: “Time is of the essence. We do not want any eligible person to miss out because they waited too long. If you or a family member worked at gold mines owned by African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater, or Gold Fields between 1965 and 2019, come forward as soon as possible!”

This invitation extends to any former mineworker whose condition has worsened after having a previously unsuccessful claim. Those mineworkers are permitted to lodge a second claim with the Trust. Payment would be required for the Benefit Medical Examination (BME), with this cost being refunded if they meet the medical eligibility criteria.

Essential support

“The Trust extends its appreciation to government partners, ex-mineworker organisations, traditional leaders, civil society, and service providers who continue to play a critical role in supporting claimants and facilitating access to the compensation process. Their collaboration remains vital in ensuring the Trust fulfils its mandate during the remaining years of its lifecycle.”



Dr Munyadziwa Kwindi, Tshiamiso Trust CEO

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“As we move forward, the Tshiamiso Trust remains focused on fulfilling its mandate with integrity, urgency, and respect for the people it was established to serve”, concludes Kwindi.

For more information, visit www.tshiamisotrust.com or contact 080 1000 240 (South Africa) / 00 27 10 500 6186 (outside South Africa).

About the Tshiamiso Trust

The Tshiamiso Trust was established to implement the settlement agreement reached between six mining companies and claimant attorneys in the historic silicosis and TB class action. The companies are African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater, and Gold Fields. The Trust is responsible for compensating all eligible current and former mineworkers across southern Africa who have permanent impairment due to silicosis or work-related TB, or their dependents where the mineworker has passed away. [📍](#)

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Useful links:

- To see if the mineworker qualifies to lodge a claim: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/status-check/>
- To view the claims process: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/how-to-claim/>
- To view the compensation classes: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/compensation-classes/>
- To view daily progress of claims and payments: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/progress-report/>