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Mr. TL Leshabane is a South African environmental health professional and public health practitioner with almost a decade and a half of experience in provincial government, primarily within environmental health services. He currently serves as **Deputy Director: Environmental Health** at the **Free State Department of Health (Provincial Office)**, a role he has held since February 2022. In this position, he leads, coordinates, monitors, and evaluates provincial environmental health functions and municipal health services, including communicable disease surveillance and prevention, Malaria control, policy implementation, stakeholder capacity-building, service delivery monitoring, and risk management.

Previously, he served as **Assistant Director: Environmental Health** from 2012 to 2022, focusing on governance and regulatory compliance, pollution control, environmental health policy development and evaluation, water quality management, and regulatory functions, including hazardous substances licensing.

Mr. Leshabane is professionally registered with the **Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)** and is affiliated with professional and sector bodies, including the **National Association for Clean Air (NACA)**, the **Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA)**, and the **International Water Association (IWA)**. His academic qualifications include a **BTech in Environmental Health**, a **National Diploma in Environmental Health**, a **Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health** from the **University of Pretoria**, and a **Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration** from the **University of the Free State**.

He is currently a **Master of Public Health candidate**, a **One Health Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Frontline Trainee** with the **National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD)**, and a participant in the **Advanced Leadership Programme for the Elimination of Malaria 2026** at the **University of Pretoria**.

His professional experience includes participation in major public health responses and surveillance initiatives, including the **Free State cholera outbreak response in 2023** and **wastewater-based environmental surveillance for poliovirus and COVID-19**.