

LIMPOPO PREMIER OFFICIALLY OPENS A CLINIC

SEKGAKGAPENG: The Limpopo Provincial Government led by Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, MEC for Department of Health in Limpopo Province, Dr Phophi Ramathuba and Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela have officially opened Manyoga Clinic in Sekgakgapeng under Mogalakwena Municipality.

The trio, Premier Mathabatha, MEC Dr Ramathuba and Mayor Matsemela handed over nine ambulances and opened nurse's homes.

In his address, Premier Mathabatha said, "Our work here is in line with our commitment to bring quality healthcare services to our people. When some of you or your parents voted in 1994, they were laying a foundation for a government which would take services to the people. When most of you voted in 2014, you were voting for the acceleration of services such as electricity, access to education, and improved access to quality healthcare services."

Mathabatha indicated that opening of the clinic is in line with the adopted Health Turnaround Strategy which is aimed at addressing the many challenges which we were experiencing in the past, which included, dilapidating healthcare infrastructure, shortage of health professionals and the lack of crucial medication.

Mathabatha added that the government has spent millions of rands to purchase and repair critical equipment's for the hospitals in need such as boilers, autoclave machines, laundry machines, theatre equipment, mortuary and kitchen refrigerators, and so on.

"This clinic is a valued asset of this community, it will assist to deliver our bundles of joy, it will be there to offer treatment to the sick and the injured and above all, it will be there to provide health advice. I also urge our young people to use this facility for preventative services. We do not want to see young children falling pregnant simply because of lack of knowledge about issues relating to prevention and family planning," said Mathabatha.

"This clinic is also expected to play a vital role with regard to information and programs relating to the prevention of HIV and AIDS. I want to call on all of you to take care of this facility. You should not allow anyone to destroy this strategic asset of the people of Sekgakgapheng," Mathabatha said.

"I want to challenge those in whose care these ambulances will be, to use them only for their intended purpose. We do not want to read about these vehicles being used to fetch kids from school. These are not private vehicles. In this regard I also invite our friends in the media and society at large to help expose any abuse of these vehicles," Mathabatha continued.

MEC Dr Ramathuba indicated that the clinic renders the following services: minor ailments, antenatal care, maternity care which includes the delivery of babies, postnatal care, child health, chronic conditions, HIV testing and treatment, TB screening and treatment as well as reproductive health.

Ramathuba added that the clinic serves Extension 19,14,20,12 of Mokopane, portion of Sekgakgapeng, Polar Park, Mountain View, Park More and Akasia.

In brief Mogalakwena Mayor Cllr Matsemela thanked the department for bringing the health facility closer to the people and the handing over of ambulances.

“This clinic will provide 24 hours service to community members 7 days a week with the intentions of providing primary health services to communities with pride and excellence. The days of patients having to wait for hours for an ambulance are gone,” said Matsemela.