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OFFICIAL OPENING OF BOITEKONG CLINIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Dumelang,

Thobela, ke re a lotšha.

INTRODUCTION

In my maiden budget speech on 30 July 2024, the Department committed to officially open several healthcare facilities to accelerate service delivery. We are steadfast in keeping to that promise, despite various challenges.

Some challenges are not within our control, but those that are, we deal with promptly and swiftly.

Ladies and gentlemen, healthcare is a pivotal factor in each of our lives. Something as mundane as a flu or a headache, can feel like your life is turned upside down, essentially when you do not take care of it.

THE OFFICIAL RE-OPENING OF BOITEKONG CLINIC

Boitekong clinic was officially opened in 1995. It was initially owned by Rustenburg Local Municipality and was later officially handed over to the Department of Health in 2013. The facility is situated in ward 20 within the Rustenburg Local Municipality. The Catchment Population has increased from 53 322 in 2024 to 54 683 in 2025. The facility operates for 12 hours (from 7am – 7pm) from Monday to Sunday.

The clinic committee is well established and fully functional. The committee meeting convenes on a monthly basis, and its term of office started on 22 August 2022 and will come to an end on 23 August 2025. I encourage that the committee continue to do their work, to enable governance and compliance to be at the forefront of the facility.

The facility refers stable patients to Boitekong Community Healthcare Centre situated 5 kilometres away, and critical patients are referred to Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital, 14 km away.

SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN FACILITIES

The issue of shortage of staff is currently being decisively addressed. It will soon be history. I have requested that all vacant-funded posts be filled.

We need to ensure that we employ and place people who are qualified, especially in our facilities, where our people need healing. This will also assist with dealing with the waiting period for consultation that is one of the complaints from our patients.

AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINE

The Department has been inundated with calls and enquiries of lack of medication in our some of our facilities. I wish to assure members of the public that there is stability in the supply of medication, despite challenges that that are currently being addressed. As we speak, the Department is at 85,12% medicine availability. This shows that there is an improvement, and growing efforts to meet the demand in public healthcare in the province.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP

I would like to, on behalf of government and members of the community, express gratitude to all stakeholders for ensuring that this facility becomes operational. It is with efforts from different stakeholders that our community members are taken care of, no matter the circumstances. Mainly, my heartfelt thank you goes to:

1. Gift of the givers for the parameter fence, gates, guardhouse, ceiling, air conditioners, medical records filling system and furniture.
2. Sibanye Stillwater for fixing the leaking roof, flooring, painting, plumbing, WI-FI and service board.

3. BONITAS for the borehole, Water tanks and the connection.
4. PEPFAR / ANOVA for building the administration block in 2020.

In the words of the late Nelson Mandela,

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“Health cannot be a question of income; it is a fundamental human right.”

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With interventions from our respected stakeholders, we can ensure that indeed we make health a human right. We further encourage that we continue to work together for the benefit of our people, who are in dire need of services to be delivered closer and directly to them.

CONCLUSION

Boitekong clinic obtained a Platinum ideal status. In 2022, the facility obtained a compliance certificate as per regulation by the Office of Health Standard Compliance. I trust that with the current staff compliment, and those that will be placed in the future, the standard of the facility will be maintained.

Programme Director, I further request ward councilors and MMC's from both the local and district municipalities' to cordially work together with officials that are in their jurisdiction. Your support towards facility managers, clinic committees and other governance structures is crucial to ensure that we deliver quality healthcare services.

I intend to play my oversight role, through my pillar programmes:

Kopana ke matla – where we address challenges and resolve them around the table, with management of the department and various stakeholders and;

Re bona ka matlho - Where I will pay a visit to various facilities to play oversight.

I further implore with members of the community to take good care of the Boitekong clinic. The Department may be the custodian of this facility, but in essence, it was built for you, to take care of your healthcare needs. Let us be responsible and take care of what is ours.

Above all, the best is yet to come.

I thank you.