



BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY

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BETTER HEALTH CARE FACILITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BURGERRECHT AND THE SURROUNDING

In an effort to improve access to quality, public infrastructure and health facilities the Limpopo Department of Health and Social Development handed over a newly built state of the art clinic to the Blouberg Municipality and the Bahananwa Tribal Authority on behalf of the residents of Burgerrecht and the surrounding villages.

The old dilapidated Burgerrucht clinic was built in 1975 by money contributed by the villagers. But today the government has built them a state-of-the-art health care facility with advanced machinery. The official handing over of Burgerrecht Clinic took place on the 13th of March 2014. The clinic will benefit over 5000 community members from communities of Burgerrecht, Pax, Mokwena and other surrounding areas.

Kgoshi Maleboho thanked government for taking care of his community. He made a call to the department to ensure that medication is supplied to the clinics which are often running out of medication and the staff supply. He reiterated that the immaculately designed structure be commensurate with services rendered.

Delivering a keynote address on behalf of the Health and Social Development MEC, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane said the government has already begun implementing measures to ensure that there is uninterrupted supply of medicines and other goods needed in hospitals and clinics with the aim of enhancing patients' care.

The department had taken a conscious decision to procure medication directly from the suppliers to ensure timely and seamless availability of medication to respective health centres. Cllr Sekgoloane, while handing over the clinic further added that there was a clear indication that "the health of our people was being prioritised and that as the ANC led government we will tirelessly continue bring dignity to our people through amenities such as clinics".

A call was also made to the residents to know their HIV status in order to receive treatment on time if positive to live longer and lead healthy lifestyles.

The clinic will operate from 08h00 to 16h30 and after hours in case of emergencies. The clinic will also offer advanced health care services and bring much needed relief to rural women, as it has modern and technologically advanced maternity facilities. It will also offer other health support services such as physiotherapy, optometry, diet, psychology, dental therapy and school social work services.

The residents thanked the present day government for standing by their promise. "I am happy that the government has finally listened to our concerns and delivered, this is a beautiful facility" said one excited resident.

Community members were urged to look after the facility. Cllr Serite Sekgoloane and Kgoshi Maleboho of the Bahananwa Tribal Authority received the clinic on behalf of Blouberg Municipality and the community. Meanwhile a series of other clinics will be opened in due course as if to lay to rest any aspersions by the doubting Thomases and reaffirming that there is indeed a good story to tell.

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