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Health woes to escalate after clinic is burnt down

KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo says he sympathises with the Copesville community after their clinic was completely burnt down by a rioting mob. The MEC visited the site today 20-04-2016 to assess the damage that was caused to the facility. He was joined by UMGungundlovu Health District Manager, Ms May Zuma Mkhonza and the sister in charge of the clinic Ms Dione Carson as he combed the scene.

At the beginning of the week the Copesville residents closed the Greytown Road whilst protesting about a councillor. In the midst of the mayhem they burnt down a new clinic structure that was put in place to replace the dilapidated Masons Clinic that was operating in a Human Settlement house.

I really sympathise with the community for their loss. This R2 million air-conditioned structure consisted of 14 Consultation Rooms; 2 huge Waiting Areas; Ablution facilities for males and females and a Kitchen for staff. We were just getting ready to open it in the coming week – now it is no more. What is worse now is that we are even removing out all the medical equipment in the old structure as we fear that it too will be destroyed,’ laments the MEC.

What is sad about the whole thing is that there is no operating health facility in Copesville at the moment and community members will now have to travel 10 kilometres to Eastwood and Northdale Clinics for their ailments.



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