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Quality healthcare deep in Mondi forests in KZN

KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has thanked Mondi Limited for choosing health as a terrain for their social responsibility initiatives.

This as he was receiving a fully equipped top of the range Mobile Clinic that will service mostly contract forest workers as well as communities residing around the UBuhlebezwe in Harry Gwala Municipal District. The Mobile Clinic is fully electrified with rechargeable batteries and equipped with all necessary sundries like remote controlled outside folding canopy; examination beds; examination lamps; oxygen cylinders; ECG Machine; water inlet; air conditioner; micro wave as well as a folding portable toilet.

Mondi National Head, Maurice Makhathini in explaining why they decided to get involved was because seasonally Mondi employs more than 3000 contract workers in their forests and that these employees get back to their homes when most clinics have closed.



MEC Dhlomo says this generous gesture comes at a very appropriate as UBuhlebezwe sub-district has seen its population increasing from 106 396 to 114 525 after it had taken over Ndwebu Clinic from Ugu District.

‘The Mondi Mobile Clinic adds to the three [3] that we have that are based at Ixopo clinic covering 43 points. It will assist in improving access to quality healthcare for the forest workers as it will offer health promotion; screening for all ailments; provide treatment to those identified and also serve as a distributing point for packaged chronic medication,’ says MEC Dhlomo.

MEC Dhlomo than pleaded with the community to make use of this beautiful gift of life by coming forward for screening which is the only way in which a person can know his or her status and thus be in a position to receive appropriate healthcare services, saying: ‘For this area, there would be no plausible reason again why people will present themselves very sick at healthcare facilities when the mobile services are being brought to their door

steps and their work places. Let us embrace this facility and ensure its safety as well as that of the health care professionals who have come out to improve your health status.’

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In the photo is MEC Dhlomo and Mondi National Head of Land, Mr Maurice Makhathini