

# KZN Health top management descends on Ceza/Thulasizwe district hospital to check on clinical operations and facility management; Pledges to deal with challenges identified

28 January 2019

In the true #ThumaMina spirit, top management of the KwaZulu Natal (KZN) Department of Health today (28 January 2019) descended upon the Ceza/Thulasizwe District Hospital in Zululand District to check on clinical operations and overall management of the facility, and learn more about some of the persistent issues that afflict the facility.

Led by Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and Acting Head of Department Dr Musa Gumede, the delegation met with local stakeholders, the hospital board and hospital management. The meeting is a follow up to operational issues and challenges that were raised directly with the MEC by local stakeholders, which he in turn, relayed to Dr Gumede.

The meeting is a follow up to operational issues and challenges that were raised directly with the MEC by local stakeholders, which he in turn, relayed to Dr Gumede.

Some of these relate to old buildings and condemned buildings which need to be revitalised (some wards are in park homes); and efficiency of primary healthcare services (The Gateway Clinic is too small – but an alternative site has been found, which will house a new building). Complaints were also noted regarding the perimeter fence which has been breached and needs to be repaired; as well as disagreements among community leaders over which local areas the mobile clinic should visit.

Acting Head of Department Dr Musa Gumede said now that the Department has listened to the challenges that were presented, the Department will devise intervention plans to close some of the identified gaps. Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo said this is one of several consultative meetings that the Department will have as part of efforts to find lasting solutions to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the hospital. Ceza and Thulasizwe Hospitals were merged in 2016 to form one facility.

