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Sod turning at Mseleni Hospital's Mduku Clinic

Nature conservation non-profit organization, Africa Foundation partnered with Mseleni Hospital to improve health infrastructure at Mduku Clinic (near Hluhluwe). The clinic was gifted R 1, 6 million worth new building (Women & children wing) extending from its current building.

The Sod turning event was held on Friday, 7th June 2013 at Mduku Clinic to officially hand over the project to the Department of Health by Africa Foundation.

Mr. Isaac Tembe from Africa Foundation alluded that the relationship between Africa Foundation and Department of Health, Mseleni Hospital have come too far as the initial building of Mduku clinic was one of the Foundation's pioneer projects beginning in 1993 with community consultation and reaching completion in 1994; prior to that, the health department at Mseleni Hospital had been rendering the service at Mduku in a form of a mobile clinic. However the challenges then was little privacy for patients and the burden on a single doctor and nurse to examine the hundreds of patients who would arrive on 'clinic day'.

Mr. J. Mkhonto (Corporate Services Manager, UMkhanyakude Health District) applauded the gift of the new building (Women & children wing); stating that the health Department has always valued partnerships with stakeholders wishing to play a role in supporting health facilities. The happiness among the community structures of Mduku area was overwhelming.



From left: Mrs. C.T. Fakude, (Deputy Nursing Manager, Mseleni Hospital), Mr. J. Mkhonto (UMkhanyakude Health District Corporate Services Manager), Her Worship Cllr C.C. Gumede (Big Five False Bay Municipality Mayor), Mr. I Tembe (Africa Foundation), Inkosi Yesizwe, Chief Gumede, Mrs. Gumede (Mduku Clinic Operational Manager), Mr. Mathenjwa (Mduku Clinic Committee Chairperson) and Mr. Mbatha (Phinda Game Reserve).



Mduku clinic staff excited about the new building

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