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CEO'S CORNER



Mrs S Ranjoomia : Acting CEO

Greetings to all Richmond hospital employees, private partners and all stakeholders, it is that time of the year where we are reflecting and we see all the good work done in the year 2022 and indeed we have achieved a lot. The facility had many successes in infrastructure and administration, the level of care is applauded and appreciated by healthcare users.

It is with great pleasure to announce to the community of Richmond that we have officially opened as a District Hospital as of the 1 December 2022. Though the facility is not yet a fully fledged District hospital, we have started by opening the Medical Ward. The Management would like to thank the employees, board members, organised labour, UMgungundlovu district team, and task team for the commissioning Of Richmond District Hospital and its Convener Acting District Director Dr T Zulu. I would like to assure the Richmond community that the facility will do what ever it takes to ensure that soon we will have other services up and running like dental, eye clinic and MOU.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those who will be travelling, safe travels and remember not to drink and drive and speed kills .

District hospital phase:1

Richmond hospital, previously known as Richmond Chest/ TB hospital was renovated into a COVID-19 Isolation during Covid years. Richmond hospital has now been pronounced and functioning as a District hospital.

The 1st of December 2022 was a historical day both for the community of Richmond and Richmond staff, where phase 1 Of the District Hospital (Medical Services) was kicked in. The Acting District Director Dr T Zulu was present to commemorate this event, where she outlined the positive impact of Richmond Hospital rendering a District Health Services Package.

The program of the opening was led by the District Director accompanied by the members of the KZN Chamber, District as well as head office officials.

When the District director was addressing the employees, she emphasised the importance of quality of care, staff attitude and maintaining the institutions facade. The chamber members indicated that they were extremely proud of how the project was conducted leading to the big event of opening the hospital to help the community of Richmond.



UMgungundlovu health District Director Dr T Zulu with red top and Mrs S Ranjoomia the Acting Chief Executive Officer on her left.

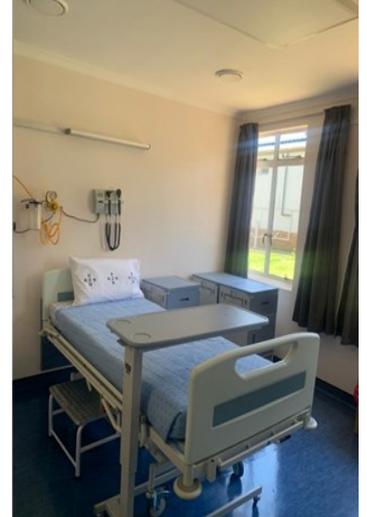
District hospital phase:1 pics



Observing the World AIDS Day

District hospital phase:1 pics

A walk-about took place and all who were present were satisfied with the infrastructure and agreed that patients would benefit from this kind of institution.



Walk about at Richmond District Hospital

Please read on for information of what Richmond District has to offer during Phase 1, as well as what we looking forward to in the future.

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USIZO OLUSHA (ISIGABA 1)

Ukusizwa kwabagulayo kuyaqala ngo 1 Disemba 2022

Kusukela ngo 1 Disemba 2022, iSibhedlela saseRichmond sizoqala ukuhlinzeka ngezinsiza zezokwelapha. Phambilini lesi sibhedlela besihlinzeka ngokwelashwa okuyisipesheli kweSifo Sofuba. Umphakathi ngeke usahamba amakhilomitha angaphezu kuka-40 ukuthola lezi zidingongqangi ezikhungweni zezempilo eMgungundlovu.

LITHINI IKUSASA LE RICHMOND DISTRICT HOSPITAL?

Isibhedlela sizothuthukiswa sibe yisibhedlela sesifunda ngokwezigaba, lezi zigaba zizofika ngezikhathi ezahlukeni. Izigaba zibandakanya ukuthuthukiswa kwezakhiwo nengqalasizinda, ukuqinisekisa ukutholakala kwabasebenzi abanele, ukuqinisekisa ukutholakala kwezinto ezifanele kanye nezinye izinsiza. Izinsiza ezahlukeni zizokwethulwa ngokuqedwa kwezigaba. Njengamanje sikwisigaba 1

USIZO OLUZOTHOLAKALA NENDIMA EZODLALWA YISIBHEDLELA

Isibhedlela esikwilesigaba sigwalisa izindima ezintathu ekunikezweni kwezempilo emphakathini, uma konke kusebenza kahle:

- **Ukuhlinzeka ngosizo** kubasebenzi bezempilo emitholampilo nasezinsizeni zomphakathi, kokubili ngokunakekelwa kwempilo kanye nobuchwepheshe bezempilo yomphakathi
- ukuhlinzeka **ngokunakekelwa kwezinga lokuqala** esifundeni
- Sibe **yindawo yokudluliselwa kweziguli** yimitholampilo, futhi sibe nesibopho sokudlulisela iziguli emazingeni aphezulu okunakekelwa, uma kunesidingo.

Isibhedlela saseRichmond sizoba nalezi zinsiza ezilandelayo

Usizo oluphuthumayo oluyisisekelo

Odokotela abajwayelekile abathola ukwesekwa ezibhedlela ezisezingeni eliphezulu

Ezimithi ezisezingeni lokuqala

Ukunakekelwa Kwezokwelapha Okujwayelekile Kwesiguli (Amawadi abesilisa nabesifazane)

Amagumbi okulala ngawedwana (isolation) Kanye nalawo abazolala isikhathi esifushane (Short stay)

Isibhedlela ngeke sibe nalezi zinsiza, okwamanje. Lezi zizokwethulwa ngokuhamba kwesikhathi

Usizo olusezisezingeni lwemitholampilo

Usizo lweZamazinyo

Ukunakekelwa kwamehlo okusezingeni lokuqala

Abazobeletha

Usizo lwezomqondo

Usizo olubandakanya ukuhlinzwa

Izinsiza ze-X-ray

Usizo lobungcweti nobuchwepheshe olufana (ezenhliziyo, ezomdlavuzwa, njalo njalo)

Usizo lwezingane nabantwana (okwamanje abantu abadala kuphela)

UHLELO LOKUDLULISELWA OKUMELE LULANDELWE

Amalungu omphakathi azothunyelwa yimitholampilo yangakubo esibhedlela saseRichmond ukuze bathole usizo olutholakalayo. Sinxusa umphakathi ukuthi uqale emitholampilo eseduze uma kunezimo ezingaphuthumi.

Ukuze uthole **ezinye izinsiza ezingatholakali esibhedlela** i-Richmond, umphakathi uzodluliselwa esibhedlela i-Harry Gwala endaweni yase-Edendale njengesigaba sesibili sokunakekelwa.

Sicela umphakathi ubekezele kulo lonke uhlelo njengoba luthuthuka ngezigaba. Ngeminye imininingwane thintana noMnuz Hlanganani Bhengu Ongumxhumanisi womphakathi nesibhedlela ku-033 212 2170.



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NEW SERVICES (PHASE 1)

Medical Services starting on 1 December 2022

From the 1st of December 2022, Richmond Hospital will start to provide medical services. The hospital previously provided Tuberculosis specialised treatment. The community will no longer travel for more than 40 kilometres to get these basic services from health facilities in Pietermaritzburg.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF RICHMOND DISTRICT HOSPITAL?

The hospital will be upgraded to a district hospital in phases, these phases will come in different periods of time. The phases involve upgrading the buildings & infrastructure, ensuring adequate staff availability, ensuring proper equipment and other resources availability, etc. Different services will be introduced as phases are completed. We are currently on phase 1.

SERVICES & ROLES

A District Hospital serves three critical roles in a well functioning district health system, namely to:

- **provide support** to health workers in clinics and community services, both in terms of clinical care and public health expertise
- provide **first level hospital care** for the district
- be the **place of referral** from referral clinics and/or community health centres, and be responsible for referring patients to higher levels of care, when necessary

Richmond hospital will have the following services

Basic Emergency services
Generalist doctors who receive support from secondary level hospitals
Basic Pharmaceuticals
General Inpatient Medical Care (Wards for males and females)
Isolation and Short Stay Wards

The hospital will not have these services, for now. These will be introduced as time goes on

Primary level services
Dental Services
Basic Eye care
Obstetrics & genealogy
Psychiatry
Anaesthesia, operations and surgeries
X-ray and radiology services
Specialisations like (cardiology, oncology, etc)
Paediatric services (currently adults only)

REFERRAL SYSTEM TO BE FOLLOWED

Community members will be referred by their local clinics to Richmond Hospital for the available services. We urge the public to start at their nearest clinics for non-emergencies.

For **other services not available** in Richmond Hospital, the community will be referred to Harry Gwala Hospital in Edendale area as a second level of care.

We request the community to be patient with the whole system as it is developing in phases. For more information, contact Mr Hlanganani Bhengu, the Public Relations Officer for the hospital on 033 212 2170



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Heritage day

Isibhedlela saseRichmond sibungaze usuku lwamagugu ngentokozo enkulu. Lapha abasebenzi besibhedlela bonke bebegida ingoma bevunule beconca. Lomcimbi ububanjwe zingu-21 September 2022, khona ngaphakathi ehholo lokuhlangana. Abaphathi badlulisa ukubonga okukhulu kubo bonke abalekelela ukuba lolusuku lube impumelelo, sithi nje “nangokuzayo niqhubeke nisekele yonke imicimbi eyenziwayo lapha esibhedlela”.



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Heritage day celebration cont.



Wellness day Celebration

The hospital had a wellness day on 27 October 2022, this team building was organised by Ms Nonhlakanipho Nqana (OHN). The activities included relay, blind folded water game, X and O games, hula-hoop chain etc. The day was filled with joy and happiness as the employees had fun when playing games. The Hospital sports ground was utilized for the games. Over 70 staff participated in this event and we would like to thank all who made the day a success.



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