

**Speech by MEC Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni on
the occasion of the 2006 Mobile Vehicle
launch at Wentworth Hospital**

5 May 2006

Hospital CEO

Members of the Medical and Clinical fraternity

Members of the Hospital Board

Our hard working nurses

Emergency Medical Rescue Services

Our beloved patients

Friends from the community

All Protocol observed

I consider it appropriate that a week after we released our 2006/7 budgets, we are converged here acting upon some of the deliverables we promised.

In our budget presentation we emphasised the fact that Access to health care is critical in improving health outcomes.

As a Department, we are well aware of the acute shortages of Health facilities that ought to service our people particularly in the rural areas.

We are also more concerned about the distances covered in hostile terrains by our sick, injured and pregnant people in order to access medical care.

We do acknowledge that great strides have been made particularly with the provision of fixed **Primary Health Care Clinics** as well as **Community Health Centres**. Looking back at the period prior 1994, the province had **241** of **these facilities compared to 375 that we now as of 2006 have.**

Siyambonga uhulumeni wabantu onakekelayo ngaleligalelo. Sithi phambili nge Freedom Charter njengoba icacisa ukuthi:

***Uhulumeni uyoba nohlelo lwezempilo
lokuvikela izifo;
Kuyoba nohlelo lokuthola ezempilo
mahala ikakhulukazi kulabo abakhulelwe,
abazanyana kanye nabantwana.***

Fellow countrymen, that time has come for us as well in this beautiful province.

Laba okumanje mahlala ezindaweni ezingenayo imitholampilo, mabazi ukuthi kumanje kuneminye engu **75** esisahlela ukuthi kuzoqalisa nini ukwakhiwa kwayo.

Our very assembly here today is a further demonstration of our commitment to provide access to health care for all our citizens in the province.

Sigxusa ukuthi imiphakathi yethu isibekezele kwezinye izimo, ikakhulukazi ngoba ziningi izikhalazo ezibikwa ngempatho etholakala emitholampilo. Sithi kuhle kwaziwe ukuthi zinyanga zonke abasebenzi bethu zingu **1 400 000** iziguli ababhekana nazo. Masibabekezele onesi bethu, sibambisane nabo.

We are here today to ease the workload in our fixed facilities as well as to provide relief to our patients who reside in isolated and remote areas.

Sithi kulemiphakathi edinga usizo lwezeMpilo nebalelwa ku 200 000 zinyanga zonke, nazi izinqola eziyimitholampilo egcwele, ezinalo lonke usizo lwekwelapha.

Kuzo zonke lezikhungo ezingu **1752**, sithi usizo seluzoba sezingeni eliphezulu.

Wonke ama District ethu angu 11 azohlumulo kuloluhlelo njengoba namhlanje sikhapha u **75** wama **Primary Health Care Mobile Service**. Izindawo zasemaphandleni izona ezizohlumula kakhulu njengoba nje ku District yaso **Thungulu** sizothumela ezingu 11, e**Mkhanyakude** sibe sizofaka 7, kanti **Ogwini** sithumela ezingu 12.

Mphakathi othandekayo, lemitholampilo ehamba ngamasondo namhlanje sifuna ukunazisa ukuthi izophakela ngazo zonke izinhlelo ezidingwa abantu abazobe bezakashelwe:

The service provided is comprehensive and includes the following:

- Maternal services
- Child Health Services
- STI
- HIV and AIDS
- TB management (Communicable Disease Control)

- Chronic Care
- Pharmaceutical services
- Nutrition
- School Health services
- Health promotion
- Occupational Health
- Oral Health
- Environmental Health

It really is a better health for all.

Siyazicelela kuwo amalunga omphakathi ukuthi asazise uma lezingola eziwusizo kangaka ziphethwe budedengu.

Siyanxusa kumalunga omphakathi ukuthi aqikele ukuphepha kwalezimoto, abashayeli bazo kanye nabahlengikazi abawusizo kithi.

Sithi phezani masela, ningaziduni lezimoto eziwusizo emindenini yenu kanye nakini uqobo.

SinguMnyango onakekelayo, sizoqhubeka nokunakekela abahlali balesifunda silandela

imigomo eshicilelwe ku **Batho Pele Principles**, ku **Patients' Rights Charter** kanye naku **Citizens' Charter**.

Lets bare in mind all the time that we aim to achieve optimal health status for all persons in the Province of KwaZulu Natal.

We won't fail.

Ngiyabonga.