

Speech by KZN HEALTH MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo on the occasion of  
the official opening of Emgangezi Clinic at Amanyuswa Traditional Authority

in Vulamehlo

14 April 2011

Amakhosi:

- Inkosi Ngcobo
- Inkosi Petros Duma
- Inkosi Protas Duma
- Inkosi Mrs. Mkhize

Vulamehlo Local Municipality Mayor – Cllr B. R. Duma

All Councilors present

Ugu Health District Manager - Mr V. Chetty

Mrs. Nyawo CEO: GJ Crookes Hospital

Members of Madodaenzani and Zamakulunga Garden & Poultry Project

Mr Nhlanhla Ngcungama from the Dept. Agriculture

Mr Yeni from the Dept of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Chairperson of clinic committee

We are here today to congratulate all the 8 247 located at Amanyuswa Traditional Council in Vulamehlo Municipality who are the recipients of the services offered here at **EMGANGENI CLINIC**.

We are also very elated that all the Amakhosi have come and are a part of this ceremony because as a Department we rely on their wisdom and leadership in the promotion of good values and healthy lifestyle among the communities.

We also welcome all the izigodi that utilize the clinic including:

Bhobhobho : Dumisa  
Dayimane : Mqangqala  
Impunga : Bhadani

BoNdabezitha the clinic we are officially handing over today was built at the cost of R **5.514, 040** and it consists of the following:

- 1 community room
- 1 Sisters room
- 3 consultation rooms
- 1 dressing room

- 4 lay counselor consulting rooms
- 1 maternity room
- 1 sluice room
- 1 store room
- 1 pharmacy
- Waiting room
- 1 reception
- 1 kitchen
- 1 nurses rest room
- 1 nurses toilet
- 2 patient toilets – 01 for physically challenged patients.
- 2 external public toilets – 01 male and 01 female
- 4 nurse's residence
- 1 guard house

Our message is that people must make use of services offered here and not rush to CJ Crooks Hospital as we render almost all the services here including:

- Ante natal care
- Emergency deliveries
- Post natal care

- PMTCT and dual therapy
- Child Health care
- Chronic diseases
- ARVs
- Termination Of Pregnancy – Counseling and referrals

Our District Manager here Mr Chetty has informed us that you normally experience transport problems but that he together with the Clinic Committee are in negotiations with Taxi Associations who have agreed to provide transport to the patients coming to the clinic.

BoNdabezitha I am worried about the high number of people who suffer from lifestyle diseases in this area as our **Jan-Dec 2010** statistics in this clinic show us that we have attended to **2246 Hypertension** and **334 Diabetes** patients. The solution here is exercising and we thus appeal to you to help in encouraging our people to walk and jog and even organize themselves into groups and clubs in which they can belong.

We also like Ondabezitha and the leadership as a whole to work with us in curbing the rising rate of **teenage pregnancy** that seem to be a norm in our

schools now. We are very worried that **just between 2009 and 2010, 31 girls from Ndela High School fell pregnant.** We all know that it is very difficult for a girl who has dropped out of school because of pregnancy to resume schooling.

As a Department we have means to assist students that work hard and are prepared to pursue health related courses just like we already have in this area 1 Bursary holder recruited from the community who is currently doing a 4 –year nursing degree.

We are also encouraged that men here are taking the MMC Campaign seriously as we already have **351 males** having participated in the operations. We hope to see more partaking.

To the staff of this clinic as well as the GJ Crooks management, we consider it prudent that we praise you for the good work that you do here.

We are also of the accomplishments of very proud of **Sister Nosipho Joyce Zitha** from Umzinto Provincial Clinic for having won the **Cecelia Makiwane Awards** in the following categories:

- 2010 KZN Provincial –First Place

➤ 2010 National 2<sup>nd</sup> place

BoNdabezitha the selection criteria for these awards is identifying a nurse who living up to the nurses pledge, ethics, going beyond the call of duty and having a positive attitude to patients and colleagues. Sister Zitha here adheres to legal and ethical values and she has put into practice the principles expressed in policy documents like the Patients' Rights Charter, the Nurses Pledge, Batho Pele and the Code of Conduct. She has had these documents translated and displays them for all to see. During the strike action in September 2010, she and some health workers, with help from the police, risked their lives to take care of critically ill patients at the clinic despite constant threats from the striking public servants.

As I mentioned earlier, our praise goes to all the hard working and caring staff serving the communities here. We recognise your achievements especially in:

- Good governance –Well functioning clinic committee
- EMRS response time-improved
- Won district baby competition
- ARV clients receiving treatment at clinic

- Eye screening and testing done in the community

Lastly, please note that our government led by uMsholuzi and uKhabazela is committed to improve our people lives and I have been instructed to announce that new Clinics will be built in the following areas:

- Ward 5 : KwaJoni 2013/2014 and Mkhunya 2014/15
- Ward 9: Izimpethuzendlovu 2015/16
- Ward 7: Qiko 2017/18
- Ward 1: Mdumezulu 2017/18
- Ward 3: Thenjane 2018/19

Working together, we will achieve more.

I thank you.