

Speech by KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo on the occasion of the official opening of Ingogo Clinic in Amajuba District

20 March 2014

Inkosi – Ndabezitha Khumalo

Izinduna ze Nkosi

Amajuba District Mayor – Cllr Jabu Khumalo

Newcastle Local Municipal Mayor – Cllr Afzul

Councilors present

Amajuba Health District Manager - Mrs. Mammusa Tshabalala

Clinics Committee Chairpersons

Clinics Management and Staff

Malunga oMphakathi ahloniphekile

Ndabezitha, we highly appreciate the time given to come and report to you as well as to all the community members of the progress made in terms of the delivery of quality healthcare in your area and how the NHI Pilot is progressing in this District.

Ndabezitha, our Government fully appreciates that Ingogo is a rural area and that its people require and deserve quality services equal to those accessed by people in urban areas.

Our appreciation goes to the **Siyathuthuka Community Property Association** who donated the land in which this clinic is built.

Just for the community of *Ingogo Central; Bothas Pass; Ekubongeni; Klontaff; Homeni; Otoboti and Emange*, the progress made in ensuring access to quality healthcare entails:

Ingogo Clinic

We started constructing this facility in September 2011 and finished in March 2013 at a total cost of **R13 057 349 00**.

It consists of:

- 4 Consulting Rooms
- 2 Counselling Rooms
- TB Room
- Emergency Room
- Treatment Room
- Pharmacy
- Data Captures Office
- 2 Waiting Areas
- 3 X Nurses Residence

This clinic is being accessed by people of all races and offers a complete package of Primary Health Care services that amongst others entails:

- Maternal Health Management
- Reproductive Health and Family Planning Management
- Pregnancy Management – Ante; Peri and Post Natal
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
- ARV Treatment
- TB Treatment

- Immunisation and Weight Monitoring
- Cervical and Breast Cancer Screenings
- Chronic and Geriatric Disease Management
- Community Based Health and other Outreach Services

Outreach teams

- **Currently making use of Community Care Givers belonging to Charlestown Clinic.**

Referrals

- All clients who cannot be managed at Primary Health Care level are then referred to both Madadeni Regional Hospital and Newcastle Mother and Child Regional Hospital.

Ndabezitha, as earlier indicated, this District of Amajuba is one of the three sites selected to pilot the **National Health Insurance (NHI) in this Province.**

Piloting means that there are a lot of resources that are poured here to improve services for our own benefit. It also means that other Districts in the country will come here to learn good practices in terms of the management of and provision of healthcare.

Ndabezitha; allow us to report on what we have done just for Amajuba District:

- We are providing **Mobile Pharmacy Services**: Chronic patients now collect their medication from the following wards; Ward 3, Lennoxton and Ward 5 as well as the Old Casino
- **3 Doctors** are currently providing medical services in **5 Clinics** in this District, paid from equitable share as sessional doctors with another one contracted through a supporting NGO partner
- **Child Health Services** being implemented at **Phila Mntwana Centers** geared towards reducing severe malnutrition in children
- **Establishing Ward Based Teams**
- **School Health Teams** that have been appointed and currently covering 4232 Grade 1 learners in 98 schools
- Appointing **District Clinical Specialists Teams** to cover all Primary health Care Clinics and Hospitals. Already have an Advanced Midwife and a Primary Health Care Nurse
- We have also introduced innovations aimed at combating HIV by implementing **Cell Life Maternal SMS Software**
- Established **Agri Aids** partnerships set to ensure access of HIV/ AIDS/ STI and TB services to farms dwellers

Ndabezitha; I will end by reporting on the overall infrastructure projects that the Department of Health under the guidance of President Jacob Zuma has for Amajuba District:

- **Ingogo Clinic built for R13 057 349. 00**
- **Charlestown Clinic at a cost of R3 176 226. 00**
- **Emfundweni Clinic at a cost of R9 121 000. 00**
- **Groenvlei Clinic at a cost of R3 542 000. 00**

- **Sukumani Clinic at a cost of R8 155 300. 00**
- **Dannhauser CHC which is 80% complete at a total cost of R132 million**
- **Newcastle Hospital Pharmacy that would be completed next month at the total cost of R10 000 000**
- **Newcastle Hospital Lifts to be completed next month at a cost of R3 000 000**
- **Newcastle Hospital Physiotherapy Therapy, about to be completed at the total cost of R8 000 000**
- **Newcastle Hospital PMTCT at a total cost of R8 000 000**
- **Madadeni Hospital PMTCT at a total cost of R8 000 000**
- **Newcastle Hospital ARV Unit at a cost of R12 000 000**
- **Madadeni Forensic Mortuary at a total cost of R22 million**
- **Refurbishment of Newcastle Forensic Mortuary at a total cost of R15 million**
- **Madadeni Hospital Fencing at a cost of R3 000 000**
- **Madadeni Clinic 7 at a cost of R3 000 000**
- **Madadeni Clinic 1 VCT and PMTCT at a cost of R2 000 000**
- **Thembalihle VCT and PMTCT at a cost of R2 000 000**
- **Madadeni Clinic 5 VCT and PMTCT at a cost of R2 000 000**

Lastly, Ndabezitha let me make us of your area of jurisdiction to make a very important announcement. On our discussions with Doctors contracted to visit our Clinics, we got to understand that they have problems with using their private vehicles to go to rural areas where their services are required. Today we are presenting the **4 [four] 4X4**

Vehicles that will be of the sole use of the Doctors contracted to visit our clinics in rural areas of all our three piloting Districts.

Ndabezitha nabahlali indeed that is a beautiful story to tell and also really acknowledge that life is better that it was before 1994.

I thank you