

RURAL HEALTH MATTERS GIVES *KGADI* RENEWED HOPE OF BECOMING A MOTHER

MECKLENBURG HOSPITAL: For 37-year-old **Kgadi** from Ga-Kgwete, what began as vomiting and abdominal pains earlier this month led to an unexpected diagnosis of ovarian cysts and fibroids. Today, she is recovering at Mecklenburg Hospital in Moroke after undergoing a successful procedure, with renewed hope for her health and her dream of becoming a mother.

“I only found out about my condition at the beginning of this month after I started vomiting and experiencing abdominal pains. Further investigations by the doctors revealed that I had ovarian cysts and fibroids,” she said.

Kgadi is among the patients benefiting from specialist healthcare services being brought closer to rural communities through the Rural Health Matters outreach programme.

A team of gynaecologists, under the supervision of Dr Amoko, has since yesterday performed at least five procedures on patients with various gynaecological conditions at Mecklenburg Hospital.

Limpopo Health MEC Ms Dieketseng Mashego visited the hospital on Wednesday, 26 August this year to monitor progress and interact with patients recovering from their procedures.

MEC’s visit to the hospital form part of the Provincial District Development Model Service Delivery Week, (between 24 to 28 August 2026) organised by the Office of the Premier.

It also comes as the province prepares to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the Rural Health Matters programme.

“As the department, we are very proud to commemorate the sixth anniversary of Rural Health Matters, which coincides with the Provincial District Development Model Service Delivery Week,” said MEC Mashego.

Mashego said the Rural Health Matters programme has made a significant contribution to improving access to specialised healthcare services in communities across Limpopo.

Since its inception of Rural Health Matters, more than 13,000 surgical procedures have been successfully performed at hospitals across the province.

The MEC also expressed her satisfaction with the progress of patients following their procedures, and explained this outreach continues to demonstrate the importance of taking specialised healthcare services closer to communities.

Meanwhile, for ***Kgadi*** her experience has reinforced the importance of women paying attention to changes in their health and seeking medical care when necessary.

“I encourage other women out there to seek medical attention whenever they experience problems with their menstrual cycles or abdominal pains.” She added.

As she continues her recovery ***Kgadi*** is looking ahead with renewed optimism, and her story reflects the broader impact of Rural Health Matters behind the thousands of procedures performed are individuals and families whose lives are being positively affected by improved access to specialised healthcare professionals.