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Strengthening Health Services Through Revenue Collection in Limpopo



POLOKWANE: The financing of healthcare services in the Limpopo Province remains a persistent challenge, this is according to Limpopo Health MEC Ms. Dieketseng Mashego during the presentation of the Budget Speech on Tuesday, the 08 April 2025 at Lebowakgomo Provincial Legislature Chamber.

MEC Mashego points out that despite ongoing efforts by the department to improve the provision of healthcare service to ever growing population in Limpopo, lack of sufficient financial resources remains a serious challenge.

“This funding gap is largely the result of an unfavourable national economic climate, which has led to a steady decline in Limpopo’s equitable share,”

According to MEC Mashego as part of mitigating strategy to increase financial capacity the department has made revenue collection a key priority, and said, “we encourage all those who can afford to pay for healthcare service to continue doing so in order sustain the province’s healthcare system.”

The MEC also outlined the department’s plan to exceed its revenue collection target of R220 million for the 2024/25 financial year.

“While revenue generation efforts are being intensified, the department however, remains firmly committed to its core mission of ensuring that primary healthcare services remain accessible and free of charge for those in need,” Mashego reiterates.

On Health Infrastructure **maintenance and improvement**



PLOKWANE: MEC Mashego says during the 2024/25 financial year the Department of Health has made major strides towards upgrading the healthcare infrastructure across the Limpopo province.

Among key noticeable strides, MEC Mashego cited the installation of inverters and batteries to at least 85 primary healthcare facilities, providing new generators to hospitals, upgrading mortuaries and air-conditioning systems, and conducting essential maintenance in the health facilities across the province.

“For 2025/26, plans include further upgrades at Ellisras and FH Odendaal Hospitals, completing

Phase 2 of the power project at 19 facilities, and refurbishing infrastructure at Elim and Botlokwa Hospitals,” she said.

In addition, the MEC Mashego also told the guests that a significant R900 million has been allocated for health facilities management to ensure continued maintenance, modernization, and improved water and sanitation systems.

“As the department we believe that quality healthcare relies more on a well-maintained infrastructure, aiming to create healing environments that support both patients and healthcare workers.”



Limpopo Invests R650 Million in Training Medical Specialists and Nurses



POLOKWANE: In a significant push to strengthen healthcare service delivery, the Limpopo Department of Health has committed R650 million towards health science and training for the 2025/26 financial year. Health MEC Ms Dieketseng Mashego announced during the Budget Speech.

This investment is aimed at expanding the province's pool of medical specialists and nursing professionals to meet the growing demands of the healthcare system.

MEC Mashego says a continued partnership with the University of Limpopo will play a pivotal role in training both the undergraduate and postgraduate students. "Currently, 121 registrars are undergoing specialist training across various medical disciplines, while 13

supernumerary registrars are receiving training at universities outside the province."

As the MEC elaborates, the timing of the training coincides with the construction of the new Limpopo Central Hospital (LCH) that is currently underway. "The construction is already at 21 percent before completion and the completion this LCH will provide an additional 488-bed facility in the province," Mashego states.

According to the MEC, a significant amount of R650 million has been put aside to support Limpopo nursing colleges.

"The goal is to produce more nursing graduates so that we can effectively improve the provision of the healthcare services and ensuring that our people receive quality care from highly trained professionals," added the MEC.

Emergency Medical Services Receives Major Boost with R1.2 billion Investment



POLOKWANE: Limpopo's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is undergoing a transformative upgrade, following a series of strategic investments aimed at enhancing response times, improving patient care, and expanding fleet capacity across the province. MEC Mashego said this during the recent Budget Speech, vote 7.

According to Health MEC Ms Dieketseng Mashego the Department has managed to procure at least 569 new ambulances by the end of the 2023/24 financial year, and this has seen a significant improvement for emergency response times.

"The department now boasts a 98% response rate in both urban and rural areas, far exceeding the national performance targets of 65% for urban and 75% for rural regions."

More interestingly the department has also added 10 more rescue vehicles which are fully equipped with specialized tools for extracting patients from vehicle wrecks, as well as 37 new Planned Patient Transport (PPT) vehicles to support interfacility transfers.

"Plans to procure additional 37 emergency vehicles for 2025/26 financial year are at advanced stage and the date for the launch will be communicated in near future," MEC Mashego said.

MEC Mashego welcomes the introduction of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system in Limpopo as one of the most noticeable and groundbreaking developments in management of the EMS fleet.

"This advanced technology will allow for centralized management and real-time tracking of the ambulance fleet, ensuring the nearest available ambulance is dispatched to an emergency"

"Emergency Medical Services are at the heart of our healthcare system. They are often the first point of contact for people in crisis, and as such, they must be fast, reliable, and equipped to save lives," she added.

Moreover, MEC Mashego explained that the investment in EMS will go a long way in ensuring that the department continues to deliver top-tier emergency care across the province.



Limpopo Department of Health Boosts Job Creation Through Expanded Public Works Programme



P**OLOKWANE:** Health MEC Ms Dieketseng Mashego has told guests attending the Budget Speech at Lebowakgomo Provincial Legislature that in an endeavour to address critical healthcare challenges, the Department is making significant strides in job creation and economic empowerment through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).

The EPWP initiative is part of the department's broader commitment to social and economic upliftment to unemployment young people across the province.

During the 2024/25 financial year, the department successfully created 639 work opportunities such as community health work assistants, food service general workers, U-filing assistants, and data capturers under EPWP

programme.

"These EPWP roles are not created to support the functioning of the healthcare system but also provide valuable income and work experience to participants," says the MEC.

Mashego says the department intends to create a total of 1,836 EPWP positions, bringing the combined total of job opportunities to 2,219 this financial year.

"These work opportunities are meant not only to help in reduction of unemployment but also play a vital role in strengthening our healthcare system at the grassroots level," said the MEC.

MEC Mashego further indicated that the Department will through creation of the EPWP and other initiatives continue create jobs, and enhance healthcare delivery to the people in Limpopo province.



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