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HEALTH MEC DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA TO OFFICIALLY HAND OVER THE GATEWAY COVID-19 CENTRE AND POST COVID-19 CLINIC AT MOKOPANE HOSPITAL

Limpopo Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba will officially handover the refurbished gateway Covid-19 Centre at Mokopane Hospital. This project was initiated in partnership with the private sector, Ivan Platinum mine and Bonega community trust, with the aim of infrastructure capacity to manage Covid-19 response, decentralize services closer to the community and improve access for patients.

This infrastructure will even be more helpful post Covid-19 pandemic, as it will be used to reinforce primary health care platforms and serve as a decentralized site for specialist services at the PHC platform with short stay admission capacity.

Specialists will be given consultation rooms to admit patients for a short stay and acute treatment without delay. This will help in providing the Mahwelereng community access to quality healthcare services.

"As the province, we took a decision not to build fields hospitals for COVID-19 response, instead we opted to capacitate existing infrastructures in our health facilities. We are pleased to see some of the projects having been completed in partnership with private sector as that will improve service delivery in our facilities".said MEC Ramathuba.

The official handover has been scheduled as follows:

Venue: Mokopane Hospital (Waterberg District)

Date: 18 September 2020

Time: 10h00

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