

Plan in place for construction of health centre

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A PLAN is in place to make up for lost time on the construction of the new District Six Community Health Centre.

This R104m project has been commissioned by the department of transport and public works (DTPW) for the department of health.

Construction of the state-of-the-art facility started in November 2014 and is expected to be completed by April.

When it opens, the centre will provide services from 7.30am to 4.30pm for to up to 750 patients a day from Salt River, Woodstock, Vredehoek and central Cape Town including the beneficiaries of the redevelopment of District Six. The pharmacy will have extended opening hours.

The facility will boast specialised units for chronic disease, infectious disease, woman and child health, radiology, emergency treatment, oral health and rehabilitation. The design incorporates a number of green features including energy-saving lights and motion sensors that switch off lights that were not needed.

Natural ventilation and lighting will supplement mechanical ventilation and electric lighting. Rainwater will be harvested to flush toilets and to supplement water supply for fire fighting purposes. These features help to give effect to the provincial government's 110% Green initiative.

DTPW was committed to creating short-term local expanded public works programme employment and skills training opportunities. A total of 250 job opportunities had been created with 25 local businesses being used as suppliers. In addition, 40 training opportunities had been created for persons from the city of Cape Town municipal area. To date, R4m has been spent on targeted enterprises and R1.2m on local labour.

The provincial government is committed to delivering quality health services to the residents of the province.

"Modernising and maintaining our health infrastructure is central to delivering on that commitment," DTPW said yesterday. – 701198