

State of art clinic for Randfontein

The R44m clinic brings a range of affordable healthcare to people

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THE delivery of health services to the community of Randfontein and surrounding areas has been boosted with the opening of a state of the art clinic.

The Gauteng provincial government's R44m, Randgate Clinic, is equipped with cutting edge equipment.

The province this week opened the clinic which will service thousands of people in the West Rand.

The Gauteng department of infrastructure development says the landmark project will accommodate the primary healthcare needs of the local community which until now had to go to clinics in neighbouring areas.

The medium-sized clinic boasts various amenities covering large medical services, a separate guard house, a service courtyard housing the required services and a landscaped outdoor garden courtyard.

The construction of the clinic has also provided skills through training and employment of the participants of the extended public works programme, with 40% of the labour sourced locally.

MEC for health Dr Gwen Ramokgopa received the master keys of the facility, officially marking its opening, on Wednesday.

Speaking at the handover of the facility, MEC Jacob Mamabolo said the new clinic would promote healthcare and ease the burden of disease in the Randfontein area.

"This facility is a building of high quality, this building belongs to the people, it is here to better the lives of the community," he said.

Mamabolo made an impassioned call to the community to ensure that they protected the clinic.



IMPROVEMENT: The Randgate Clinic in Randfontein has boosted health services provided to the community.

"When anyone is angry about something, they shouldn't take their anger out on this beautiful facility," he said

He signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ramokgopa to ensure that projects would be delivered effectively, within set time frames and budgets and that government is transparent and answerable to the communities it serves. The departments also signed a service delivery agreement, pledging to implement all protocols as set-out in the memorandum.

The department is the custodian of GPG immovable assets and is responsible for building infrastructure such as schools, clinics, hospitals, libraries among others, on behalf of client depart-

ments. Some of these departments are education, health, social development and arts and culture. The department is also responsible for the maintenance of hospitals and clinics across the province.

The facility is equipped with the following:

- Insulated walls for heat conservation and sound-proofing
- Roof Insulation which reduce energy loss from the buildings
- Glazing that maximizes natural light into the building and reduce energy loss from the building
- Energy saving lighting
- Heat pumps for water heating

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