

## **Ramaphosa launches modern NHI clinic in Eastern Cape – The SouthAfrican 17 September 2019**

The clinic is ready to be used by the community and Health Minister, Dr Zweli Mkhize states that the facility has been arranged to reveal health services of the “future”, and confirms a solid healthcare system has been developed to deal with primary health issues like HIV and TB that continue plague rural areas.

*“We have got a very clear system of how we deal with various streams, chronic care, the acute ailments and there is also maternity and then there is also rehabilitation. We focus on early diagnosis and early screening of diseases, HIV and so on. We have got a very top class team that is operating here.”*

*Health Minister, Dr Zweli Mkhize*

Ramaphosa notes that people want more action and less promises

The clinic is estimated to have cost R58 million and patients from every financial background will be treated at this facility. In the launch of the Khawuleza district coordinating model, Ramaphosa commends the progress made in the province.

During his speech, Ramaphosa further mentions that people want action instead of more promises, he further states that the government needs to transform all lives of South Africans, especially the vulnerable people who live at the brink of poverty due to apartheid legacy inequalities.

*“I have just seen a world-class type of clinic, an ideal NHI clinic that we would like to see spread all over the country. It is one of the largest ones which sees more than 65 000 people a year and it is well staffed. The staff that I have seen here, they are professional; they are knowledgeable in the areas they are operating in; they have got physiotherapy; they have got resonate doctors in a clinic.”*

*President Cyril Ramaphosa*

Eastern Cape: The clinic is promised to have professional and knowledgeable staff

The clinic is estimated to attend to 65 000 people each year, Mkhize further states that this clinic is the standard in which he hopes to see, as South Africa journeys “to the future” with quality health services being delivered.

Ramaphosa cut the ribbon and officially opened the clinic, the presidency and ministers present also took a tour around the facility.

What is the Khawuleza district coordination model?

A Khawuleza pilot will be implemented in the O.R. Tambo District Municipality, Eastern Cape; and as its call to action suggests, the presidency promises to hurriedly ‘turn plans into action’.

*“We need to prioritize. We need to focus on actions that will have great impact, actions that will catalyze faster movement forward, both in the immediate term and over the next 10 years.”*

*President Cyril Ramaphosa*