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MEC YAWA DELIVERS R5, 5 MILLION SETLAGOLE CLINIC

Government delivery was celebrated with euphoria, ululation and dancing in Setlagole Village on Tuesday as North West MEC for Public Works, Honourable MEC Yawa handed over a newly build clinic.

The R5, 5 million clinic is to benefit over eight thousand rural communities from Setlagole, Setlhwatlhwe, Thutlwane, Mosega villages and neighbouring farming communities who previously had to walk more than 20 kilometres to access health facilities.

In his handover speech, MEC Yawa said that the delivery of the clinic was a celebration of the fruits of liberation, the fruits of the age of hope and endless possibilities. He said a lot has changed since the days of the Apartheid regime whose unequal and fragmented health service could not meet the needs of the entire nation and that Setlagole was one of the rural areas neglected by successive apartheid and Bantustan governments.

"The delivery of quality infrastructure to our people like this clinic is one of the cornerstones of the People's Contract that the ANC-led government has entered with the masses of our people," said MEC Yawa

MEC Yawa congratulated the woman contractor, Ms Christine Williams of Mapule Construction for her commitment and dedication to make it as a contractor in the male and white dominated construction industry. He said that it was the performance of women contractors like her that gives the department reason to consider increasing awarding of



contracts to women contractors to 30%. In the last financial year, the department awarded 19% of its contracts to the collective value of R95, 149million to thirty-four women contractors.

MEC for Health, Honourable Nomonde Rasmeni in her acceptance speech for the official opening of the clinic said that credit needed to be given to MEC Yawa and the department of Public Works for a forceful pace and dedication at which they had to complete the clinic.

The clinic consists of 1 prenatal ward, 2 delivery rooms, 2 post natal wards, a reception area, 3 patients consulting rooms, a dispensary room, counseling room, linen store, medical waste store, offices for administration, toilets, three staff houses and is to operate on a twentyfour hour basis.

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