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PUBLIC WORKS DELIVERS CLINIC TO ITSOSENG COMMUNITY

North West MEC for Public Works, Honourable Howard Yawa today paid tribute to the late Tshepo Tau, during the handover of the R2, 6 Million Itsoseng Clinic to the department of Health in Itsoseng Township near Lichtenburg.

MEC Yawa described the late Tshepo Tau who passed away in a tragic accident two weeks ago as an industrious, brilliant and competent consultant and architect whose premature death robbed the construction industry of a meteoric star.

His firm, Tau Architects is responsible for three other Clinic Building Projects in the Bophirima Region, two school building projects in the Bojanala Region, three libraries, Disaneng Nurses Home, Mafikeng Nursing College and the New Head Office Building of the Department of Public Works. Most of the Projects are nearing completion.

Tshepo Tau acted as a Principal Agent for the construction of the Itsoseng clinic, which was constructed by two women Joint Venture partners and completed two months ahead of schedule.

In handing over the clinic to MEC for Health, Honourable Ms. Nomonde Rasmeni, MEC Yawa expressed gratitude to the department of Health for the continued confidence in the department of Public Works. He also congratulated the community of Itsoseng for the facility and for believing in government to address inherited infrastructure backlog in their community.



After the official opening of the clinic by Premier Edna Molewa, MEC Rasmeni and Mayor Lethoko of the Ditsobotla Local Municipality, MEC Yawa and the dignitaries turned sod at the site for the construction of a R70million Health Centre.

The twenty-four beds health centre is to provide advanced healthcare to the community of Itsoseng and neighbouring villages of Bodibe, Verdwaal and Springbokpan. On completion the centre will consist among others the following facilities:

- A Mini-theatre
- A maternity ward with controlled access and two delivery rooms
- Out- Patients Department with 5 consulting rooms
- 2 Dental units
- Antiretroviral treatment site

In appealing to the community to support and cooperate with the contractor awarded the contract to build the Itsoseng Health Centre, MEC Yawa said, "Your positive attitude will make it easier for government to continue its delivery programme for Itsoseng. The community should be mobilised for the successful implementation of the Project and guard against any person who might wish to derail delivery directed to the poor."

The events were part of the North West Province's Imbizo Programme hosted by the Central District Municipality and the Ditsobotla Local Municipality.

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