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MEC YAWA APPLAUDS WOMEN CONTRACTORS

North West Public Works MEC, Honourable Howard Yawa today braved wet weather and visited three Clinic Building Projects in the Central Region.

MEC Yawa was impressed with progress at the R5, 4 million Vrischgewacht Clinic and the R5, 5 Setlagole Clinic Building Projects. Both Projects are expected to be completed in June and July this year respectively.

On Completion, both clinics will offer relieve to rural women, as they will have modern and technologically advanced maternity facilities.

According to Aaron Selogate, ward councillor and Speaker of the Ratlou local municipality, the clinic will benefit 8000 people from Setlagole, Setlhwathwe, Thutlwane and surrounding farms who used to walk 20 kilometres to receive health services from Madibogo Health Centre.

Ms Boitshoko Seopasengwe, a nurse in Setlagole said that the clinic would offer 24 hours advanced health care service.

After visiting the R2, 6 million Itsoseng Clinic, an excited MEC Yawa said, "We are proud of our women contractors. The Joint Venture delivered the project two months ahead of schedule. They share government's commitment to fasttrack a better life for all by ensuring that communities have access to quality health services."



One of the Joint Venture partners, Ms Baratang Rakgwale said that they were able to perform, as the technical team was supportive.

MEC Yawa further commented the community of Itsoseng for the support that they gave the contractors. He said that the positive attitude of the people would make it easier for government to continue its delivery programme for the area.

The MEC said he would in a few weeks time handover the facility to the Department of Health and also announce the contractor awarded the contract to build a R70 million Health Centre in Itsoseng Township near Lichtenburg.

“Government is determined to improve access to services for previously marginalised communities,” said MEC Yawa.

Councillors and officials of Ratlou, Tswaing and Ditsobotla Local Municipalities accompanied MEC Yawa during the project site visits. The purpose of the Project Site visits was for the MEC to appraise himself of progress on Clinic Building Projects being implemented by the Department of Public Works.

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