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## Reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality at Mamelodi Hospital praised by Ethiopian delegates

Aobakwe Selebogo

Delegates from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia have praised Mamelodi Regional Hospital for remarkably reducing maternal and neonatal deaths.

The two international delegations were visiting the hospital to adopt the best practices on reducing maternal and neonatal mortality.

The hospital's Head of Department for Paediatrics, Dr Khensani Lubisi said that the recipe for reduction in mortality rates is in encouraging immediate antenatal care in the early stages of pregnancy.

"Delays in antenatal care is associated with a higher likelihood of having adverse pregnancy outcome, hence we have put much emphasis on prenatal care as it ensures the detection, prevention and treatment of pregnancy related and intercurrent illnesses.

"Most maternal deaths are preventable because we already know the healthcare solutions that can be used to prevent and manage complications. We are also ensuring that all women have access to health Information and high-quality care during pregnancy and after childbirth," said Dr Lubisi.

Lubisi further added that Maternal health and new-born health are closely linked, highlighting the importance of all births being attended to by skilled health professionals.

"Timely management and treatment can make the difference between life and death for a

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woman giving birth as well as for the new-born, that is why here at Mamelodi Regional hospital we always stress the importance of antenatal care, and we have measures in place that assist in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality"

"We have ongoing training on the essential steps in the management of obstetrics emergencies (ESMOE), prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT), we have managed to reduce neonatal asphyxia which causes neonatal death by ensuring skilled birth attendance and ensure correct plotting interpretation of the partogram. We are also combating premature births by using steroid

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in preterm labour and using antibiotics in preterm rupture of membranes," said Dr Lubisi.

Speaking on one of the crucial solutions in reducing maternal mortality, Mamelodi Regional Hospital Area Manager for obstetrics and gynaecology, Naomi Masemola said that unsafe abortions are one of the leading causes of maternal deaths that has to be addressed.

"Unplanned and unwanted pregnancies which sometimes lead to unsafe abortions factor as one of the leading causes of maternal deaths, order to succeed in mitigate these, we have to ensure that all women, including adolescents have access to contraception and safe abortion service to the full extent of the law"

"In previous years the leading cause of our maternal deaths in our hospital were due to septic abortions but since the establishment of female reproduction clinic, the numbers of maternal death due to abortion have reduced significantly," said Masemola.

UNICEF Health specialist in Community, New-born and Child Health, Dr Bizuhan Birhanu was immensely impressed with how the hospital was managed and all the information that was shared by the hospital professionals.

"I am amazed by the cleanliness, and how well run Mamelodi regional hospital is. Today we saw teamwork at its best, the great synergy in this hospital shows great leadership by the Chief executive officer Dr Naing Soe and the executive management.

"We came looking for best practices in reducing maternal mortality but we learnt so much than we had initially anticipated, and we will ensure that the lessons learnt are implemented in Ethiopia" concluded Dr Birhanu

# MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko calls on members of FBOs to lead healthy lifestyles



Koketso Maraba

The Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko has called on Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) to embrace physical activities and lead healthy lifestyles.

The MEC was addressing the Convention Passover Service at the Disciples of Christ - Isibusiso Church in Soweto on Saturday, 8 April 2023, in her capacity as the Convener of FBO Sector on behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko challenged congregation of Disciples of Christ – Isibusiso Church to also join this Wellness Wednesday programme and even encouraged them to localise it in a way in which it will fit the way they do things.

“You can even choose to do it on Sundays after church, as long as this results in your congregants leading healthier lifestyles and staying healthy for longer,” explained MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

The MEC told the congregants that the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) is committed to working with FBOs to ensure that government fosters a healthier and productive Gauteng under the banner of #AsibeHealthyGP where health and wellness programmes accelerated in communities.

“What this means is that we are localising health services and making sure that we proactively prevent diseases before they become a burden to the healthcare system.

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Through the visit, MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko engaged the congregation on the GDoH’s plans to accelerate the delivery of basic services, access to economic opportunities, jobs, law and order, maintaining infrastructure, and corruption and maladministration.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko encouraged the youth at the church to apply for the free First Responder Training offered by the Lebone College of Emergency Care, to equip themselves with critical skills to respond to commonly encountered emergencies.

In addition, The MEC pleaded with the congregants to take precautionary measures when conducting baptism rituals, considering the recent confirmed four cases from the province involves people who had taken part in separate baptism activities at local rivers.

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## First round of HPV vaccination extended

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) wishes to inform parents of school girls that are in Grade 5 and are 9-years-old and above that the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign’s first round has been extended to run until 26 April 2023 in all public primary schools. The campaign was due to end on 31 March 2023, however, due to the measles outbreak which delayed the start of the HPV campaign there are still some schools that are yet to be covered.

The Department appeals to parents, caregivers and legal guardians who have not yet signed the consent form to do so in order to ensure that their children do not miss out on the HPV vaccination drive.

The aim of the HPV campaign is to protect girls from developing cervical cancer (cancer of the mouth of the womb) later in life. There are over 200 types of HPV viruses and research has shown that HPV types 16 and 18 accounts for 70% of cervical cancer cases.



The HPV Vaccine is very safe and effective in preventing the HPV infection caused by these two HPV strains (type 16 and 18). A consent form that is signed at the beginning of the year is valid for the whole year.

It is important that all parents and guardians tick the boxes on the consent form for their child to be screened and vaccinated. This consent form will

also be used for routine health assessments as part of the Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP).

The ISHP includes provision of health education, eye, ear and oral assessments, catch-up immunisations and deworming, as well as the identification of any other health barriers that can affect a child’s education.

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*The Department continues to run internal awareness campaigns to promote the importance of vetting and annual disclosures that officials have to make.*

As part of strengthening its governance systems the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has subjected senior managers and officials in Supply Chain Management (SCM) and Human Resource Management to a vetting process.

Out of 106 senior management service (SMS) officials 105 have already submitted their documents for processing by the State Security Agency (SSA). Already nine SMS members have received their clearance

certificates from SSA while others are awaiting the agency to finalise the process.

In addition to the SMS members about 1487 SCM and HR officials have submitted their completed forms for SSA to process, making the total number of officials currently being vetted 1593. The vetting process is a detailed exercise that is quite involved and requires official to submit various documents and references.

Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko said that the vetting process is an important part of strengthening the governance systems within the department.

The Department continues to run internal awareness campaigns to promote the importance of vetting and annual disclosures that officials have to make. This has seen greater cooperation among staff in terms of the current vetting process.



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I was a patient of Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital for approximately three years.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the nursing staff especially in ward 35 and to mention Sister Kekane specifically, who encouraged me daily.

I was involved in corporate and business for many, many years and needed time to regroup and recover from business and corporate pressure.

I am very proud to advise that I have since started my own packaging business again, and this would not have been possible if it was not for the treatment and care which I received from the treating team, nursing staff especially, social worker Fikile and OT sessions.

The name of my business is Dawn Pack (Pty) Ltd, and please do refer to my website [www.dawnpack.co.za](http://www.dawnpack.co.za) and LinkedIn profile.

Once again, I am eternally grateful for the assistance and treatment that Weskoppies Hospital gave to me over the past years, let alone the daily encouragement. I am now a living testimony of the good and effective treatment that Weskoppies Hospital offers.

Best regards  
Dawn A

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