

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI HOSPITAL IS PART OF MUCH NEEDED HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ASSURES ACTING HEALTH MEC

The Gauteng Acting MEC for Heath, Jacob Mamabolo has assured the community of West Rand that Anglo Gold Ashanti Hospital, donated by the mining company, Anglo Gold Ashanti, as part of the response to COVID-19 will contribute to the provision of quality healthcare services in the area.

MEC Mamabolo reiterated a point that he recently made after completing his preliminary audit of Covid-19 health structures that the Gauteng Province remains committed to investing in legacy projects beyond the Covid-19 pandemic through major refurbishments and additional beds at existing hospitals.

Anglo Gold Ashanti Hospital is one such long-term investment for the Gauteng health system and the West Rand community.

The facility will be a 175 bedded hospital and will likely be classified as regional hospital. The facility will address the dire shortage of critical care beds in the West Rand district and relieve pressure from both Leratong and Carletonville Hospitals.

It will form part of the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH) Cluster focusing on general medicine and will also cater for mental health patients. The addition of mental health service will also decrease the bed pressure for mental health care users in the province.

"Anglo Gold Ashanti Hospital forms part of an important intervention to ensure that the community of West Rand is left better off post the pandemic, as they will have access to better infrastructure going forward," MEC Mamabolo explains.

The MEC further points out that the Gauteng Department of Health has taken advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic to strengthen hospital cluster collaborations and bed management. The clusters are led by the four Academic Hospitals; Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital (DGMAH), Steve Biko Academic Hospital (SBAH), Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH) and Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic

The Clinical Governance Advisory Committee (CGAC) and Mental Health Technical Advisory Committee (MHTAC) are providing clinical advice on final repurposing of the hospital post the pandemic.

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