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Hon Madoda Sambatha
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RE: Urgent intervention at Montshioastadt Health Centre

This letter serves to request your urgent intervention into the Montshioastadt Health Centre in Mahikeng. This follows an oversight that I conducted at the Health Centre today.

The Centre requires a number of interventions to deal with the challenges such as the blocked drainage pipes, the structurally compromised roofing, the non-functioning ablution facilities, as well as the loose floor tiles at the facility.

According to the Centre, they were provided with a temporary park home a few years ago to alleviate some of its space challenges, however, the park home itself is no longer in a good condition. It does not have enough space to cater for services rendered within it, which include consultations, counselling and collection of chronic medicines. There is no functioning aircon, yet patients have to be squeezed in there. There is also no emergency exit and the windows are broken in the park home.

There is a generator filled with diesel at the Centre yet it is not functional. When we experienced loadshedding during the oversight, it kicked in then went off within 2 minutes.

The maternity unit which in a busy month delivers at least 100 babies, is also in a dire state. The beds and curtains in the unit are old. There are three geysers which are all not functioning. There is simply no warm water at the Centre.

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All the above have a negative impact on the delivery of effective basic health services.
Your urgent intervention will be highly appreciated.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Regards,

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