SPEAKING NOTES BY MAYOR CLLR. MXOLISI KAUNDA AT THE QUARRY HEIGHTS CLINIC HANDOVER, 17 FEBRUARY 2023

- As the ANC government together with our partner TB HIV CARE, we have responded to the outcry of the Quarry Heights community of bringing primary healthcare services closer to them.
- Previously, healthcare services in the area were offered once a week through a mobile clinic. As a result, some residents had to travel long distances to access healthcare services to nearby communities.
- This demonstrates that we are a listening and caring government.
- Quarry Heights has high number of defaulters in chronic medication and this intervention of a clinic by the Municipality and our partner- TB HIV CARE will alleviate this challenge.
- This is a fully fledged clinic, and it will operate 5 days a week.
- The Municipality will invest in security personnel to safeguard the facility and the staff that will be operating in the clinic.

Objectives of the healthcare facility is to:

- Provide DREAMS services to the vulnerable adolescent girls and young women from Quarry Heights to reduce new HIV infections,

- Provide quality healthcare services to the community of Quarry Heights

- Over and above a Nurse Initiated Management of Antiretroviral Treatment (NIMART), the clinic will have a Social Auxiliary worker that will attend to the psychosocial issues experienced by the community, particularly the youth in the area.
- There will be community outreach interventions by TB HIV Care to improve the lives of vulnerable adolescent and young women. These include workshops that also target men and the fight against gender-based violence, sex education and empowerment.
- The clinic will also offer family planning, PrEP, antiretrovirals, screening for TB, HIV and STI.
- Apart from healthcare services, the clinic is also offering an empowerment programme to assist vulnerable adolescent girls and young women to achieve economic independence.
- We want to thank the TB HIV Care for their continued support as a critical stakeholder.