



Republic of Namibia

Statement

By

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Minister of Health and Social Services**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF
KASHESHE CLINIC, CAPRIVI REGION**

22nd October 2010

Programme Director

Hon. Governor, Caprivi Region – Cde. Mwilima

His Worship, Mayor of Katima Mulilo – Cde. John Likando

Hon. Councilor, Sibbinda Constituency – Cde. Felix Mukupi

Namcol Regional Commander – Deputy Commissioner Kampolo

The Acting Regional Health Director – Mr. Puteho

The Caprivi Regional Director of Education – Mr. Lupalezi

Distinguished Traditional and Church Leaders

Invited Guests

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Indeed this is a great pleasure for me to be here today to commission the upgraded Kasheshe Clinic in Caprivi region.

As service demand increases and according to the principle of the PHC approach which includes preventive, promotive and curative services, there is great need for the expansion of our health services to our people especially in the isolated rural areas.

Today, the catchment population of this facility has increased considerably. Amongst the community there are under 5 year olds: 310; under 1 year olds: 71 and women of child

bearing age: 572. This Clinic is rendering health services to communities from as far as Liselo all the way to Kaenda.

The services currently provided at this facility are curative, family planning, EPI, school health, adolescent friendly, VCT, PMTCT, IMCI, DBS, infection safety and many others.

Programme Director,

Because of the many services that are being carried out in this health facility and the high HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in our region, the Global Fund in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Services has found it necessary to expand the facility so that we can also accommodate new programmes and services.

At this juncture, permit me to thank our able development partner, Global Fund for their prompt response to see to the completion of this facility. The Caprivi Region Health Directorate is in the process of rolling out rapid testing of HIV and also integrated management of adult illnesses to our clinics. With the completion of the renovation and upgrading of Kasheshe Clinic, it makes it possible now to roll out these services to the people from Liselo to Kaenda so that you may not need to go as far as Katima Mulilo Hospital or Sibbinda Health Centre any more.

Programme Director,

As I am inaugurating this Clinic today, I have a message to the community of Kasheshe: I am handing over this facility to you. Please take care of it and guard it jealously. Report any acts of vandalism to the police or Induna. On top of this, please work closely with the health workers positioned here for efficient and effective health services.

Programme Director,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I now have the honour to declare Kasheshe PHC Clinic officially open.

I thank you.