



JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE REOPENING OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT

MONDAY, 09 MAY 2022

Thank You Facilitator

Greetings to the Health MEC, Dr Nomathemba Mokgethi

Colleague and the Deputy Minister, Dr Dhlomo

Acting MEC for Department of Infrastructure Development and Property
Management, Mr Jacob Mamabolo

Representatives from the Donors and implementing Agents

Project and Clinical Managers

Members of the Media

Today we meet again to provide update as per the undertaking we made late in March this year in terms of our phased-in approach, that the Accident and Emergency Unit will be ready by the end of April 2022.

I am aware that some people may say we did not meet our deadline hence we only announce today, but the fact of the matter is, the unit was ready in terms of the timeframes we announced, unfortunately due to other competing commitments, we were not immediately available to make this important announcement.

However, our unavailability did not stop service delivery because the process of gradual transfer of patients from

to install those and recalibrate the CT Scan. This will allow the A&E Units to start receiving ambulances.

It is important to indicate that the CT Scan machine is critical to the full operation of the A&E Units given that trauma and adult

We are extremely grateful to the Solidarity Fund who sponsored the work done in the Accident and Emergency and the Spire Fund for implementing the project

The work on other sections of the hospital is underway, and we are hopeful that the team will continue to work with diligence and resolve to ensure that this key healthcare facility is returned to full functionality. The hospital is functioning albeit reduced capacity. Just under 800 patients are currently receiving care at the facility. We will keep the public and media abreast of the developments.

We also wish to express gratitude to all the sponsors and partners that are involved in returning the facility to full functionality, namely the Solidarity Fund, Spire Fund and Gift of the Givers. We also thank patients, their families and the people of Gauteng for understanding and excising patience while the work to rehabilitate the hospital is ongoing.

I thank you