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Minister for the Public Service and Administration, Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi, Hands Over Project at Groote Schuur Hospital

Cape Town— Minister for the Public Service and Administration Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi officially handed over essential medical equipment to the Groote Schuur Hospital (GSH) on 05 December 2024, to enhance maternal healthcare.

This initiative aligns with the 16 Days of Activism campaign, which runs from November 25 to December 10. The campaign aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence and promote the rights of women and children.

The Groote Schuur Hospital's Maternal Fetal Medicine Unit serves as a critical referral center for high-risk pregnancies, addressing a high rate of complications and adverse outcomes. As a government-funded teaching hospital, GSH is equipped with highly experienced staff and provides vital services to the community.

During the handover, Minister Buthelezi emphasized the importance of supporting healthcare facilities that cater to vulnerable populations. "This project represents our commitment to improving healthcare for women and children in South Africa. The donated equipment will enhance our capacity to provide safe and effective care for mothers and their newborns," he stated.

The items donated by the GEMS CSI Programme include:

- Labour ward mobile ultrasound machine
- Five point-of-care creatinine meters
- Five neonatal resuscitators
- High-frequency items for newborn incubators, including sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels

These enhancements will significantly reduce patient waiting times and improve the quality of care provided at the hospital.

Minister Buthelezi concluded, "Together, we are building a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system that prioritizes the needs of all South Africans. This handover is a testament to our collective efforts to ensure that everyone receives the care they deserve."

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