

Samsung delivers accessible healthcare to the community of Hammanskraal

Samsung Electronics South Africa is addressing the need to provide accessible healthcare services in the Ga-Ramotse community in Hammanskraal. As part of its commitment to the communities in which Samsung serves, the organisation donated a Solar Powered Health Centre (SPHC). The SPHC supplies a variety of screenings, equipment and offers treatment to members of the community in need.



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The Ga-Ramotse Clinic was built in 1987 by the Amandebele-Ba-Lebelo tribal authority and is located north of Pretoria. It provides comprehensive primary health care services such as minor emergency services, treatment for TB, HIV/AIDS, mental healthcare, family planning and ward-based outreach services to over four villages in the region. The community has a high unemployment rate making the clinic even more valuable to those that can't afford to travel far distances for medical assistance.

Samsung's SPHC provides a central place where diagnosis and healthcare assistance is offered to people through the use of diagnostic systems, managed by a purpose-built application.

Pitso Kekana, Head of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung South Africa says, "Access to health facilities are a major concern in rural areas and Samsung aims to help people live healthier lives, by using our technological expertise to develop an affordable and reachable healthcare solutions."

The SPHC is a seven-metre long truck which includes a mini laboratory where blood analysis can be done. Testing for malaria, diabetes, high blood pressure and other conditions can also be done, with the convenience of having results immediately. A prescription can also be printed and given to the patient, who then needs to collect the medication from the nearest government clinic or hospital, such as the Tshwane District Hospital or the Steve Biko Academic Hospital.

"The health of individuals in our communities is a major priority. We aim to use these centres to help combat the challenge of providing quality health care to those who live in more rural areas. We are confident that this solution will provide the support needed to improve health standards in the Ga-Ramotse community," concludes Kekana.

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