

- [Spirit of partnership drives clinic on wheels](#)

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Gauteng's MEC for Health has expressed appreciation for the contribution that companies like Telkom and Phillips SA are making to the health of residents of Diepsloot Township near Johannesburg.

Speaking at the recent launch of a state-of-the-art mobile clinic – which has equipment and connectivity that support telemedicine – Health MEC Qedani Mahlangu commended the public-private partnership that had made the clinic a reality.

"I can assure all the citizens of our province we are doing everything in our power and even bringing the private partnership we see today to make sure that citizens' healthcare is at the top of our agenda," she said during the launch event, held at the Diepsloot Methodist Church on Thursday, 14 May.

Apart from Telkom Foundation, the organisations participating in the mobile clinic partnership are the Gauteng Department of Health, development NGO Babuyile, Nozala Trust, Phillips SA and the Industrial Development Corporation.

The mobile clinic will focus on providing healthcare for pregnant women, babies and children, along with dental services.

It takes the form of a truck staffed by a driver, professional nurse, assistant nurse, a dental therapist and an assistant. The clinic is fitted with ultrasound sonar, advanced cardio equipment and telemedicine equipment that can be used to link up with selected hospitals via the internet.

Telkom Foundation is sponsoring the internet connectivity and telemedicine equipment, worth R423 000.

Commenting on the mobile clinic partnership, Babuyile community development programme manager Nick Henry said, "We are extremely proud that the mobile clinic in collaboration with Telkom and our other partners is being launched today; we are confident that it will provide and improve primary healthcare in township communities that currently lack regular access to these services."

