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DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its oversight visit to the vaccination sites in the Metro on 26 May 2021

The Standing Committee on Health having conducted oversight visits to the vaccination sites in the Metro on 26 May 2021, reports as follows:

The delegation

The delegation of the Standing Committee on Social Development included the following Members:

Democratic Alliance

Allen, RI

Botha, LJ

Philander, WF (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Windvogel, R

Apology

Xego, M (EFF)

Bans, AP (ANC)

Bakubaku-Vos NG (ANC)

1. Background

The Standing Committees on Health conducted oversight visits to the vaccination sites in Eerste River, Mitchells Plain and Nyanga on Wednesday 26 May 2021 as part of its oversight function.

The purpose of the visit was to assess how the COVID-19 vaccination was administered and to inspect the turnout of the elderly persons for the vaccination from the Eerste River, Mitchells Plain and Nyanga communities and the surrounding areas.

2. Salient points that emanated from the vaccination site in Eerste River

- 2.1 Sister Segels M and Sister Viljoen P from Eerste River Clinic welcomed the Committee at the vaccination sites in the Eerste River Civic Centre.
- 2.2 The Committee was informed that the vaccination site operates on week days from 07:30-15:00.
- 2.3 It was reported that the vaccination rollout at the Centre started on Monday 24 May 2021 and a total of 72 elderly persons were vaccinated from the site.
- 2.4 The Committee was informed that on Tuesday 25 May, 99 elderly persons were vaccinated and the facilities' vaccination target on Wednesday 26 May was 120.
- 2.5 The site was vaccinating persons with appointments and walk-ins, no elderly person is turned away without being vaccinated.
- 2.6 It was reported that after vaccination, people are expected to wait for 15 minutes to check their reaction or side effects of the vaccination before leaving the facility.
- 2.7 Some of the elderly persons that were vaccinated at the Centre were from areas outside the Eerste River.
- 2.8 The officials at the site reported that the vaccination process had been smooth, however, the only challenge was with the vaccination registration system. The registration system was logging them out, this made it difficult for them to capture and access the vaccination information in the morning and this was delaying the vaccination process.

- 2.9 The Committee was informed that the majority of frontline healthcare workers were vaccinated in phase 1 via the Sisonke Programme, only few workers were not vaccinated due to various reasons, such as religious reasons and the negative media reporting on the COVID-19 vaccination process.
- 2.10 Sister Segels thanked the frontline healthcare workers for the flow and well-organised vaccination process.

The Committee was very impressed with how the health workers were handling the vaccination process at the Eerste River Civic Centre. The vaccination process was organised, the elderly persons kept a social distance whilst waiting to be vaccinated.

The Committee departed from the Eerste River Civic Center to the vaccination site at the Mitchell Plain Day Hospital.

3. Visit to the vaccination site in Mitchells Plain

The Committee conducted an unannounced visit to a vaccination site in Mitchells Plain Day Hospital. The Committee was welcomed by the Facility Manager, Ms. Hasen, whose behavior at first made it very difficult for the Committee to properly conduct its oversight visit.

- 3.1 Ms. Hasen reported that 80% of elderly persons that were vaccinated in Mitchells Plain Day Hospital were registered, and had made appointments for vaccination, however, the facility also vaccinates the walk-in elderly persons without appointments.
- 3.2 In terms of the patient flow for the hospital, patients queue outside in different lines due to the congestion inside the facility.
- 3.3 Ms. Hasen reported that the facility started the vaccination rollout on Monday 24 May 2021 and a total of 224 elderly persons were vaccinated. In addition, 281 persons were vaccinated on Tuesday 25 May 2021 and on Wednesday 26 May, the vaccination target for the facility was 246.
- 3.4 The Committee noticed that there were three vaccination stations within the facility and a recovery area that allows persons to wait for 15 minutes for observation before they exit the facility.
- 3.5 It was reported that there was no Johnson & Johnson vaccination, however, the Pfizer vaccine was sufficient and the facility was vaccinating persons on weekdays from 08:00-16:00.
- 3.6 The Committee was informed that a team of health workers from the facility was also conducting an outreach vaccination at Beacon Bay Old Age Home where they book appointments for the residents based on the number of residents registered on the EVDS and administer the vaccination to all the residents.
- 3.7 The Committee observed that the vaccination roll out was progressing well at the Mitchell Plain Day Hospital, no challenges were reported.
- 3.8 The Committee interacted with elderly persons that were vaccinated, they praised the vaccination process and the service offered by the health workers.

The Committee thanked the health workers and departed from Mitchells Plain Day Hospital to a vaccination site in Nyanga.

4. Visit to the vaccination site in Nyanga

The Committee conducted an unannounced visit to a vaccination site in Nyanga Day Community Day Centre. The Committee was welcomed by the Facility Manager, Mr Fanampi.

- 4.1 Mr. Fanampi informed the Committee that the vaccination target for the facility was 100 persons per day that consists of appointments for registered clients and walk-ins for unregistered clients.
- 4.2 He reported that the Nyanga Clinic has three vaccination stations and a vaccination team that consists of two Professional Nurses, two Staff Nurses, two data captures, and four Community Workers. In addition, the facility was waiting for two additional administrators that will be assisting with the vaccination team.
- 4.3 Mr. Fanampi reported that the Nyanga Clinic started the vaccination rollout on Monday 24 May and only 36 persons were vaccinated and on Tuesday 24 May, the facility administered 37 vaccinations to the elderly persons.
- 4.4 He reported that the turnout was very low and as a result the facility was targeting the elderly patients that were visiting the Clinic for chronic illnesses.
- 4.5 The facility was collaborating with the City of Cape Town and St Johns NGO to raise awareness about the COVID-19 vaccination. In addition, the facility was working closely with the church leaders in communicating and encouraging people to vaccinate.
- 4.6 It was reported that the appointment system for the vaccination was conducted at a central location within the provincial Department of Health. Text messages are sent to the registered elderly persons and within three days they had to go to the site as booked/scheduled for vaccination.
- 4.7 It was highlighted that the challenge with the centralised appointment system for the vaccination was that, elderly persons from outside the Nyanga community, from areas such as Durbanville and Kensington are referred to Nyanga for their vaccination appointment instead of getting their appointment within their areas of residents. This was pointed out as a security concern.
- 4.8 The operating time for the Nyanga Clinic was from 08h00-16h00 on weekdays.
- 4.9 It was reported that the waiting time for the vaccination was not more than five minutes.
- 4.10 The Committee was informed that all health workers from the Clinic were vaccinated except two, who were not vaccinated for religious reasons.
- 4.11 Mr. Fanampi said that his concern was a poor turnout for the vaccination, he said that few people were visiting the facility for vaccination and the facility is not meeting its daily vaccination target.
- 4.12 He mentioned that health promoters from the Nyanga Clinic are doing the vaccination awareness within the Nyanga community encouraging people to go and register for the vaccination.
- 4.13 Inadequate parking in the facility was reported as a matter of concern as the facility is accommodating elderly persons from areas outside Nyanga.

The Committee successfully concluded its visit.



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