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Department Welcomes the New Ministry

Pretoria: The Department of Health welcomes the new Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and Deputy Minister, Dr Joe Phaahla as part of the newly established 7th democratic administration to move South Africa forward. The Department believes the return of both political principals will ensure continuity and stability in the implementation of key health priorities which include increasing life expectancy, strengthening health-system effectiveness and the National Health Insurance to enable the country to attain the universal health coverage.

The Department also thanks the outgoing Deputy Minister, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo for his sterling work which accelerated access to sexual and reproductive health services, especially amongst young people through establishment of youth friendly zones in primary health facilities to create conducive environment for young people to access essential health services without standing in the queue with the general customers.

He also championed the healthy lifestyle programme to reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, etc.

The Department is looking forward for the leadership of both Minister Motsoaledi and Deputy Minister Phaahla to lead the health sector guided by policies and pieces of legislations to ensure equal access to quality and affordable healthcare services for all South Africans to achieve universal health coverage.

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