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**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF AUTOMATED BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION AT ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL – ROMA**

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs Motlalentoa Letsosa when officially launching automated births and deaths registration on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, pointed out that, the same National Identity and Civil Registration (NICR) services that are offered at the health facilities are no different from those offered at Maseru Mall and other districts. The Minister issued 6 birth certificates to newborn babies’ mothers.



**Hon. Motlalentoa Letsosa handing over a birth certificate**

Honourable Letsosa emphasized his intention to launch these services in all health facilities in the country. The same launch took place at Scott Hospital Morija on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Maluti Adventist Hospital on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 was at Queen ‘Mamohato Memorial Hospital. The selection criteria is based on the birthrate per hospital.

He also pleaded to the parents that upon arrival at the hospital, they should have the children’s name ready, but if they did not have them, the birth of a child will still be regis-



**Hon. Semano Sekatle at St. Joseph’s Hospital**

tered. On another point, he appealed of Home Affairs pointed out to the local chiefs to encourage their that the child birth registra- community to register the deaths as tion happening at hospitals soon as they occur since the Minis- speeds up vision 2030, that try of Home Affairs has deployed every citizen should have civil servants across the country. been registered.

Moreover, the Honourable Minister NICR Manager Mr. Litšoane Ke-

of Health Semano ketsi reported that, the NICR civil Sekatle strongly servants deployed in various hospi- urged all the ex- tals report for duty seven days a pecting mothers week, even on holidays as babies are to give birth at born on a daily basis. He also high- the hospitals lighted that, they are not registering since maternity the hospital births alone, but they issues require ex- also register and issue birth certifi- perts. “Child reg- cates to the general communities. istration is vital

for strategic plans In conclusion, the hospital Superin- of the govern- tentent Mr. Moletsane Moeko, said ment since everyone it is an honour to have his hospital would be in the Na- visited by the two Ministries. He tional Population Da- continued that, the birth registration tabase,” indicated enables the hospital to facilitate the Honourable Sekatle. referrals to South Africa where



**Hospital Superintendent Moletsane Moeko**

needed as one’s identity is a require-

In addition, the Maseru district ment and when death occurs the de-

ceased is registered instantly.



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