

SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER
AT THE OPENING OF THE MPHARANE HEALTH CLINIC ON
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

On this occasion of the opening of the Mpharane Health Clinic, it gives me great pleasure to express my gratitude to all who have participated in so many different ways in this project. Although there have been other volunteer work camps in Lesotho recently - and they have all been very successful - I would like to tell you about this project in particular and explain why it is significant.

Many people from different organizations and different countries deserve thanks for cooperating in this effort, but I must emphasize that the most important participants of all are YOU, the people of Mpharane, who first wanted to help the sick and suffering of this area, who knew that to fulfill your needs you must work hard and work together. Led by Senator Mophepu, you organized a village committee, you raised money, you had a plan for a clinic drawn up, and you began to buy the material you needed.

You did not sit back and complain and wait for charity. You first organized yourselves; then, in the spirit of self-help and IKETSETSE, you went to work. This is what we call COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I hope we now all understand the great responsibilities that still lie ahead of us in order to make this, our clinic, work well. We have to see that it is well looked after and well maintained; but, apart from this, we also have to work hard together to look after other more important aspects of our social services, which all need to be given immediate attention if our interests