

Eastern Cape residents identify budget priorities

The Eastern Cape Health Department is in the early stages of drafting its 2024/25 budget. We asked 446 residents who regularly utilise clinics what the provincial budget should prioritise for Primary Health Care services. This is what they said:



MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR CLINIC BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE:

- + Covered outdoor waiting areas (56%)
- + Separate waiting areas for coughing patients (26%)
- + More seating (21%)



MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR STAFFING TO:

- + Hire more nurses (74%)
- + Hire more community health workers (30%)
- + Hire more pharmacist assistants (24%)
- + Train new nurses (21%)



MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO:

- + Provide more ambulance vehicles (65%)
- + Hire more EMS personnel (34%)
- + Train new EMS personnel (25%)



MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE:

- + Emergency birthing kits (44%)
- + Blood pressure cuffs (36%)
- + Oxygen kits (34%)



MORE FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR MEDICINE ACCESS TO PROVIDE:

- + Home delivery of chronic medication (44%)
- + Vitamins for nursing and pregnant women (33%)
- + Easier access to HIV/AIDS medication (29%)

HOTSPOTS: PRIORITY ISSUE PER DISTRICT

NELSON MANDELA BAY

PERSONAL SAFETY:
42% of residents ask for security at clinics.

BUFFALO CITY METRO

SAFETY DURING CHILDBIRTH:
60% of residents ask for more emergency birthing kits.

OR TAMBO

SHORTAGE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES:
81% of residents ask for more ambulances.

446 residents who make use of services at these 45 clinics (in Buffalo City, Nelson Mandela Bay and OR Tambo districts) participated: Berlin, Drake Road, Fort Grey, Gonubie, Greenfields, Ilitha, John Dube, Masiphile, Mdantsane NU 16, Mdantsane NU 17, Mncotsho, Mpongo, Ncera, Needscamp, Newlands, Openshaw, Petros Jobane, Potsdam, Qhuru, Sinebhongo, Thembalethu, Tshabo, Twecu, Zanempilo, Zikhova, Kwazakhele, Max Madlingozi, Motherwell CHC, New Brighton, NU 8, Soweto, Thanduxolo, Tshangana, Wells Estate, Zwide, Buntingville, Canzibe Gateway, Lujizweni, Maqanyeni, Ngqeleni, Nkumandeni, Nqanda, Ntaphane, Ntibane, Philani.