

Select donates bedding units and sanitizers worth E215,100.00

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MBABANE – Select Limited donated 300 units of bedding and 300 litres of sanitizers worth a total of E215 100.00 to six main hospitals in Eswatini on Wednesday.

The hospitals that benefited from the donations included Mbabane Government Hospital, Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, Good Shepherd Hospital, Hlatikhulu Government Hospital, Mankayane Government Hospital and Piggs Peak Government Hospital.

In her remarks the Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi said she had no doubt that the donation had come at the right time and would assist in ensuring that their clients received the best service at the hospitals that were receiving the donations.

"I am informed that the donation from Select Limited consists of 50 bed comforters and pillow cases as well as 50 litres of sanitizers for each of the six hospitals," said Nkosi.

She said over the past 18 months, the country had experienced a challenging pandemic that had stretched the health system to beyond its capacity. According to the minister COVID-19 had led to widespread shortages of medical supplies, as a result of hard lockdowns in countries that manufactured these items.

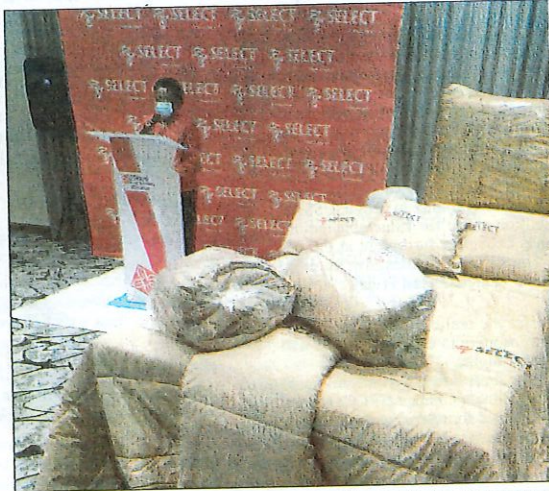
"The restriction of movement through borders also made it difficult for countries such as Eswatini to



Select Limited CEO Bheki Dlamini making his remarks during the donation event. (pics zweli dlamini)

continue normal procurement procedures for health related commodities such as linen and bedding," she said.

The minister went on to say that they were very grateful to Select Limited for identifying their need and responding appropriately. She said that through the donation they would make sure to provide their patients with comfort, knowing very well that a good night's sleep was very



The bedding and pillow cases which were donated to the six hospitals.

important for the process of healing for admitted patients.

"It is our responsibility to keep the environment where our patients are admitted clean with no risk of infections for the patients. During this time of great uncertainty we feel encouraged and humbled by the support from Select Limited," she added.

The Chief Executive Officer of Select Limited Bheki Dlamini said as

they launched their corporate social investment (CSI) campaign the latest figures indicated that over 245 000 emaSwati had already vaccinated which equated to 21.1 per cent of the population. He said from today they would embark on the exercise of distributing the bedding comforters and sanitizers to the various hospitals.

"As a corporate citizen I would like to say that we are delighted to contribute

towards the sustainable socio-economic development of Eswatini by assisting the Ministry of Health in providing the essential working tools for health facilities," said Dlamini.

In a brief conversation with Matron Nomsa Makhanya from the Mbabane Government Hospital she said this would help lower cases of depression as the comfort would help distract the patients from being reminded that they were in hospital.

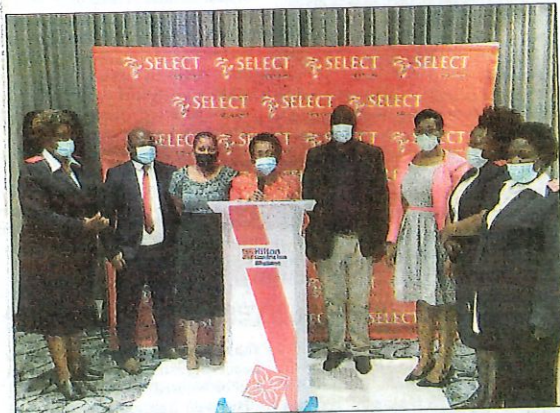
"Comfort plays a big role in the recovery process so the gesture from Select Limited is extremely appreciated," said Makhanya.

OVERVIEW SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

THE Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in severe social and economic disruption around the world and Eswatini has not been spared. It has also led to widespread supply shortages exacerbated by agricultural disruptions, and food shortages.

During 2020 and 2021 we have seen high volumes of patients being admitted in the various hospitals in the country after being diagnosed with Covid-19 related illnesses and others ailments. Select Limited have taken the initiative to engage the Ministry of Health to understand how best the organization can reach out to assist the Ministry on matters relating to the care and safety of patients in our hospitals.

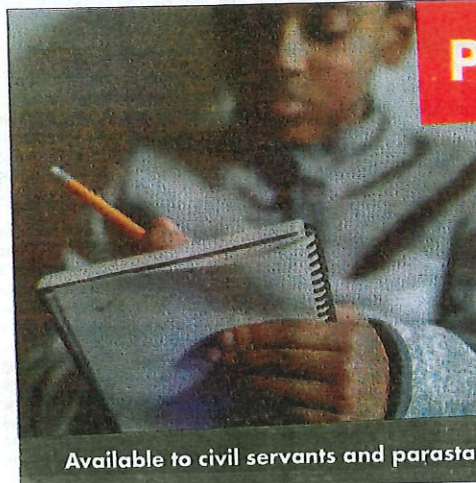
In light of the above, Select has seen it fit to embark on an initiative of donating bedding to the various main hospitals in the country, as it is important to provide comfort and security to patients to ensure that they sleep and rest well. Further, adequate bedding for patients is pivotal as it ensures that the psychological comfort for patients is taken care of. In order to achieve this, hospitals must take great care to ensure that their facilities, instruments, and linens are clean and refurbished on a regular basis. However, due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic that has caused havoc in the country for almost two years, Government and the Ministry of Health have been stretched to the limit thus there is great need for companies like Select to assist wherever possible.



Deputy Director of Public Health Rejoice Nkambule flanked by hospital administrators from the six facilities accepting donations.



(L-R) CEO of Select Limited Bheki Dlamini, Mbabane Government Matrone Nomsa Makhanya, Senior Hospital Administrator Cebile Dlamini and Select Limited General Manager Sakhile Zwane.




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