

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MINISTER MOTSOALEDI COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL EYE SURGERY**

**Pretoria:** The Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has today (Thursday, 04 September) undergone a successful eye surgery led by a team of mainly young medical professionals at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital's St John Eye Clinic in Gauteng. St John Eye Clinic is one of government eye clinics which provide treatment for various eye conditions, including retinal issues, glaucoma, and corneal problems.

Minister Motsoaledi urges members of the public to go for regular eye tests to maintain eye health, early detection of serious eye diseases like cataracts and glaucoma with potential to cause preventable loss of vision or blindness.

The Department of Health has been collaborating with Transnet to improve access to eye care services through Phelophepa Healthcare Train which travels across the country, offering a range of free eye tests and affordable glasses amongst other health services.

This is part of taking health services to the people programme which is crucial for the country to achieve Universal Health Coverage to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare, reduce health inequalities and improve population health outcomes.

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