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GENERATORS INSTALLATION STEAM AHEAD AT BEDFORD ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

The Eastern Cape Department of Health has received a delivery of a generator at Bedford Orthopaedic Hospital on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

The programme of the installation of the generators is part of infrastructural upgrade in hospitals in case there is loss of power in health institutions. This is done to ensure there is no loss of life in case there is power outage in a hospital.

Hospitals have critical areas that cannot function without electricity. A theatre is but one area that has to have electricity as operations are done in theatre. Absence of power means that surgeries will not be done and that means a postponement of operations thereby making the list longer.

The Intensive Care Unit is also another critical area that must have uninterrupted supply of power because life support machines are in the ICU.

The Labour Ward, High Care, Neo natal and Nursery are other areas that must have uninterrupted power supply.

There were instances where electricity cables were stolen affecting the operations at hospitals. Food for patients could not be cooked, sterilisation of equipment is affected, lighting is affected, babies that are prematurely born and in incubators are affected,

The Department bought the 21 generators in bulk in order to drive the costs down whilst making sure that service delivery to patients is not compromised.

The total figure for the 21 generators was R21 million and the rollout is still happening. The two contractors tasked with ensuring the installation of the generators are Techno Mobile and Montlek.

The installation of the generator at Bedford Hospital will commence soon.

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