

REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE



Nelson Mandela
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

A family dedicated to care

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital will be a critical resource that not only services South Africa, but the rest of the Southern African region as well. It will offer specialised care to all children – fulfilling Mr Mandela's dream to make world-class health care available to all children in Southern Africa, while and creating a regional training platform.

An initiative of Nelson Mandela Children's Fund



CHANGING THE WAY SOCIETY TREATS ITS CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Child Health Care

- NMCH will offer specialised care for all paediatrics through referral protocol to its Centres of Excellence in Haematology and Oncology, Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endocrine, Renal, Neurosciences, Craniofacial, and Paediatric Surgery.
- No child will be turned away because of their inability to pay.
- The Hospital will provide a comfortable, safe, homely environment that prioritises children's needs above all else.
- The Hospital will offer accommodation for parents of out-of-town patients on long stays.
- The Hospital will begin to change the perceptions of the South African health services, particularly as it relates to children.

Training/Academic

- NMCH will collaborate with medical institutions from throughout the Southern African region, and internationally.
- The Hospital's partnerships with global child health institutions will contribute towards improving skills, increasing knowledge, and new discoveries in treatments.
- Bring new knowledge to tertiary and quaternary levels of paediatric medical services through research, teaching and training.
- There will be interdisciplinary and collaborative clinical excellence to ensure holistic care.

Technology

The use of advanced, modern technology will:

- be crucial to the training of medical professionals across the region (for example, the use of telemedicine);
- improve on the current practice of paediatric healthcare in the region, and indeed the continent;
- contribute towards not only patient care and treatment, but also administrative tasks associated with the cost-effective running of the Hospital.

"We must use time wisely and forever realise that the time is always ripe to do right."

Infrastructure

- NMCH will be built by a not-for-profit organisation, through collaborative partnerships between government and non-government organisations.
- There will be additional bed and theatre capacity, easing the current resource strain on the health sector in Southern Africa.
- Building the hospital within easy reach of international and regional airports, NMCH will be in the favourable position to receive patients from throughout the region in the shortest possible time.