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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **IDT hands over substance abuse treatment facilities**

The government's efforts to fight substance abuse have received a major boost with the completion of a drug rehabilitation centre in Seshego, outside Polokwane in Limpopo.

The Seshego Treatment Centre, which was constructed at a cost of R150-million, was handed over to the provincial department of social development by the Independent Development Trust (IDT), which was contracted by the department to complete the works on the project site.

The centre, the first of its kind in Limpopo, is expected to commence intake of patients from all over the province and will be officially opened later this year.

The IDT was contracted by the department to complete the works on the site after the project had stalled and was tasked with completing outstanding building works on the project, commissioning equipment and installing additional services which included building a bulk water storage tank, fire hydrants, standby generators, CCTV cameras, a lift, server room and intercom system.

The IDT handed over the completed premises to the client department after doing rigorous snagging work on the project since practical completion was achieved. This means all the works have been completed by the contractor and the facilities are ready to be occupied permanently.

The new premises will accommodate at least 80 patients and staff complement of about 90 people, including doctors, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapist and social workers.

Facilities that the IDT was contracted to complete in the centre include the core working areas such as the consultation block, detoxification centre, kitchen and dining halls, and wards for females, males and youth.

A swimming pool, gym, games room and recreational area – which were also highlighted as essential for therapy – were also commissioned and handed over to the department.

This is in addition to support facilities in the centre such as the administration building, waiting areas, guard house, garages and parking areas, staff accommodation units.

The IDT is proud to have completed the project and thereby assisting the government in its fight against drug abuse.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

The IDT is an entity of the National Department of Public Works that is mandated to support all spheres of government with social infrastructure management and programme implementation.

In the past five years the IDT supported 40 government departments including building 97 new schools and 36 new health facilities while renovating hundreds more and created more than 360 000 work opportunities in various communities through its implementation of social infrastructure programmes and the Expanded Public Works Programme.

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