



One clinic per neighbourhood – District Clinic plans to increase capacity

July 15, 2021 – District Clinic, the entity created to provide healthcare services in every district of the City of Mount Vema announced plans to open facilities in every neighbourhood instead of one clinic per district.

With the new planned facilities, the City of Mount Vema District Clinic plans to have no less than four doctors (general practitioners) per 1000 people, to provide and maintain quality of service to the public who will live and work in Mount Vema.

The district clinics will be responsible for the long-term care of the population in their local neighbourhoods, and will work on prevention, education, care of diseases and traumas that do not require a specialist, and orientation towards a specialist when necessary. They will also follow the severe diseases day-to-day (between the acute crises that require the intervention of a specialist).

The clinics will also have a role in the survey of epidemics, a legal role (constatation of traumas that can bring compensation, certificates for the practice of a sport, death certificate, certificate for hospitalisation without consent in case of mental incapacity), and a role in the emergency care where they will be able to go to a patient's home when the patient cannot come to the consulting room (especially in case of children or old people).

This announcement means that Mount Vema will need to educate more doctors which, is likely to see an increase in scholarships for medical practitioners, more than the current target set by the Mount Vema Ministry of Health.

The studies for the medical profession consist of six years in a university or at the Royal Mount Vema Foundation Academy of Medicine, and three years as a junior practitioner.

In Mount Vema most healthcare professionals will work for the state funded health services. The District Doctors will administer first line, primary care, and patients will not be able to consult a hospital specialist without a required referral.

