

**WELCOME REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HER LORDSHIP COUNCILLOR  
JABU SHIBA, ON THE OCASSION OF THE LAUNCH OF THE MOBISafAIDS  
SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY MONITORING APPLICATION FOR  
ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH  
SERVICES**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 : Millennium Park : 10am**

- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
  - REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
  - SafAIDS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE
  - HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS PRESENT
  - SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
  - KHULISA UMNTFWANA PROGRAMMES MANAGER
  - MANZINI FILTER CLINIC STAFF
  - MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY
  - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
  - INVITED GUESTS
  - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
- ❖ IT IS AN HONOUR TO BE PART OF THIS CEREMONY WHEREIN WE ARE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING AN INNOVATION THAT WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT THE YOUTH OF MANZINI IN THE SPHERE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.
- ❖ ONE OF OUR KEY STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES AS A MUNICIPALITY IS THE PROVISION OF RESPONSIVE INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES TO THE CITY. OUR VISION ALSO PUTS EMPHASIS ON INNOVATION AS WE DELIVER SERVICES TO THE CITY.

- ❖ THAT IS WHY WE ARE EXCITED AND GRATEFUL THAT, OUT OF ALL URBAN SPACES IN THE COUNTRY, YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED THE CITY OF MANZINI AS THE MOST IDEAL SPACE FOR PILOTING THE SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND MONITORING APPLICATION. INDEED, YOU MADE A PERFECT CHOICE AND WE SHALL NOT DISAPPOINT.
  
- ❖ WHAT EXCITES US THE MOST IS THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL HELP IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN AS FAR AS SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IS CONCERNED.
  
- ❖ THERE ARE NUMEROUS ISSUES OF SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH THAT AFFECT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF MANZINI. THEREFORE, WE TRUST THAT THIS PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR VIBRANT CITY.
  
- ❖ IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE MOBISafAIDS APPLICATION WILL HELP REACH OUT TO AS MANY YOUTHS AS POSSIBLE AND ENSURE ROBUST ENGAGEMENT WITH THEM. ULTIMATELY, IT WILL MAKE THE MANZINI FILTER CLINIC MORE USER-FRIENDLY AND ALSO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED BY THE FACILITY. I, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE YOUTH TO MAKE USE OF THIS APPLICATION.

❖ MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AS WELL AS SAFAIDS FOR OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP IN RELATION TO THE FILTER CLINIC. IT IS THROUGH SUCH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS THAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOAL OF A HEALTHIER CITIZENRY.

❖ WITH THESE BRIEF REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE CITY OF MANZINI. PLEASE FEEL COMFORTABLE. AND MAY THE PILOT PROJECT BE THE DESIRED SUCCESS.

**I THANK YOU**