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## **Novartis South Africa celebrates its annual Community Partnership Day by giving back to Tembisa Hospital on Nelson Mandela Day**

- *In South Africa, more than 200 Novartis associates are giving back to their communities today through three key activities and projects*
- *Community Partnership Day symbolizes the company's commitment to making a difference in the communities where associates live and work*
- *More than 13'789 Novartis associates worldwide will take part in the company's 23rd annual Community Partnership Day*

**Johannesburg, July 18, 2019** – Today, in celebration of the company's 23rd annual Community Partnership Day and Nelson Mandela Day, more than 200 Novartis associates in South Africa will give back to their communities. Overall, more than 13'789 Novartis associates across six continents and 56 countries are supporting non-profit and local organizations, representing more than 110'312 hours of combined community service.

"While we work to improve and extend people's lives every day at Novartis, Community Partnership Day is a powerful opportunity for us to give back directly to our community – and Nelson Mandela Day is the perfect opportunity to make a difference and show what we can achieve when we work together," said Mo Kadwa, CEO, Novartis South Africa. "It's a day where our associates get to spend time with local organizations to work on different kinds of projects. It's a privilege to be working alongside these groups today."

In South Africa, associates are working on the following projects with:

- **Tembisa Hospital:** Associates that volunteer will assist with picking up litter and hand over donations of medical equipment, kids toys and books to the hospital.
- **Woodrock Animal Rescue:** Associates that volunteer will help paint the fence surrounding the agility course, clean kennels, help feed animals and hand over donations of blankets, dog and cat food (both dry & tinned wet food), as well as much needed medical supplies for their onsite clinic.
- **Novalis House tea party:** Associates that volunteer will entertain and serve guests from Novalis House, who will visit the Novartis offices for a tea party.

The late Nelson Mandela once said: "There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return". "We are very grateful to Novartis for the donation and for lending a hand and giving their time to help make our hospital a clean environment for our staff and patients. The medical equipment that we have received from Novartis will go a long way in enabling the hospital to serve its patients in an optimal way," said Dr. Lekopane Mogaladi, CEO, Tembisa Hospital.

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Novartis South Africa focuses its business on three divisions with innovation power and global scale: pharmaceuticals, eye care and generics. These three divisions are supported by our research organization, the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR), and a centralized services group, Novartis Business Services, to facilitate collaboration across our divisions, and drive efficiency and productivity gains.

For more information, visit: <https://www.novartis.co.za/>.

### **About Tembisa Hospital**

Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital, a public hospital operated by the Gauteng Department of Health, is situated in Namane Dr, Olifantsfontein, in Tembisa. Tembisa hospital was established in 1972. The hospital has 840 approved beds and services a population of close to 2.5 million according to 2011 census not considering foreign nationals. Our hospital provides both Generalised and Specialised services. The hospital was upgraded to a tertiary hospital in 2012 (Not yet fully fledged).

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