

## **Region 5 gets new rehab center**

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A new rehabilitation center is to be commissioned in Wednesday at the Mahaicony Diagnostic Center. The clinic there is expected to cater to the thousands of residents in Region 5 and its environs.

Chairman of Region 5 (Mahaica/ Berbice) Harrinarine Baldeo said the establishment of the center stands testimony of government's commitment to the wellbeing and health of its citizens especially those of his region.

The chairman said that the health sector in Region 5 has seen significant improvements over the years.

According to recent statistics, there are now two district hospitals which function optimally, 17 health centers, and one health post at No. 28 Village.



**The newly built Rehab Center at the Mahaicony Diagnostic Center**

In addition to the new rehab center, the Mahaicony Diagnostic Center, offers clinics in chronic diseases and eye care. There are 24 medical personnel, among them Cuban doctors, stationed there as part of the Guyana/Cuba collaboration initiative by President Jagdeo in 2006.

At Fort Wellington, the full service hospital there is staffed by four local doctors, assisted by nurses, who are trained to deal with from seizures to surgeries. The more serious cases are referred to Mahaicony or Georgetown. Before 1992, Mr. Baldeo said, this was hardly a possibility.



### **Rosignol Health Center**

Throughout the region, there are four medex that staff health centers at Belladrum, Ithaca, Moraikobai and Woodley Park. There are also community health workers stationed at other clinics there.

This, some residents say was not a situation that existed prior to 1992. A point of view wholly endorsed by the Regional Chairman who said recently 'mobile riverain health outreaches' were instituted especially at vaccination time.

One of the more outstanding health centers in the Region is the one at Rosignol. Plans are in train by the Ministry of Health to turn that Health Center into a polyclinic.

Denise Daniels, midwife in charge of the Rosignol clinic, said that the physical structure is just about ready. The midwife indicated that already there are beds and other infrastructure necessary to facilitate the transition. There is also a local doctor permanently stationed at the facility.