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Minister Sisulu handed a house to a Military Veteran at Zanemvula.



OUR WORK IS CLEARLY CUT OUT FOR 2016

We have just entered the year 2016, which we hope will present better opportunities for all South Africans by allowing us prosperity in our private lives as well as development and progress in the public sphere.

The year 2016 is likely to be one of the most challenging given the intensity of the developmental programmes implemented by our Government countrywide. The Department of Human Settlements remains central in the efforts to improve the lives of South Africans and ensuring that it restores people's dignities through the provision of decent housing and the creation of sufficient housing opportunities.

A lot was achieved in 2015. These achievements, the Public and Private Sector partnership gain momentum as more individuals, organisations and companies volunteered their time and financial resources in support of some of our programmes. They ensured that people identified as having a dire need to have a house, were provided with supporting materials and other necessary goods such as furniture.

Our Department also became central in the support programme that is being carried out in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan as part of the Presidential support to the Municipality. In 2015, our Department accelerated housing provision to those in need by prioritising the elderly, military veterans, women and child headed households. A lot of human settlements programmes are underway in various provinces as part of the Government's Special Presidential Programme which focuses on the revitalisation of mining towns.

Programmes like Savanna City form part of the mega projects that the Minister Lindiwe Sisulu talked about in July 2014 during her Budget Vote Speech in Parliament.

In short, 2016 is an important year for South Africans as the country goes to the local government elections. Our performance as officials is essential in this regard because the public can pass a positive or negative judgment against Government only if we fail to do our work and consequently being unable to provide essential services as required.

Ndivhuwo Mabaya
Editor-in-Chief



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Welcome to the 1st edition of Kwa Gae in 2016. So much happened in 2015 when as a nation we celebrated the 60 years of the Freedom Charter where "all people shall have the right to live, where they choose, be decently housed, and to bring up their families in comfort and security." Freedom Charter, 1955.

In this edition of Kwa Gae **January to March 2016** we give credence to mothers and fathers that raise their families in the security and comfort of their own communities, and one of them is an 85 year great-grandfather from Ncangwini village outside Mthatha, in the Eastern Cape.

We highlight the housing allocation prioritisation programme in Xanthia, a small village in Bushbuckridge, where a grand-mother and a child-headed household benefit from the department's determinations to deliver houses to the most marginalised members of society.

In November 2015, President Jacob Zuma invited by Minister Lindiwe Sisulu handed over houses at the N2 Gateway project as part of Human Settlement's Community Imbizo in Cape Town. Kwa Gae attended this momentous occasion where the President highlighted the fact that a total of 3.8 million housing units and serviced sites catering for 12 million households have been provided by the democratic government since the country gained freedom and independence.

As we look forward to 2016, with the municipal elections looming, we must not forget the historical significance of the first local government elections on **1 November 1995** – on how it drastically determined the demarcation of new boundaries which totally transformed the human settlements landscape for the benefit of all..

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N2 GATEWAY PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT PROMISES FULFILLED

The national N2 gateway housing development project in the Western Cape gets thumbs up from the President after he had engagement with communities on the quality of service they are receiving.

President Jacob Zuma handed over houses at the N2 Gateway project, Cape Town in the Western Cape. This was part of the Presidential service delivery visit where he visit projects around the country and has a community Imbizo where communities give feedback about services they receive from the government.

The visit covered the N2 Gateway precinct which includes areas such as Delft, Kwa Langa, Eerste Rivier and other surrounding areas. The President was accompanied by Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane (who stood in for the Minister Lindiwe Sisulu), Deputy Minister of Human Settlements Zou Kota-Fredericks and the Western Cape MEC for Human Settlements Bonginkosi Madikizela.

“Today we proudly celebrate one of our government’s

important milestones in its effort to improve the lives of the people. Not long ago the place we are in today was a valley full of shacks. There was not even a single formal house. Our government took a decision to improve this community because we realized the hardships that our people faced.

“We want to ensure that the N2 Gateway project becomes an important intervention for national housing initiatives and we realised that in order to cater for the needy residents of Cape Town there had to be a change of gear and approach in the way we do things.

“And this change will continue as we forge ahead in our mission to fulfill our constitutional mandate to provide adequate and decent housing for our people. Unlike in the past, most of the shacks seen along the freeway



from the airport to the city centre have now given way to these beautiful blocks of flats that have blended nicely with Kwa Langa Township,” said the President.

He told all attending the Imbizo that 3.8 million housing units and serviced sites catering for 12 million households have been provided by the democratic government since the country gained freedom and independence. He quickly pointed out that although this is a significant achievement it is not enough, a lot still needs to be done as there are many challenges that continue to face the country.

“We have learnt from our experiences and we continue to refine our approaches and policies in order to ensure that we achieve good outcomes. We are aware that housing backlogs in Cape Town and elsewhere cannot be

eradicated overnight, but need a systematic work effort and partnerships involving the government, the private sector and the civil society.”

The President further expressed the willingness by his administration to continue with the Monitoring and evaluation of the systems to ensure that communities get quality service delivery that will serve future generations. “This means that the houses, schools, hospitals, roads, power stations and universities that we are building last long to serve future generations,” concluded the President.

Before addressing the community, the President handed over fully furnished houses to deserving beneficiaries among them were Zithulele Ndelu, Elsie de Pouch and Vusi Mandindi.

MZANSI CELEBRITIES VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO BUILD DECENT HOMES FOR THE POOR

Celebrities draw attention to the many ways in which lack of adequate housing affects the lives of the vulnerable, especially the elderly, women and children.

The Department of Human Settlements convened a Celebrity Build at Savanna City in the Sedibeng District Municipality in Gauteng. The celebrity build was attended by celebrities from television, radio and the music industry. The main objective of the build was to have celebrities volunteer their time in a community project.

The Savanna City project is one of the department's mega projects that aims to build 18000 household units for qualifying individuals. "The project will consist of different housing typologies, ranging from low cost housing, and bonded stock to rentals stock. We are here to prepare the site to make sure that this place will soon be ready to do a handover," said Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements, Jacob Mamabolo.

South African stars planting trees at Savanna City





Mme Selina Van Rooi one of the eldest beneficiaries at the Savanna City Housing Project

Mamabolo furthermore said “people believe that we only have programmes that support people that earn less than three thousand five hundred rands but we have other programmes and products for people that do not fall under that category, we have got rental and financial subsidy programmes and we want you to go out there and promote these different types of products and typologies, so that we can improve the living conditions of our people.”

When asked what motivated her to take part in the celebrity build Connie Chiume who plays Mamokete on the popular television soap opera Rhythm City said: “I am here to make my hands dirty and also to show that

our government keeps their promises by building people houses and to relate with ordinary people to show that even though we do the jobs that we do as celebrities we also have relatives that fall on the same category as them.”

“I am very excited to be here, I am from the Vaal so I know that most people in the Vaal are the most under privileged people and it is an honour for me to play a role in putting a smile in somebody’s life. Beneficiaries of these houses listen to us on radio and they watch us on TV and for them to see us it becomes something big but for them to see us and get something out of us, it’s even bigger,” said Thabo Mokone from Lesedi FM.

The 112 year old Elda Mazongolo who is the eldest beneficiary at Savanna City and although she could not recognise any of the celebrities, she was excited to finally know that she will be moving to a new house soon. “Since MEC Mamabolo came to my house and promised me a house, I have been waiting. I am happy now that my perseverance has paid off. I look forward to the day I will finally move to my new house,” said Gogo Mazongolo.



Minister Sisulu and Executive Mayor Danny Jordan with military veteran beneficiary, Shadrack Merile in Walmer Port Plizabeth



MILITARY VETERAN HONOURED IN NELSON MANDELA BAY

To those who fought, to those who tried, to those who gave their very lives. We Remember. Minister Lindiwe Sisulu and Executive Mayor Danny Jordan launched the Military Veterans Village in Zanemvula, Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape

It was a joyous day for military veterans when Minister Sisulu handed over the first of the 491 military veterans' houses in Chetty to a 60 year old military veteran, Shadrack Merile who is one of the many military veterans across the country that are destitute. "My life has been difficult. I have been in and out of hospital three days a week, since I am a renal case. This house will help me a lot, because my dialysis can be done at home," said Merile. The military veterans, the Minister, Executive Mayor and the community of Zanemvula sang struggle songs to celebrate and honour the military veterans for the part they played in liberating this country.

Minister Lindiwe Sisulu embarked on a visit to the Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality in the Eastern Cape at the beginning of December 2015 to handover of three houses in Walmer to the elderly, walk-about in Soweto-on-Sea in Zanemvula, attended a welcome reception of the Youth Brigade and handed-over a fully furnished house to Merile a Military Veteran House in Chetty, Zanemvula. Minister Sisulu was accompanied by Executive Mayor Danny Jordan of Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality, community members, various officials and stakeholders.

The youth had acquired life changing skills such as construction, business planning, project management and soft skills such as character building and confidence building, during their training in Thaba 'Nchu Free State.

Minister Sisulu said "it is the responsibility of parents and government to teach youth their responsibilities. These ones are very well for now, they now know what their responsibilities are, they know the constitution, they know the basic laws, they are a very well disciplined force and this is what we want to build our youth on going forward to make sure when they are given a job they have the necessary discipline. This new and liberated generation that you represent depends on you to set an example so that future generations may want to be like you because freedom is never free."



NHBRC CEO Mongezi Mnyani addresses stakeholders at the Human Settlements Contractors and Developers Workshop in Port Elizabeth

ZERO TOLERANCE OF CORRUPTION IN NELSON MANDELA METRO

Developers, contractors and the government in discussion to root out corruption and fast track the delivery of houses in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality

The Department of Human Settlements held a two day workshop with contractors and developers at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium. The aim of the workshop was to discuss key issues experienced by various key players within the housing delivery chain including the Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

Among the challenges and concerns raised during the workshop were late payments of contractors, the lack of transparency in the allocation of work (the roster system), allocation of houses, the relocation of beneficiaries to newly constructed sites and the handover of title deeds to rightful owners.

Acting Director-General Mbulelo Tshangana said during his address “what we need is an integrated approach and not a fragmented approach to Human Settlements in this metro, what we want at the end of the day is a fully functioning human settlements department.”

An assessment was done to look at the capacity of the metro in the delivery of Human Settlements. It was found that there were a lot of gaps in the Human Settlements value chain. Countrywide there is a backlog of about 900 000 title deeds that have not been handed over and R1.5 billion is needed to eradicate that backlog.

In order to solve the challenges faced in the municipality all spheres of government will need to pull their efforts together; the national department has developed a R4.6 billion package of support to ensure that this metro is fully equipped to implement all human settlements programmes. The Department wants to assign the metro with level 3 accreditation and once the metro has been assigned, there will be a direct imbursement of funds from the national Department to the Metro.

“The package of support is an expression of cooperative governance between the three spheres of government. National and provincial government, through legislative and other means, are obliged to support local government in the exercise of its responsibilities,” said Deputy Mayor Bicks Ndoni.

Some of the key decisions made during the workshop were that contractors would be paid within 30 days of work completed; the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBC) will offer training to contractors, the budget for women, youth and military veterans would be ring fenced and a material supplier’s database would be developed to facilitate the process of negotiating affordable prices of building material.

Workshop attendees listen attentively as serious issues are unpacked during the two day session



STRUGGLE ICON GERT SIBANDE NOT FORGOTTEN

Gracious gratitude by giving back to families of those who gave their lives for freedom and justice through a Military Veterans housing assistance programme

Mme Sana Sibande (68) before receiving her new house was living at a house belonging to her sister in Evaton with her daughter, Nomthandazo Sibande and nephew, Nhlanhla Sibande and four of her grandchildren. Her son, Sikhumbuzo Fana Sibande, aged 36 lives across the family home. Sana's sister and four of her comrades were massacred at their family home shortly after her return from exile. In the 1960s, the family was forcefully removed from their home in Eastville, Evaton.

There has been no peace for Sana as her family members were chasing her out of the house. The family survives on Sana's old age pension and child support grants of the grandchildren.

Tears of joy were flowing down Mme Sana's face as she was receiving her house. "I thank you all, there are no words to express how I feel. I also thank my dad who fought for us to be free. It's not easy living with other people in their houses, you get called all sorts of names every day but I thank God that today I have my own house," Sana said.

The Department of Human Settlements has committed to restoring the dignity of military veterans and their families. The Department has established a military veterans programme aiming to provide 5 000 houses to military veterans by the year 2017.

This is a big task and the Department is not taking it lightly,



Deputy Minister Kota-Fredericks wraps Sana Sibande in a warm blanket as she receives her own house

the Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zou Kota-Fredericks handed over a house to the only surviving daughter of the late struggle hero Gert Sibande in the Sebokeng Golden Garden housing project in Gauteng.

Gert Sibande's life was about changing the socio economic relations between the farmers and the farm workers. He played a critical role in establishing the potato boycott campaign in 1959, and he was responsible for drawing attention to the inhumane living and working conditions of potato-farm workers in the Eastern Transvaal (Mpumalanga).

The Deputy Minister also gave the Sibande family blankets

and food vouchers from the department of Social Development. A foster care grant for the three great-grandchildren with no parents has been approved for the family.

"This is a house of dignity, pride and joy that is being handed over today, we see this action today as a revolutionary intervention that is guided by the freedom charter that says: there shall be Houses, Security and Comfort for all," said the Executive Mayor of Emfuleni Municipality, Cllr Greta Hlongwane.

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1-2 President of the Republic of South Africa, Jacob Zuma, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zou Kota-Fredericks and MEC of Human Settlements in Western Cape, Bonginkosi Madikizela congratulating new home owners during the hand over of houses at N2 Gateway in Cape Town.

3 Minister of Human Settlements Lindiwe Sisulu visited the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality to launch the military veterans village in Zanemvula, Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape.

4 Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zou Kota-Fredericks spent some time with young people during Mandela Day at Ncangwini Village outside Mthatha in the Eastern Cape.

5 Mzansi celebrities spent their time building with the community of Sedibeng District Municipality in Savanna City, Gauteng.





Community of Mamelodi and Eersterus saying NO to drugs

PRESIDENT DECLARES WAR ON DRUGS IN EERSTERUST AND MAMELODI, GAUTENG

President Zuma pleads with the residents and community leaders of Eersterus and Mamelodi in the City of Tshwane to show resilience, unity and stewardship in the fight against substance abuse and build better communities



After receiving a letter and a petition from the community of Eersterus outlining a widespread abuse of drugs and other illegal substances, the Presidency address this cancer to society head on. Housing shortage and high rate of unemployment are the biggest cause of a growing number of drug lords who are alleged to be selling drugs to both the young and old persons without being arrested.

Accompanied by Gauteng Premier David Makhura, Tshwane Executive Mayor Kgosisentsho Ramokgopa and Cabinet Ministers, the President said “I am back today as promised and brought all the three spheres of Government and it is very important to do so because I want Government to hear from you,”

A number of speakers representing various sectors from both the Eersterus and Mamelodi communities cited a number of challenges which include an acute shortage of land, inadequate housing and a number of households

still waiting for the title deeds. The community also raised concerns about insufficient burial sites, lack of sports facilities, illegal shebeens, shortage of skilled persons, and lack of job opportunities, absence of a drug rehabilitation center in Eersterus, and inadequate funding and support to address the problem of substance abuse.

The members of the community accused police officers of being part of the drug dealing syndicates. In response, Police Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko said “corruption and involvement of some police service personnel in criminal activities are serious allegations and some stringent measures have to be taken to deal with the drugs problem in the area through Operation Fiela. He assured the gathering that the communities of Eersterus and Mamelodi will receive full attention. He further urged the community members to assist the police to root out corruption by reporting corrupt police officers.



MINISTER SISULU UNVEILS MEGAPROJECTS

A plan is in the pipeline to implement 77 catalytic projects that would address the legacy and non-legacy housing needs in South Africa.

The decline in the housing delivery has caused Minister of Human Settlements Lindiwe Sisulu to unveil a plan to launch 77 catalytic projects to meet the target of building 1.5-million houses over the next five years at a consultative workshop hosted by the department and attended by developers and contractors in Kempton Park.

“We live with an increasing backlog against declining delivery numbers. According to Statistics South Africa, based on the results of Census 2011, South Africa has 2 700 informal settlements, dotted across the country. These comprise 2,2 million households and are a combination of informal settlements and backyard dwellers.

I dread to think what the statistics are now as 350 000 is the number of households created annually, against a delivery of 140 000 houses annually. Our response has been dismally slow, as indicated by the figures I have just given to you and very importantly for this particular environment, our response has been very shoddy,” said Minister Sisulu.

“The matter that we would like to focus on for this workshop seems to me to respond to our need for some kind of a Marshall Plan to get the country back to the productivity we once mastered; back to the productivity that is required; and back to the productivity that will respond to our need for a radical transformation of our situation.”



Stakeholders in the built environment engage on ways to speed up the delivery of housing

Sisulu also highlighted the importance of job creation as well as the positive impact on the country's economy.

"Through this intervention we have the potential to impact positively on our economy, absorb a huge percentage of the unemployed and create potential for the growth of other related industries. I have been given great hope to get to this part, after the devastation that I outlined to you at the beginning of my interaction with yourselves.

Together we can etch our legacy in stone and build new post-apartheid cities and a new post-apartheid common identity. Construction has great potential for being an economic growth sector. Seize this moment,

save our economy from the ravishes experienced by the mining sector and declining manufacturing sector. Give our people hope, because right now the wind blows below your wings," Sisulu said.

Human Settlements Acting-Director General Mbulelo Tshangana presented the 77 projects and also going into detail about the proposed incentives for developers as well as the issue of land availability.

Presentations were also done by Banking Association of South Africa (BASA) on the funding models for developers, Organised Developers as well as the South African Property Association.



The community of Tauaatsoala take stride in building houses for the elderly

WOMEN'S BUILD 2015 DELIVERS DEVELOPMENTS FOR WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY IN LIMPOPO

70 year old Peletona Catherine Moreana and 65 year old Francina Molele both from Taueatsoala Village in Mogalakwena in Limpopo were two of the 60 beneficiaries who became new homeowners through the Women's Build programme

There was blissful jubilation and twinkle in the eyes of all the housing beneficiaries 70 year old Peletona Catherine Moreana of Taueatsoala Village in Limpopo is one of sixty beneficiaries earmarked to receive a brand new house through the annual Women's Build Campaign. Francina Molele, 65 year old also from Taueatsoala as well as 58 year old Mmakwena Joyce Rammashala of Ga-Hlako who all received fully furnished homes.

All the beneficiaries were staying in old and dilapidated shacks with no water and electricity. Mme Moreane who had been moving from one shack to another for more than 15 years said, "I cannot contain my happiness and excitement now that I am moving from a shack to a house soon. All of us are happy including my grandchildren. We are saying – goodbye poverty and welcome to a decent house, water and electricity."

Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister Kota-Fredericks said that she felt good to be part of this democracy which is restoring human dignity. She added that Government would like to see women benefiting through the Human Settlements economic empowerment programme." Women's Build is part of the Human Settlements

sector social responsibility programme that is rolled out annually within the context of the legendary Women's March to the Union Buildings, 59 years ago. The Build is aimed at raising consciousness about the construction sector, women's role in it and commemorating the 1956 Women's March to the Unions Buildings against the Apartheid Pass Laws.

Under the theme; "Moving women's economic transformation forward," the Women's Build campaign seeks to create awareness about the Department women's empowerment programmes and economic opportunities within the human settlements sector as a whole.

Only during the past two decades has the role of women in the history of South Africa been elevated to the highest levels of society. This year as the country marks the 21 years of freedom, it is an appropriate time to be celebrating the pivotal role of women in giving life to a nation towards building democracy.



Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredericks meets an elderly beneficiary in the Eastern Cape

85 YEAR GREAT-GRANDFATHER BENEFITS FROM RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

Msoboyi Gogo (85) from Ncangwini Village outside Umthatha, in the Eastern Cape became a new homeowner of a fully furnished house

Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredericks accompanied by Cllr Nyaniso Nelani who is member of Mayoral Committee for Planning and Development at King Sabatha Dalindyebo Municipality handed over a house to the eldest beneficiary Msoboyi Gogo (85). She presented him with furniture for the lounge, bedroom and kitchen. The furniture was donated by the Contractor-Summerlane Trading 288 CC. Gogo could not believe his eyes when the house was opened and full of furniture.

“I will cherish this day all my life. I know it’s a big day as it is also Dalibhunga’s birthday. I never ever in my wildest dreams, ever thought Government will do this for me. I have been staying in a rondavel with my children, having to pray to God not to bring rain as our house was leaking in the roof. Now I have my own house, a beautiful house, fully furnished, all from my government,” concluded Gogo.



Deputy Minister puts her painting skills to good use

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements opted to spend her Mandela Day with people of Ncangwini Village tucked away in the rolling hills of Nothintwa, King Sabatha Dalindyebo Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province. She spent her 67 minutes painting the house of Ntombekhaya Magaqa (34) who stays with her brother and her two (2) children.

Ms Magaqa was born in the area and inherited their one bedroom house from her parents. She shares the house with her elder brother Mbuyiseli (42) and her two children aged 14 and 3 months.

They survive on handouts from neighbours and social grants for her children. She registered for the Government subsidies house in 2013.

Ms. Magaqa a mother of a very infant joined the Deputy Minister and her entourage in painting her house. She said she was so happy to spend Mandela Day with the Deputy Minister and praised the Lord for making the Department of Human Settlements to choose her newly built house as the house to be painted among 1188 houses in the project. Her day was also made special when the local Public Liaison Officer John Ndungane promised in front of the Deputy Minister that they will

take care of Magaqa family after hearing their plight. In her address to the community the Deputy Minister thanked the youth from Cape Town who spent their 67 minutes at Ngcwanguba painting the house of Ntombekhaya Magaqa. She informed the youth that Mandela was not alone when he was fighting for the freedom we are enjoying today.

“During the struggle Mandela was not alone. It took a collective approach to fight apartheid regime away. Even today government alone can not bring about change but through a collective effort where everyone has a role to play, we will see change,” said Deputy Minister.

She further challenged the youth to play a meaningful role in their communities as only through hard working youth, our country will prosper.



Affordable Reliable Justice

COMMUNITY SCHEME OMBUD SERVICES (CSOS)

Affordable dispute resolutions service for community schemes

What started off as an idea and an unwavering resolve by government to provide an affordable dispute resolution mechanism for parties to a community scheme, has evolved into a fully-fledged public entity with its own mandate in terms of the Community Schemes Ombud Service Act, 2011 (Act 9 of 2011). Kwa Gae puts a spotlight on the role CSOS will play in the community schemes dispute resolution arena.

Prior to the establishment of the Community Schemes Ombud Service (CSOS), the regulatory framework for the

community schemes sector was largely fragmented and there was no regulatory body to deal with complaints and disputes or to oversee the overall compliance and governance of community schemes. The only legal avenue available to address disputes (in the past) was through the courts, a process that is both costly and complex. Government, through the Department of Human Settlements, identified the need to establish an independent statutory body in the form of the CSOS who could provide a dispute resolution service in a less formal, less costly and more efficient manner.

The Community Schemes Ombud Service was established



in terms of the Community Schemes Ombud Service Act, 2011 (Act 9 of 2011) to regulate the conduct of parties within community schemes and to ensure their good governance.

The CSOS provides an alternative, independent and impartial service for the resolution of unresolved disputes in community schemes. This method of dispute resolution is outside of the courts. It is a preferable method as it is more cost effective and a speedier way of resolving disputes.

Its primary mandate is to facilitate and maintain a world-class dispute resolution service, to promote good governance of community schemes by providing education and training to all relevant stakeholders.

In terms of the Act the term “community scheme” means any scheme or arrangement in terms of which there is shared use of and responsibility for parts of land and buildings, including but not limited to:

- 1. a sectional titles development scheme**
- 2. a share block company**
- 3. a home or property owners association**
- 4. a housing scheme for retired persons**
- 5. a housing co-operative as contemplated in the South African Co-operatives Act, 2005 (Act 14 of 2005)**

“I believe ours is an important mandate. The search for employment opportunities and the trend towards city living has contributed to the density growth of big cities. More and more home owners, particularly new entrants to the property market, are choosing community schemes as a viable tenure option. This tenure option provides shared benefits in terms of security, the pooling of expenses and responsibilities however they also present their own challenges,” said Themba Mthethwa, CEO of CSOS.

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Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredericks with Cllr Mampho Thelejane laying bricks in Kanana

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ELDERLY

South African youth restore dignity to 78 year old grandmother who was staying in a shack and taking care of an orphan in Kanana, Orkney in the North West



Overjoyed Mamadi Alinah Lethosa who received a brand new house with Cllr Mampho Thelejane

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements Zou Kota-Fredericks handed over a house to a disabled elderly Mantele Emma Kobue in Orkney, Matlosana Municipality in the North West. Kobue had been staying in a shack for most of her life.

“I thank the government for building me a house so that I can be like other people. I have been patiently waiting for my house. You won’t believe I stopped counting many years ago, but today you can see I am laughing. People should be patient, and they will get their houses the same way I got mine,” concluded Kobue.

Members of the community and officials from various Departments graced the event with their presence in large numbers and ensured that it was a success. Deputy Minister also handed over another completed house to a 78 year old grandmother, Mamadi Alinah Letshosa who was staying in a shack and is also taking care of an orphan. She could not hold back her tears of joy after receiving keys of her new house.

The project is spearheaded by Madimong Trading & services which is owned by award winning Best Youth Contractor at Provincial and National level of the Govan Mbeki Awards 2015 Thokozani Littler. “We know that government has announced that there are 1.5 million housing opportunities we want to see young people play a role in those opportunities, so that they can make an impact in South Africa. To the youth brigade and young entrepreneurs, the road to success is paved through hard work and dedication. Learn as much as you can and always remember that knowledge is one thing no one can take away from you, once acquired it becomes part of your DNA,” said Littler.

“We are inviting young people to get into housing, to build houses, so that they can get skills as plumbers, electricians and in bricklaying. When we say youth empowerment we mean business,” said the Deputy Minister. She also warned beneficiaries to refrain from selling houses: “Government build houses and we give them to our people and our people sell them and it is not fair because, there are people who need these houses. If you don’t want the house give it to government so that it can be given to someone else on the demand database. We think about poor people who need to occupy those houses.”

The Deputy Minister alongside Matlosana Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Michael Khaoue addressed various challenges faced by the community during the community address. Challenges faced by the community include: title deeds for owners of new houses, the need for more land for housing and youth empowerment through job creation.



CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS PRIORITISED IN BUSHBUCKRIDGE

Deputy Minister Zou Kota Fredericks and State Security Minister David Mahlobo during the ribbon cutting ceremony in Bushbuckridge

The elderly and child headed households in Xanthia, a small village in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, are an example of government's efforts to prioritise and deliver houses to the most marginalised members of society.

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zou Kota-Fredericks, handed over two houses to beneficiaries, a child headed household and elderly woman.

One of the beneficiaries was Nomsa Ndlovu, an unemployed mother of nine and two grandchildren. She has been living in a small cracked mud house for years.

"We remain committed to providing shelter to deserving members of our society. President Zuma and some of his Cabinet Ministers have come to Bushbuckridge in order to engage with you on what this government plans and are already improving the lives of ordinary people in this area. This is your chance to engage your government," said Deputy Minister Kota-Fredericks.

The handover formed part of the household visit on the day of the Presidential Siyahlola Monitoring Programme which took place in Thulamahashe, Mpumalanga. The

Deputy Minister's handover came a day after Mpumalanga MEC of Human Settlements, Violet Siwela, handed over two houses at Stream Village in Thulamahashe as part of the activities leading up to the Presidential event which brought the total number of houses handed over to beneficiaries during the Presidential Siyahlola to four.

Deputy Minister Kota-Fredericks was joined by State Security Minister, David Mahlobo, MEC of Human Settlements, Violet Siwela and MEC of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Nomsa Mtsweni.

The provision of adequate housing to Bushbuckridge and the surrounding areas are in the long term in line with the National Development Programme (NDP) and the Freedom Charter which outlines among other aspects that "there shall be houses, security and comfort for all".



FROM INFORMAL TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Minister of Human Settlements Lindiwe Sisulu and Nelson Mandela Bay Executive Mayor Danny Jordaan handed over houses to the community of Walmer Q, which is the first project to be implemented under the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality support programme approved by the cabinet.

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