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MEC Cwaile visit to flood-stricken areas in Moses Kotane Local Municipality

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mmoloki Cwaile has again reassured the elderly people in Pitsedisulejang village in Madikwe, in the Moses Kotane local Municipality, that his department's role is to restore dignity in people's lives, and it does that by building habitable houses for them.

MEC Cwaile was reassuring Koko Chalala Tlhage who lives in a dilapidated house. The ailing Tlhage appealed to the MEC to follow up and fast-track the process of building her an RDP house which she says, she has been waiting for it, for many years. She lives with her grandson and their lives have been threatened by the ongoing torrential rains countrywide.

"My health is deteriorating, mainly because we live in a dilapidated house. My greatest wish is live in a safe and secured house with basic amenities" lamented Tlhage. Meanwhile MEC Cwaile assured Tlhage and two other elderlies that he will try by all means to ensure that their houses are built and handed over to them. "It is the responsibility of government to ensure that elderly people are prioritized and their dignity is restored, we are going to build you a house as a matter of urgency", said MEC Cwaile.

According to Cwaile, the department has a responsibility to better the lives of the communities as well as to respond to their needs by providing them with shelter as one of

the basic need. He however acknowledged that his department has a backlog with regard to building houses but, will speed up the process.

MEC Cwaile also visited Lesole Manga in Madikwe who said his application of an RDP house was approved in 2017 and has never occupied the house since. "I am a pensioner and I live in a backroom in my parents house, I plead with the department to intervene in this matter," said Manga. MEC acknowledged the challenges raised and assured the community that the department will ensure that their needs are met.

Kgosi Thari Maotwe of the Barokologadi in Pitsedisulejang also called on the Department to speed up the housing delivery process in his village. He said that his village is behind with accessing services. He says the department has promised to build them houses since last year in February and to date only slabs have been done.

MEC Cwaile and the Acting Mayor of Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Xolile Kheswa visited Pitsedisulejang and other local villages this week to assess the extent of damages caused by the heavy rains in Local Municipality.

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