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## Media Statement

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### NW GOVERNMENT WINNING AGAINST HOUSING BLOCKED PROJECTS

The MEC for Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi says he is optimistic that his department will succeed in unblocking 76 projects comprising of over 8000 housing units.

To date, the department has completed over 60% of the said target since the beginning of the current financial year. More than five thousand units in the province have been completed since the commencement of the departmental initiative of unblocking blocked projects. This number is expected to change as currently, the contractors are on site to ensure that the targeted number is reached before the end of the financial year.

Most of the completed houses are from blocked projects and were recently handed over to beneficiaries during the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme **Thuntsha Lerole**. The programme that has become a weekly pilgrimage on Fridays at different municipalities has seen most beneficiaries receiving houses that they have been waiting for, for many years.

Maserame Phoshodi (54) and Sana Tshweu (62) of Alabama Ext 5 in the City of Matlosana are some of the beneficiaries that have been waiting for their houses for the past few year, due to blocked projects.

Their facial expressions reflected relief and jubilation at the same time, when ribbons we cut and their house keys were handed over to them. Receiving keys to this house is a dream come true.

“We were almost dissolution, without hope that our houses were ever going to be completed. We have been sitting here with slaps some with foundations. Today I’m proud to move from the shack I have been staying in, into a proper house. I’m so grateful to government for restoring my dignity and ensuring that my descendants will have a place they can call home” said Tshweu who was overjoyed.

MEC Maloyi has vowed to keep pushing officials and recently appointed contractors to ensure that the people of North West have roof over their heads. “The core mandate of the department is to facilitate the creation of sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life in communities.

“Covid period created a huge gap in our housing backlog. We will strive to ensure that we reach our target as soon as possible. Where we need to rebuild we will do so through our agencies such as NHBRC, to ensure quality of the houses we build. As the department we are adamant that we would have achieved our targeted number to eradicate blocked projects as promised,” said Maloyi.

Maloyi has appointed a team of officials to work closely with the municipalities on his quest to unblock blocked projects, and he has expressed confidence from the weekly reports he gets from different blocked projects.

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