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### Media Statement

#### Attention: Editors, Producers and Journalists

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#### Consumer Education for low cost houses beneficiaries

The Department of Human Settlements in the North West continues to intensify its awareness campaign through consumer education in different municipalities about the housing assistance provided by government.

The programme to educate local residents is done mostly in areas where the department will be building houses or where there is already a project to build low cost houses for the legible beneficiaries.

Currently the consumer education is in progress in the Bojanala district in the North West. Residents of Madibeng, Kgetleng and other local municipalities where the department will be building houses were told about the importance and how valuable the houses build will make a difference in their lives. The programme also answers to the departmental mandate of ensuring a sustainable human settlements to legible beneficiaries.

Residents of Hebron, and Madidi and other areas across the Madibeng Local Municipality were taught about their rights and responsibilities as future beneficiaries of low cost houses. Officials from both the national and provincial departments of Human Settlements accompanied by housing officers from local municipalities were hard at work during the recent weeks, spreading the gospel about the good that government is doing and their responsibility as stakeholders.

According to the housing officer at Madibeng Local Municipality, Kopano Mokwena, beneficiaries have a responsibility to work closely with developers to ensure that quality material is used and avoid shoddy workmanship.

“Government is determined to make sure that lives of ordinary people are changed for the better. Therefore you need to know as a beneficiary that you also have a role in the construction of your house from foundation level until you sign a happy letter. That means you would be fully informed about progress with regards to your house from the beginning until the end,” said Mokwena.

Mokwena’s sentiments were also echoed by officials from the National and provincial department of Human Settlement Ms Tsholanang Pooe and Ezekiel Thathane. They both told beneficiaries that government wants to restore their dignity by building houses for them. They agreed that all stakeholders have equal responsibility and that National Home Builders Registration Council ensure quality assurance throughout all housing projects in the province.

The housing consumer education will continue across the province until all areas where the department is building houses. Thus far over 280 000 houses have been constructed in the North West Province in the past 27 years of democracy. For the financial year 2021/2022, the department has committed to focus on among others, constructing 5225 low cost houses, eradicate informal settlements, especially in mining areas, procuring land to build townships and issuing of title deeds to low cost houses beneficiaries. The department will further strive to address the backlog on housing delivery across the province.

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