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MEDIA STATEMENT

Attention all Journalists and editors

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Human Settlements popularising its policies in Dr KK Municipalities

In an effort to fast track the process of delivering quality services, the North West Department of Human Settlements continued in work-shopping municipal officials on human settlements policies.

The workshops are part of the department's plan to ensure proper coordination between the department and municipalities on implementation of human settlements policies.

The department has since committed to engage all local municipalities as all government service delivery programmes happens in their locality. According to the department, it is very important to make sure that all officials in the human settlements or housing sections of municipalities understand all departmental programmes and its policies.

The programme was recently endorsed by the MEC for Human Settlements Lenah Miga when delivering her policy speech, where she vowed to strengthen relations with all municipalities to ensure proper coordination when delivering services.

"We have planned to work more in an integrated way, as according to the district development model requires us. This will further assist in enhancing the integrated human settlements concept," said MEC Miga.

Miga's commitment was further emphasised by the Chief Director for Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Development Tshepo Phetlhu. Phetlhu called on municipalities to learn and understand human settlements policies as they are key in implementing the core mandate of the department.

"The process is critically important as it ensures that communities are assisted or better serviced at their localities. We want to ensure that our services should be easily accessible and properly understood by municipalities. Therefore if municipalities understand our policies they will implement our programmes easily," said Phetlhu.

The department has further committed to intensify its relations with municipalities and ensure that they work closer going forward.

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