

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Eleven orphans receives a decent house to ease their burden

A family of eleven orphans in Khuma extension 6 was amongst the households' beneficiaries who received houses during the recent handing over ceremony in the Matlosana Local Municipality.

Handing over the keys to the orphans, North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison, Nono Maloyi encouraged them to take a good care of the house and not fight over it. "You should know that this house was built by government and it doesn't mean that since you did not pay for it you must then smash it, a lot has been spent from taxpayers' money. One other critical thing is that, this house belongs to all of you but one of you could apply on your behalf, therefore you all have equal rights to the house," said Maloyi.

The 25-year-old Yolisa Jija who applied for the house, said their parents died in 2012. She said they were then forced to share a one room shack with their parents. "We used to live in a one roomed shack with our parents before they died. My siblings have kids now and twenty people were forced to share the small space. I am very happy for what government has done for us. Life has been tough as we are unemployed and survives on child support grant and this house will now ease our burden," said the delighted Jija.

Gogo Anna Naanyane who stays with her three daughters and two orphans of her late daughter also received a house. One of her dependants is mentally disturbed and they survive on old age and foster care grants.

"I used to stay in a shack which damaged my belongings when it rains, since my house was built I have been thanking God every day, and I would like to thank the Provincial Government for this good initiative," said gogo Naanyane.

Since the beginning of February, MEC Maloyi has been handing over houses to their rightful beneficiaries. Over 8 000 houses are anticipated to be handed over at the end of the project which will be completed the end of March.

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