

MEDIA STATEMENT

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GOVERNMENT GIVES PRIORITY TO ELDERS IN HOUSING DELIVERY

Government will continue to prioritize elderly people and other vulnerable groups when delivering houses. These were the sentiments echoed by MEC for Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi when he was handing over about 600 houses in Groot-Marico in the Ramotshere Moilwa Local Municipality.

According to MEC Maloyi, the elders continued to be vulnerable as they suffered during the previous regime, while other were forcefully removed from the farms they worked in for the better part of their lives. He said that the gesture simply seeks to restore their dignity and allow them to enjoy their old age. MEC Maloyi further called on the youth to respect elders and allow government to give priority to elders.

“These are the people who do not know proper shelter and have never owned a house before. Therefore as government we will continue to make sure that they are taken care of and that they stay in a safer environment. Government will also make sure that their dignity is restored as we celebrate the 20 years of democracy,” said Maloyi.

Ms Mmono Motimedi is one of the beneficiaries at of the newly established township of Rebuile In Groot-Marico. The 89 year old stays with her grand child and four of her great grand children. They all survive on social grants. According to Motimedi, they have never known a proper home as they stayed in farms for the better part of their lives. Motimedi a widower for many years could not stop thanking government for building a house for her.

“This is our first proper home, we lived in a shacks which compromised our health during rainy seasons. Today I am suffering from Arthritis because of the conditions I was exposed to in the past. I am old now and I think when I die I will be able to leave my grand child and

great grand children in a proper home, with amenities. Thank you government, my life is better now," said Motimedi.

The handing over programme which will continue until the end of March, will constitute low cost houses, rental stock, financially linked individual subsidy programme and Community residential units.

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