

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC Maloyi Hand Over 600 Houses To Restore Human Rights

Providing houses to the poor communities is a basic human right that any other government can do. These were the sentiments echoed by MEC for Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison in the North West, Nono Maloyi. MEC Maloyi was speaking during the official hand over of about 600 houses in ext 13 Trottsville in the Wolmaranstaad in the Maquassi Hills municipality on Friday.

According to MEC Maloyi the department will continue to ensure that the department continues to address the basic human right and ensure that housing backlog is reduced in the province. He said that the right also ensures that the dignity of those who were marginalized in the past was restored and that they enjoy the basic rights in the 20 years of Democracy in this country.

The handover also in line with the Outcome 8 of the National Development Plan vision 2030 which is intended to improve the quality of people's lives across the province as the country celebrates human rights day.

"Government will ensure that the rights of ordinary South Africans are taken care of and respected at all costs. Our people were belittled and lived in unbearable conditions. This is a noble gesture that the government is undertaking to ensure that we restore their right, said MEC Maloyi.

Ms Merriam Moreng of Wolmaranstaad is one of the beneficiaries who received their houses on the Human rights day. Receiving what she called the greatest gift ever, that she never had before, the 64 year old Ms Moreng expressed her gratitude and further informed the MEC that she will no longer have fear during rainy days like before.

"Before when it rained, I had fears that my house will collapse and damage my furniture. We were also exposed to hazardous conditions which compromised our health and that of my children. I have run out of words to express my happiness about the house that government has built for me and my family," said the excited Moreng who stood beside her husband.

MEC Maloyi congratulated Ms Moreng and other beneficiaries and urged them to take care of their houses and make them homes. The handing over of 8000 houses which started in

February will continue until the end of March. The MEC will among others hand over low cost houses, rental stock, and financially linked individual subsidy programme and Community residential units.

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