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360 Title Deeds handed over at Groot Marico

Groot Marico - A noticeable difference has been effected into the lives of ordinary residents in the disadvantaged areas of Bokone Bophirima through housing development which provided them with decent shelter which restored their dignity and provided them with security and comfort. However, the legality of home ownership of government subsidized Breaking New Ground housing units remained a thorn to owners and posed certain challenges.

In order to address this, the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements has rolled out a campaign to issue out title deeds to confirm home ownership to residents. The campaign was recently intensified when 360 title deeds were issued to home owners in Groot Marico under Ramotshere Moiloa local municipality.

600 of 700 units were recently completed in Groot Marico. MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe handed out 360 title deeds to rightful beneficiaries. "Having the opportunity to provide the beneficiaries in Ramotshere Moiloa local municipality with their title deeds is a great honour, as we believe there is nothing more empowering than owning an asset. These beneficiaries now have proof of ownership of their house, which is the necessary evidence for them to be able to leverage this asset" said MEC Gaolaolwe.

After thorough engagements with residents as they were given plat form to arter their grievances, MEC Gaolaolwe urged the residents of Groot Marico not sell their houses to anybody as it remains illegal to do so. After realising that most applicants were under the age of 25, she asked them not apply for houses but rather ask clarity on how best can the department be of assistance in getting bursaries for them to pursue higher education.

One of the beneficiaries Ester Khethene (50) of Groot Marico who has been staying with her family had nothing but praises for MEC Gaolaolwe and the Department. "I am very happy I

don't know what to say. I really never thought that one day I will have this title deed like many other residents. I don't know what to say. I'm very happy" remarked Khethene.

Handing over of these title deeds was not just about transferring properties, but was also about offering a level of freedom and opportunity that the beneficiaries had not previously enjoyed, as title deed remain the only legal document which proofs home ownership.

CAPTION

PIC 1: MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe together with Mayor of Ramotshere-Moiloa and Speaker and Ms Ester Khethene

PIC 2: MEC engaging with communities

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