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60 houses to mark 60 years since historic women's march to Union Buildings

Itsoseng - All that Jack Molwantwa Mosala (97) from Itsoseng, ever wanted in his entire life, was to own a decent house for his family and yesterday, his biggest wish came true, thanks to the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima.

Mosala is one of the 60 beneficiaries of houses that were built by women contractors that were handed over yesterday at an event in Itsoseng, to commemorate 60 years since the historic women's march against pass laws. Mosala who is also bedridden has been staying in a one roomed house with his two children. The house had to be extended using iron sheets to accommodate the entire family. "I never thought this day would come as I had already given up on my wish of having a decent shelter", he said.

Another beneficiary, 82 year old Kedinetse Emily Tsheko, also had been staying in a one room house with her unemployed son and two grandchildren said life has not been easy for them. "I am a pensioner, a widow and my son is also not working and we could not afford to extend our house. I am very excited that I now have a much bigger house that can accommodate all of us", she said.

MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe said "women are now equal and more in control in this male dominated sphere of construction". She urged women contractors to build quality houses at all times. The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zoe Kota-Fredericks said "government will continue to prioritise the vulnerable, elderly members of the community when allocating houses. Beneficiaries must protect their homes and not be misled by people who will request money from them as a result of obtaining a house".

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