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Lehurutshe residents receive title deeds, ahead of women's day

With only few days left before the rest of the country reminisces about the events that led to the 1956 march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria by hundred thousands of women from across the country, some residents in Lehurutshe, mainly women, have a reason to celebrate the gains made since then after they were issued out 36 title deeds last week.

Through the North West Housing Cooperation's housing discount benefit scheme, the owners had their outstanding debts on these houses (known as old stock), cancelled. NWHC Deputy Chairperson, Matthew Wolmarans handed over the title deeds on behalf of MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe.

One of the beneficiaries, 79 year blind Mmuta Phako a pensioner who lives with her eight grand children in a four bed-roomed house could not help it when she was handed her title deed. She has been living in that house for more than 36 years because her oldest grand daughter, who is 36, was born in the same house." I wish I still had my sight to witness the title deed that I am holding in my hands, all I can feel is just paper what is written on. However, I know this is a very important document and I will guard it with my own life", she said.

Another elderly woman, Madikhai Monnane settled in Lehurutshe almost 46 years ago, after being forcefully removed from Groot Marico by the then apartheid regime. 'I have stayed in this house for most of my life and I am relieved that the house is now officially in my name', she said.

To date, over 1000 title deeds have been distributed to the residents of Atamelang, Monakato, Tlhabane and Pudumoe. NWHC has properties in some parts of the North West, Northern Cape and Gauteng and Free State provinces.

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