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Relocation of informal settlements residents on the cards

Potchefstroom: Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West Province intervenes on the relocation process of residents who have been staying in the informal settlements over eight years. This follows a series of community meetings which has been held between government and the affected community.

The informal settlements is found in ward 27 in the JB Municipality which is not habitable due to illegal dumping which has caused strong stench as a result of filth. This has posed a serious health hazard particularly to the children and elderly around the area. More than six hundred households are affected.

MEC Motlalepula Rosho who is responsible for Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West visited the affected area on Sunday and was not impressed with the living conditions of the communities.

In her engagements with the community denounced such living conditions and commit to work with the Local Municipality of JB Marks to activate processes of relocating the affected residents following the due processes expeditiously. "I have personally went to the affected areas and saw the serious sewer spillages running through people houses which is a very unacceptable conditions; people have said they have been staying in the area for quite a longtime therefore, it is important to follow the due processes of relocation. I am not here to tell you lies and set unrealistic objectives, you must remember this is a municipal land; therefore it is important to work with the municipality and follow the law to the latter. We

further commit ourselves to give you progress report from time to time about this intervention "said Rosho.

Thabiso Rakgetsi the community leader in the affected area committed to work with government to fasttrack the relocation and raised his appreciation for government response. " On behalf of our community we are humbled by the commitment from government to assist us, we are looking forward to have a smooth relocation process" Charged Rakhetsi.

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