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Setsokotsane Programme restores government confidence to Tswaing residents

Delareyville – Setsokotsane Programme which is spearheaded by Premier Supra Mahumapelo brought hope and restored confidence on government to Tswaing Local Municipality residents. In a delegation led by MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Collen Maine, Setsokotsane Programme made several service delivery related interventions and projects in the area were inspected to address problems encountered by communities of Delareyville and Sannieshof.

MEC Collen Maine together with Head of Department Moss Kgantsi made a sod turning to a 1000 Houses Unit Project at Delareyville Extension 7. The project will alleviate housing backlog in the area, restore the dignity of shack dwellers and reduce the number of informal settlements.



One of the beneficiaries of the Housing project is Maria Kgalapa (49) who has been staying in her shack with her three children and two nephews for 9 years, after they were evicted from the nearby farms.

Kgalapa said “We have been staying in an unsafe shack for almost a decade. During rainy season it’s difficult for us to sleep as water comes in through the roof, made out of leaking old and rusty corrugated iron sheets. The roof shack has also been brought down to the floor on several occasions by heavy storms, damaging our furniture. We are thankful to the department that the nightmare will soon end”.



MEC Collen Maine said “shacks remain inhuman form of shelter as there is little to enjoy in such a shelter. If government had huge budget there is no doubt that we were going to once and for all deal with the current backlog. However with these houses the lives of 1000 families will be changed forever and their dignity restored”

At Sannieshof MEC Maine switched on two new water engine pumps that will distribute water to both Agisanang township and to Sannieshof town and alleviate water shortage problem in the area. Recently residents embarked on a protest action complaining about shortage of water in the area.

MEC Maine assured residents that water shortage problem will be resolved. “Today we switched on two new water pump engines and we have also refurbished two old ones and this will ensure constant water supply. Boreholes which were not functional have also been repaired by our engineers. Currently there are nine (9) boreholes seven (7) are functional and two more are being repaired. To augment the current water supply, four (4) new boreholes are being drilled to make a total of thirteen (13) boreholes in Sannieshof” said Maine.

In the programme MEC Maine and Head of Department Moss Kgantsi inspected the Sewer Reticulation Project in Delareyville Extension 8 which is to cater for another 1000 housing units. They also cleaned, disinfected and rehabilitated sewer spillage cite which is caused by sewer blockages as a result of smaller sewer pipes.

As a means of long term intervention to sewer spillage problems in both Delareyville and Sannieshof, the assessment will be done to current sewer system and implementation of recommendations done to resolve spillages in the area. Power utility Eskom will also energise water pump stations to ensure consistent water supply to residents and avoid blockages.

Setsokotsane is a government programme that is run through the office of North West Premier Supra Mahumapelo. The programme seeks to put into practice integrated planning of service

delivery programmes and activities, while also giving government the platform to engage with local communities and solve their problems on the spot.



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