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Department grants Rustenburg Local Municipality housing sovereignty

The North West Department of Human Settlements confirms it has partnered with the Rustenburg Local Municipality as part of intensifying the working relation between the two spheres of government on some of its housing functions.

During the provincial government's Accelerated Service Delivery Programme, Thuntsha Lerole recently, the department together with the Rustenburg Local Municipality signed a Level Two Municipal Accreditation Implementation Protocol that enables the municipality to package human settlements projects and ensure efficiency in the turnaround time on project delivery.

Speaking during the signing of the agreement, North West Acting Premier and MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi said this partnership is intended to enhance the municipality's capacity and enable them to implement development plans according to human settlements and housing.

As per the agreement, the municipality is delegated to perform full programme management and administration of all housing instruments / programmes. Maloyi said that the department has already appointed a service provider to assist the municipality with a support plan.

"The department will provide the municipality with all the necessary assistance for them to be able to carry out these tasks and ensure that Rustenburg residents receive efficient housing services," said Acting Premier Maloyi.

Maloyi added that they have confidence that the Rustenburg Local Municipality can execute the responsibility to deliver quality housing services and human settlements projects, as such, the department and the municipality will identify and agree on human settlements projects that will be implemented by the municipality as per the agreement.

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