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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### ***MEC Maloyi saddened by the passing of one of the ABT house beneficiaries, Ms Sophy April***

The MEC for Corporative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi has learned with sadness the passing of one of the beneficiaries of the Alternative Building Technology (ABT) houses at Madibogopan, Ratlou Local Municipality. Ms Sophy April sadly passed on last week Tuesday, 28 November 2023.

Ms Sophy April is one of the beneficiaries who received keys to her newly built house barely two (2) weeks ago when the MEC visited the area. The house forms part of the commitments made during the Alternative Building Technology Summit which was held earlier this year wherein various companies pledged to assist the provincial government with eradicating the housing backlog by building houses for most needy families in the province.

According to MEC Maloyi, Ms April's death comes at a time when the family would be celebrating their first festive season in a proper house after spending years in very dire conditions. "Festive season is a time where families should be spending time together and in a happy mood, sadly for the April family, it will serve as reminder of when their loved one passed on".

"I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the April family and friends during this difficult period. To her children, this house serves as your mother's legacy, I urge you to take care of it in the same manner your mother would have looked after it," said MEC Maloyi.

The April family was identified as beneficiaries of the house as part of government's efforts to improving their living conditions. The family has been living in a one roomed mud house extended with a one roomed shack which were used as a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, and a living room all at the same time. The family only rely on social grants as no one is employed.

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