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Media Statement

Attention: Editors/Journalists

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Two houses delivered to vulnerable families in Ratlou

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi together with Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khumalo Molefe, Mayor of Ratlou Local Municipality, Cllr. Matlhomola Jafta and Kgosi Lucky Gontse handed over two (2) houses to an elderly woman and a child headed family at Setlhatlhwe village near Setlagole in the Ratlou Local Municipality. This is part of the Department's concerted efforts of unblocking blocked projects in the province.

One of the beneficiaries is 87 year old Mieta Mahobe who is a pensioner and lives with her seven children and 27 grandchildren. Mahobe's children are all unemployed and survive on their mother's pension money which is not enough to cater for the whole family. During the handover the MEC urged Mahobe's children to ensure that their mother's house is well taken care of.

"This is a legacy for your children and grandchildren, and no one is going to take it away from you. We give people the opportunity to own homes and, and also the generation to come. What we are doing today is to respond to the call our people made in the Freedom Charter years ago that all people shall have the right to live where they choose, and to bring up families in comfort and security," said Maloyi.

Another beneficiary is 32 years old Phineas Ngwenya who is unemployed and survives by doing odd jobs to make a living. Ngwenya lives with his brother and sister who are also unemployed. "I would like to thank the department of Human Settlements for

what they have done for us. I can't wait to move into the house because we have waited for a long time for the house," said Ngwenya.

MEC Maloyi said it is the responsibility of government to ensure that the elderly, child-headed families and disabled people are prioritized and their dignity is restored as it is stipulated in the Bill of Rights that all human being shall have houses.

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