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A STORY OF A PROVINCE ON THE MOVE

Acting Premier Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi delivered the sixth administration State of the Province Address (SOPA) during the official opening of the North West Provincial Legislature on Tuesday 20 February. In his address, Acting Premier Maloyi reported on the province's Medium Term Strategic Framework achievements and progress on the implementation of the previous SOPA pronouncements.

Acting Premier Maloyi also gave an update on progress regarding roads and water infrastructure projects, the province's investment drive as well as making pronouncements on mega projects to be launched in the new financial year.

Critical Points

- In the last thirty years, the North West province witnessed unprecedented levels of development. The number of households increased from 591 145 in 1996 to over 1,14 million in 2022. This depicts an upward trend of eighty eight percent (88%) of formal housing in the province. From 2019 to 2023, the department of Human Settlement have constructed 19 307 houses. By the end of 2023, 2 768 houses were delivered. R198 million was set aside to fund the eradication of 1 356 mud houses, of which 579 units have been delivered.
- The hurdles that delayed the Deelpan floods project has been resolved. 104 houses will be completed at the end of next month (March).
- A further 317 houses will be built following the donation of land by Kgosi Kogodi Molete of Bakolobeng and his Traditional Council.
- In the coming weeks, the R2,6 billion N14 Mixed Use Development project in Ventersdorp will be launched. The development will see installation of bulk

services for 4000 sites and create over 600 jobs for local people through the construction of Breaking New Ground, Social Housing, and bonded stock.

- R3 billion student city earmarked for Mafikeng will be launched in March by the North West government and North West Housing Corporation.
- Two important investment promotion engagements with major investors were hosted - the North-West BRICS Investment Conference which was held during the BRICS SUMMIT in August 2023 in Sandton, and the Premier's Dinner with Investors held in September 2023 at Sun City. Both initiatives yielded thirty-four (34) investment pledges with a total value of over R104,1 billion
- To date there are fourteen (14) confirmed investment projects to the tune of R13,5 billion, which are in the pipeline for the Bojanala Special Economic Zone. These investments will further create an additional 10 000 jobs.
- To date, fifty-five socio-economic projects have been implemented through the Marikana Legacy Project amounting to a shared R13,9 billion of Sibanye-Stillwater Corporate Social Investment and Social Labour Plans. The North West government commit to work with all parties for the construction of a monument at the Koppie in memory of all the people who lost their lives as well as those who were injured on that fateful day and days preceding the 16th of August 2012
- During one of Human Settlement's Thuntsa Lerole Programmes, Deputy President Paul Mashatile visited Greater Taung Local Municipality where he handed over a newly built R245 million Ba Ga Mothibi Community Health Centre. Both these facilities will service over 68 000 people in their respective communities
- The legal hurdles that delayed the commencement of the development of the Desmond Tutu Precinct in Matlosana were unlocked. The first phase of declaring the Precinct a Heritage site will be completed in March this year.
- The department of Human Settlements have started with the construction of libraries in Matlosana, Wolmaransstad, Coverdale/Boitumelong and Bodibe. These libraries will be built over a period of four years at a combined cost of R75 million. A further R20 million has been set aside to upgrade libraries in Mabeskraal and Ganyesa.

- Eight women-led cooperatives and individuals will benefit from R1, 4m which has been set aside for their upskilling and business growth. A further R4,5m has been set aside to support women cooperatives, and SMME's to provide market access for their products and commodities.
- Women contractors were appointed to build 532 houses with a budget of R289m in the 2023/2024 financial year.
- The department has recently handed over a R103 million newly built Huhudi Primary School at Vryburg in Naledi Local Municipality.
- The newly constructed Mamodibo Secondary School in Mogogelo village in Moretele Local Municipality was officially opened by the department on Mandela Day last year.
- A total of ten newly built schools will be handed over to communities this year with a combined cost of over R700 million. These schools include Mphebana High School in Bojanala, Tlaakgameng Primary School in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Dirang ka Natla Primary in Dr Kenneth Kaunda.
- The department is strengthening district health services by opening five more clinics in Itsoseng, Mokgalwaneng, Marikana in Rustenburg, Hokfontein, Boikhutso and Steve Tshwete in JB Marks in 2024.
- The closure of the Thusong District Hospital was inevitable. The hospital was faced with serious structural flaws coupled with the apparent dolomitic nature of the soil, which made rescuing it virtually impossible.
- The closure of Thusong has given birth to three projects, being the upgrade of the General De La Rey District Hospital, Itsoseng Community Health Centre, and the construction of the Sheila Clinic using alternative building technology.

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