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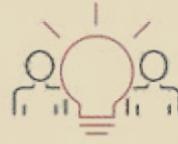
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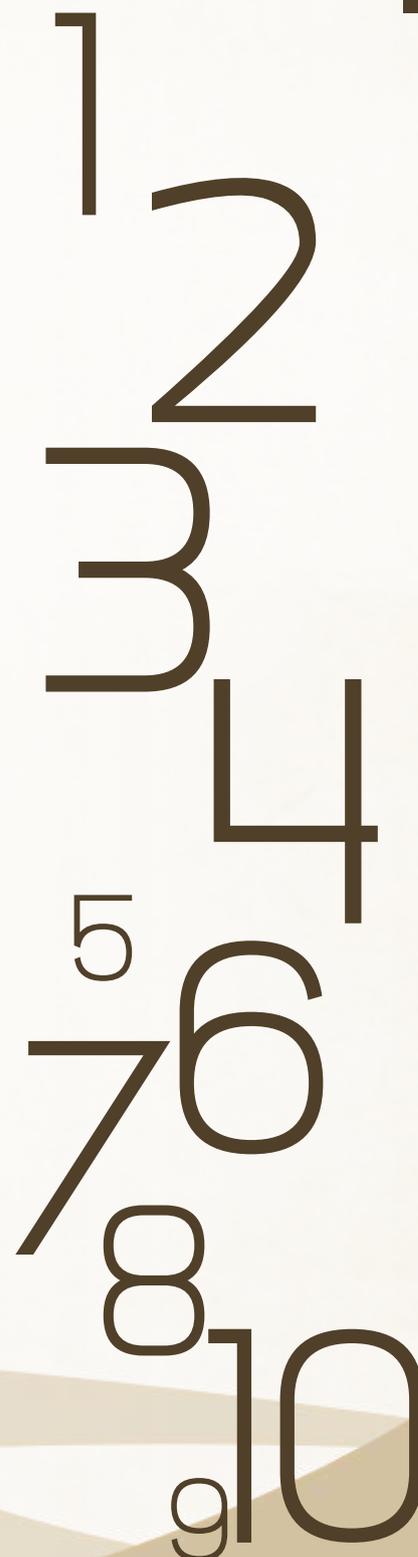
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EDITORIAL

COMMENT

Mr Madala Thepa



The world has since changed. Donald Trump is back in power. And much umbrage is taken across the Atlantic. His installation begins the 'colour blind and merit-based society' due to the American people. And if this new, 'putting the world to rights' mantra scrubs up and Trump doesn't shirk on this promise, America could return to the upper reaches of glory, whatever that means. What is clear is that the MAGA machine wants the unity of the 1960s Flower Power - God as a centre.

The matric results have markedly improved with 87.3% from last year's 82.9% even when naysayers complain about a lowered pass rate – a 30% aggregate score that might have hidden traps along a student's journey in higher education. But the department has since come out to correct the misconception and it might seem like the veil of disinformation is tearing apart. The 30% score is by no means an aggregate or a vignette of admirable generosity from the DBE. The NSC pass requirements are on the department's website for people to verify.

Severe floods have wreaked havoc in the country, not least, the North West province. Affected areas in the province include Bojanala Platinum and Ngaka Modiri Molema districts. Departments and municipalities are

working together to assist misplaced people, while providing a basket of goods were needed – a joint responsibility up to a point. The Stilfontein mine tragedy is still unfolding. Arrests have been made over illegal activities taking place in the disused mine shaft. 246 individuals were hauled out of the disused mine shaft while 78 died and this is according to the North West department of Health. These were the numbers before going to print.

The entity is still on the path of Smart and Mega cities. We have not stopped singing the songs we sing. The revenue enhancement programme is bearing positive results. People understand why they need to pay for services. Old patterns are dissolving. Tenants and home owners are now familiar with No. 23 First Street. The visitors' register is evidence of a working revenue enhancement programme. The message is starting to drip into the mainstream. The CEO has embodied the rock-n-roll attitude of doing things rather than talking about things. We have crossed the 't's' and dotted the 'i's'. We are crossing the rubicon. The hope is to maximise the blessings already earned.

Lastly, chapeau to the class of 2024. Make it count – money or no money. If you are not fazed by the atmosphere and you want to make it, you can make it.

From



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESK

Fifth edition newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

As we usher in the new year, I would like to extend my warmest seasonal greetings to each of you. I hope you have had a restful and joyful holiday season, and that the year ahead brings you health, happiness, and prosperity.

It is with immense pride that I share with you the fifth edition of the North West Housing Corporation newsletter. This milestone is not only a celebration of our work but also a testament to the dedication and commitment of our team in striving for excellence.

I am especially proud to announce that NWHC has marked its third consecutive unqualified audit outcome in this current fiscal year. This remarkable achievement speaks volumes about our unwavering dedication to maintaining transparency, accountability, and excellence in fiscal management. It reinforces our commitment to building a sustainable and trusted organisation.

In line with our mission to serve communities with integrity, we are excited to have recently launched the Revenue Enhancement and Debt Collection Programme. This initiative aims to educate and motivate residents of pre-1994 properties in the North West and Cross-Border Provinces to settle outstanding debts, specifically overdue rental, and purchase debts.

This also includes overdue rentals from tenants in the four blocks of flats in Mafikeng: Kamogelo, Wimpy, and Kagiso. We are determined to help property owners clear these balances, enabling them to finally receive their title deeds.

We understand that NWHC has faced challenges in the past, especially regarding the image of the entity due to fraudulent activities that impacted our communities. However, we are working tirelessly to fix the mistakes of the past and rebuild the trust that has been lost. It is a journey that requires time and effort, but we are committed to earning the trust of our clients and the communities we serve.

We urge all our clients to work with us in settling their overdue debts, as this will allow us to assist them in obtaining the title deeds for the homes they have occupied for years. We are also focused on eradicating the backlog of transferring pre-1994 properties into the names of beneficiaries, and this requires time and the cooperation of all involved.

Together, we can create an entity that serves and ensures trust in communities. Let us continue to work together to meet the needs of our clients and communities, and to foster an environment where transparency and mutual respect lead to long-term success.

We will meet again in our next edition, and in the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the read. Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support. Here is to another successful year as we move forward in our mission to provide stable, transparent, and accountable housing solutions.

Warm Regards

Ke a leboga – I thank you

**Bishop Sello Mogodiri
North West Housing Corporation**

BISHOP SELLO MOGODIRI
CEO AND ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY

North West Housing Corporation Welcomes the Newly Appointed MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs

The newly elected MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs, Mr Gaoage Oageng Molapisi was born in Ikageng township - two years after an ordinance was passed in 1965 for township proclamations. Africans were removed from towns because they were "wandering aimlessly" and belonged to no church.

The Feetham Commission in 1904 laid the foundation for what was to come. It justified separation from the "wild natives" because they had become, according to one witness in the commission, "... a thorough nuisance ... because the Liquor Law was not in force [and it] was in some places a regular hell on Sundays with the natives ..."

Molapisi is well-known for his work in the African National Congress and government portfolio committees as a champion of clean governance. Municipalities with long periods of stagnation and misgovernance were instructed to level with the public and provide services. In the committees he was crisp. He was tough. He was unrelenting. No holds barred.

Molapisi has been a Provincial Executive Committee Member of the African National Congress since 2014 and currently serves as Provincial Elections Coordinator of Elections for the organisation - a position he held since 2013.

Molapisi was the 22nd candidate at the African National Congress Provincial North West Election List for 2014. In 2019 he was the 19th candidate.

1. Previous portfolios

In 2007 up to 2012, MEC Molapisi was Director for Public Safety at the then Tlokwe Local Municipality, now known as JB Marks Local Municipality. Prior to that period, he served as Deputy Director at the North West Provincial Government.

Molapisi served as MEC responsible for Public Works and Roads in the 6th Administration from May 2019 to May 2024. He also served as Executive Authority (EA) for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management from May 2014 to May 2016.

2. Qualifications

MEC Molapisi holds National Diploma in Public Administration from UNISA (2015). He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management and Development in the field of Governance and Leadership (2019). Currently Molapisi is pursuing an LLB Degree with the University of South Africa. He completed a Diploma in Safety and Security Management and holds numerous certificates, including in the area of municipal finance.

3. Achievements in Previous Portfolios

Molapisi has led the Department of Public Works following a Section 100 intervention. After the intervention was lifted Molapisi filled all senior management (SMS) positions including the appointment of the Head of Department (HOD), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and other key strategic Chief Director positions.



GAOAGE OAGENG MOLAPISI

MEC for the Department of Cooperative Governance,
Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs

He led the roads branch of the department ensuring delivery and improvement of services. Working closely with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Molapisi led the disaster response in areas affected by the floods in the province.

Amongst the successful partnerships is the one with SANRAL, leading to improvements of the province's road network. Molapisi also led the partnership with SANDF for the construction of Welisizwe Bridges Project.

He was delegated by the Premier to ensure land parcels are donated to municipalities and traditional authorities across the provinces.

4. Plans for the Department

Key amongst priorities of MEC Molapisi is ensuring that the Department receives sufficient budget to implement its mandate. Unlocking blocked and incomplete projects. Molapisi will continue leading the turn-around strategies for local Municipalities with a focus on audit outcomes and ensuring stability. On Tradition Affairs, Molapisi has already begun a relationship with the traditional houses to deal decisively with matters that negatively affect the institution.

Molapisi will urgently appoint the Board of Directors for the North West Housing Corporation, including bringing to finality the adoption of the proposed Bill.

During the tabling of the Departmental Budget Speech for the 2024/2025 financial year at North West Provincial Legislature, Molapisi highlighted several key initiatives aimed at enhancing municipal administration, integrity and financial health.

To strengthen municipal governance, Molapisi issued a directive last year to all municipalities to fill all senior management and critical vacant posts.

"Out of the twenty-two (22) municipalities in the province, only Madibeng and Lekwa-Teemane are yet to appoint Municipal Managers. This process is receiving the highest priority to ensure effective municipal administration", said Molapisi.

In pursuit of a clean administration, a training programme on Municipal Integrity Management Framework (MIMF) will be rolled out for councillors, officials and community members.

"The MIMF sets high standards of integrity and ethical behaviour, guiding municipalities in conducting their services. This initiative aims to restore public confidence in local government, ensuring no one is left behind", remarked Molapisi.

He indicated that municipalities have significantly contributed to Eskom's financial challenges, currently owing the power utility R5.4 billion.



NWHC LAUNCHES REVENUE ENHANCEMENT AND DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAMME

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

The North West Housing Corporation recently launched the Revenue Enhancement and Debt Collection Programme, aimed at helping residents in pre-1994 properties within the North West and Cross-Border Provinces settle outstanding debts, particularly overdue rental and purchase debts. This initiative also covers overdue rentals from tenants in the Three blocks of flats in Mafikeng: Kamogelo, Wimpy, and Kagiso.

The programme aims to motivate property owners and tenants to clear their outstanding balances, ultimately enabling them to receive long-awaited title deeds. This is a significant opportunity for individuals to resolve their financial obligations and secure their rightful property ownership.

To engage with the public and provide more information on how to participate in this initiative, the North West Housing Corporation will be holding a series of interviews on Motsweding FM (87,9 – 107,9). During these interviews, we will discuss how clients can settle debts and claim title deeds.

The interview schedule is as follows:

January 21 & 28

February 11 & 25

March 11 & 25

Time: 20h1

We encourage everyone to tune in to these interviews to get the information needed to take the next step in resolving their debts and claiming their title deeds. Don't miss out on this important opportunity to secure your property's future.

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NWHC APPOINTS DEBT COLLECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA



The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) would like to inform the public, particularly tenants in the North West Province and neighbouring cross-border provinces, that it has appointed four reputable companies to provide debt collection services for outstanding payments owed to the Corporation, namely: **LESEGO LA MASEGO GROUP, MHRB DEBT COLLECTION, IBC FORSENSIC AND RECOVERY, SL DEBT RECOVERY.**

This strategic move aims to address the long-standing arrears on legacy properties and ensure the sustainability of the Corporation's operations, allowing it to continue providing affordable housing and related services to the people of the North West Province.

The appointed service providers will manage the collection of overdue rental and purchase debt across NWHC's housing portfolio.

This includes both properties under

rental agreements and those being purchased through instalment plans.

The decision to appoint these companies comes as part of NWHC's ongoing efforts to improve financial management and efficiency in the recovery of outstanding debts, particularly in relation to legacy properties where arrears have accumulated over an extended period. The service providers will be tasked with several key responsibilities to ensure that all outstanding debts are recovered.

Additionally, the service providers will be responsible for assisting debtors by offering referrals to debt counsellors where necessary. They will also be required to report delinquent accounts to credit bureaus and clear the records once debts are paid in full.

Monthly reports on debt recovery efforts will be provided to NWHC, ensuring transparency and oversight throughout the process.

This initiative focuses on the recovery of arrears that have built up over time on legacy properties, which are debts that have not been settled for an extended period.

By bringing in specialized debt collection services, NWHC aims to recover critical funds necessary for the continued provision of housing services and the management of future housing projects.

NWHC remains committed to supporting tenants and homeowners throughout this process. We encourage all tenants to contact the NWHC Debtors and Revenue Unit if they have any concerns or questions regarding the debt collection process or available repayment plans. We trust that this initiative will lead to the successful recovery of outstanding debts and enable NWHC to continue serving the housing needs of our community.

NORTH WEST HOUSING CORPORATION DELEGATION VISITS MIDVAAL WATER

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

Today, a delegation from the North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) visited the facilities of Midvaal Water Company.

Led by its Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Sello Mogodiri, the delegation including developers, was taken on an in-situ tour of the water treatment facilities for a first-hand experience of the Midvaal Water's capacity and capabilities.

The visit comes on the heels of the historic visit of the Premier of the North West province, Mr Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi, some two weeks ago. The tour also takes place against the backdrop of the cooperation agreement that the North West Housing Corporation and Midvaal Water entered into almost a year ago.

Commencing on his impression of the facilities, Bishop Mogodiri could not contain his excitement whilst expressing his satisfaction with the state of readiness of Midvaal Water to contribute to efforts to provide water on a sustainable basis to NWHC-planned mega and smart cities. "I am overwhelmed by what I have just seen.

Without doubt, Midvaal Water has what it takes to supply much-needed water to our ten smart and mega cities across the North West province", Bishop Mogodiri exclaimed.

"Not only is the spare water capacity available but Midvaal Water has state-of-the-art facilities that are well maintained and run. This is what our mega and smart water development needs to make them viable", Bishop Mogodiri said.

"The match between North West Housing Corporation and Midvaal Water is made in heaven. It is a perfect fit that will not only benefit the residents of our mega and smart cities but also those residing in the adjacent, neighbouring areas, towns and villages", Bishop Mogodiri added.

"We have agreed with Midvaal Water to establish a joint technical team that will develop tangible plans to give concrete meaning to our cooperation agreement. We expect this team to work with the requisite speed and urgency to ensure that an implementation plan is finalised and gets rolled out without any delay", Bishop Mogodiri said.

On the other hand, the Chief Executive Officer of Midvaal Water Company, Mr Matshediso Dikoko, expressed his appreciation for the visit by the NWHC delegation.

"We are elated that the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation and his delegation paid us a visit as part of efforts to secure a reliable source of bulk potable water for the mega and smart cities", the Chief Executive Officer, Matshediso Dikoko said.

"As we pointed out to Premier Mokgosi during his visit, I, once again, wish to reiterate our commitment to contribute to ongoing efforts to resolve the water challenges afflicting our province", Mr Dikoko continued.

"We are availing our spare water capacity to ensure the successful implementation of the NWHC's noble mega and smart cities. We will spare no effort and energy to realise this dream that will not only provide decent housing but also create jobs and other economic opportunities to the people of the North West province", Mr Dikoko said.

Midvaal Water Company and North West Housing Corporation are cementing their relationship in pursuance of sustainable development through building a pipeline and other facilities to supply water to all mega and smart cities, the benefits of which will filter beyond the boundaries of the planned mega and smart cities. More information on progress made in this historic journey will be provided as we much forward.





NORTH WEST DELEGATES ATTENDS THE 12TH EDITION
THE WORLD URBAN FORUM
 (WUF12) IN CAIRO, EGYPT

The Minister of Human Settlements, Ms. Mmamoloko Kubayi, led South Africa's national delegation at the 12th edition of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo, Egypt. The minister was joined by MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), Mr. Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, as well as key officials from the North West Provincial Government, including the Head of the Department for Human Settlements, Ms. Kgomotso Mahlobo, and the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation (NWHC), Bishop Sello Mogodiri.

The event, which took place from 04 to 08 November 2024, brought together experts, policymakers, and urban planners worldwide to discuss innovative solutions to the challenges posed by rapid urbanization, focusing on building resilient, sustainable, and inclusive human settlements.

The World Urban Forum, convened by UN-Habitat, is a global platform that addresses urbanisation's growing impact on communities, cities, economies, and policies. The forum has been instrumental in bringing together a wide range of voices to develop strategies that promote sustainable urban development.

This year's theme focused on "Addressing the Multiple Challenges of Urbanisation," underscoring the importance of integrating environmental, social, and economic policies to create cities that are more livable, sustainable, and equitable for all inhabitants.

In attending WUF12, the North West Provincial Government's delegation aimed to leverage the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues about the development of human settlements and housing solutions that align with South Africa's National Development Plan

(NDP). The NDP envisions sustainable, well-managed urban and rural settlements, with a strong emphasis on affordable and quality housing for all citizens, particularly in underserved and fast-growing regions.

The North West Province is currently experiencing rapid urbanisation, particularly in its major cities, which has placed significant pressure on public infrastructure, housing development, and service delivery. The participation of the North West delegation at WUF12 was, therefore, critical in exploring the latest global best practices in sustainable urban planning and housing delivery.

The North West Human Settlements Department, through the NWHC, also looks to strengthen its capacity to deliver quality and affordable housing by learning from successful case studies and forging partnerships with international stakeholders.

As the public entity tasked with the provision of housing in the province, NWHC's participation in WUF12 provides them with a platform to build partnerships, explore new funding opportunities, and learn from global trends in housing development.

The North West Provincial Government remains committed to creating human settlements that foster social cohesion, economic growth, and environmental sustainability in line with South Africa's broader development goals. The learnings and collaborations from WUF12 will be pivotal in guiding the province's strategies for housing development, urban planning, and infrastructure growth over the coming years.

THE ENVISAGED MEGA CITY *from* LANSERIA TO MADIBENG



Written by KORMORANT

The Madibeng Council was requested to approve the municipality's support of the proposed Mega City to be developed from Lanseria to Madibeng during the latest council meeting.

It was resolved that the council takes cognisance of the North West Housing Corporation's (NWHC) approval of the development of the Lanseria/Brits mega city.

Moteko Construction Cost Consultants and Project Managers was appointed to implement the project.

According to the report to permit development and mix-use development in Madibeng, discussions with Necsa will take place about releasing earmarked property to the municipality for the development of the mega city.

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced in 2020 that a new smart city would be developed in the Lanseria/Hartbeespoort area in the next decade.

Four years later with no obvious developments, the president's spokesperson, Vincent Magwenya told Sunday World last week that R15 billion will be required to fund the municipal bulk infrastructure required for the new smart city.

He said the Land Use Rights Transfer contract for privately owned land was signed in September 2022.

The Madibeng council resolved that the NWHC obtain power of attorney from the municipality to apply for bulk infrastructure for the Madibeng/Lanseria and Marikana Mega City. Written by KORMORANT



HOUSING CORPORATION TAKES SWIFT ACTION TO ADDRESS HOUSING CONCERNS

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA



In response to recent concerns raised by Mrs. Thupayagae regarding her deteriorating house, the Housing Corporation has swiftly acted to address the issue and ensure the safety and security of affected residents.

The Corporation acknowledges the vital role of the media in voicing community concerns and expresses gratitude for the opportunity to respond effectively.

Upon receiving Mrs. Thupayagae's article, the Corporation immediately mobilized its management team, including a site visit to assess the situation firsthand. This action was prompted by the directive of the North West Premier, Hon. Kaobitsa Bushy Maape, highlighting the urgency of the matter. Collaborative consultations with the Premier ensued to devise the most efficient assistance strategy.

After thorough evaluation, the Corporation has committed to replacing Mrs. Thupayagae's house with one exceeding the RDP standard within the next 10 days. This decision aims to alleviate the anxiety and uncertainty faced by Mrs. Thupayagae and her family, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Recognizing the broader implications of housing issues in the community, the Corporation emphasizes its dedication to providing sustainable solutions that enhance the quality of life for all residents. Beyond addressing immediate concerns, the Corporation remains steadfast in its mission to foster a sense of belonging and provide enduring housing solutions for all members of the community.

This proactive approach underscores the Corporation's commitment to responsiveness and accountability, reaffirming its role as a catalyst for positive change in housing infrastructure and community welfare. Through collaborative efforts and decisive action, the Corporation aims to uphold its mandate of serving the needs of residents and promoting inclusive and sustainable housing practices.



NORTH WEST HOUSING CORPORATION

delivers on promise:

NEW HOME FOR

THUPAYAGAE

family completed

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA



The North West Housing Corporation has fulfilled its promise to the Thupayagae family by completing their new home in Stadt near Lorwaneng. CEO and Accounting Authority, Bishop Sello Mogodiri, expressed satisfaction with the completed house during a visit to the construction site and on the day of the handover ceremony.

"We don't speak justice, we do justice. We do not speak housing, we do housing," Mogodiri said. He had pledged to resign if the promise to the Thupayagae family remained unfulfilled.

The decision to replace Mrs. Esther Thupayagae's mud house came

because of safety and health concerns as the house was dilapidated. The state of the house came into the spotlight after the Mail newspaper publication. Former North West Premiere, Hon. Kaobitsa Bushy Maape, instructed the management of the entity to intervene.

Community involvement has been integral to the project's progress, with labour sourced from three kgotlas (community councils) - Ramokoto, Rakukama, and Morutlwa. Twelve young individuals have been employed, supported by four skilled labourers from Ngaka Modiri Molema District, fostering a sense of collective responsibility and empowerment.

Mrs. Thupayagae expressed gratitude for the community's support,

remarking, "The community engagement has given me hope that this is real. The feeling of seeing people you know helping out is indescribable." The new house has three bedrooms, a kitchen, a living area, and two bathrooms - a substantial improvement from the deteriorating two-bedroom house.

The Corporation's unwavering commitment to its promises underscores its pivotal role in enhancing the lives of community members and fostering a sense of belonging for all.



HAND OVER CEREMONY







NORTH WEST HOUSING
CORPORATION



MAHIKENG STUDENT CITY

Sod Turning

ceremony at
Mmabatho Stadium,
Mahikeng Local
Municipality



North West
Provincial Government

LEAVE **NO**
ONE BEHIND



Mahikeng Student City

TO BOOST INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOB CREATION IN NORTH WEST

WRITTEN BY BRIAN SETSWANGBUNG



The North West Housing Corporation hosted a significant sod-turning ceremony for the Mahikeng Student City Development Project, an event led by Acting Premier Nono Maloyi. Held at Lokaleng Road near the Mahikeng Campus of the North West University, this event marked the official launch of a visionary project aimed at providing high-quality accommodation for 10,000 students in the vicinity of the provincial capital.

The Mahikeng Student City is not just a housing initiative; it is a comprehensive vision for enhancing student living. The development plans include a state-of-the-art fitness center, modern amenities, convenient access to transportation, and essential health facilities. This holistic approach aims to improve the overall student experience and foster a thriving community.

In his address, Acting Premier Nono Maloyi emphasised the project's significance, highlighting its potential to create both short-term and long-term job opportunities for Mahikeng residents. "The first phase of this project will generate more than 3,500 job opportunities for locals," stated Maloyi, underscoring the commitment to economic empowerment within the region.

Acting Premier Maloyi also stressed the importance of ensuring local businesses benefit directly from the project. "We expect the main contractor to prioritize subcontractors from Mahikeng," he asserted, reaffirming the government's dedication to maximizing local participation and economic impact.

Throughout the ceremony, the North West Government's commitment to job creation and service delivery programs was clear. Premier Maloyi reiterated the government's vision to reposition the North West Province as a hub of development and opportunity, emphasizing the collective effort required to achieve this goal.

Bishop Sello Mogodiri, Chief Executive Officer of the North West Housing Corporation, praised Acting Premier Maloyi's leadership in spearheading initiatives for smart and mega cities. "Your commitment to supporting smart city development is evident," remarked Bishop Mogodiri, highlighting the success of the Premier's investor conference held the previous year. He further emphasized the NWHC's dedication to swiftly advancing the Smart Cities Project, with construction slated to begin by June.

Acknowledgments were extended to the Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema and the Executive Mayor of the Mafikeng Local Municipality for their invaluable support and presence at the ceremony. Bishop Mogodiri expressed optimism for a fruitful collaboration as the project progresses, ensuring that the benefits reach the people of Mahikeng.

The sod-turning ceremony for the Mahikeng Student City Development Project symbolises hope, progress, and collaboration. As construction commences and the vision becomes reality, the North West Province embarks on a transformative journey toward prosperity and development.





NWHC EMPOWERS MOTHOTLUNG COMMUNITY WITH TITLE DEEDS HANDOVER CEREMONY



The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) recently held a significant title deed handover ceremony at Mothotlung Community Hall, as part of the Thuntsha Lerole Programme. This pivotal event was attended by esteemed dignitaries, including the Executive Mayor of Bojana Platinum District Municipality, Cllr Victoria Mkhaula, the Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality, Cllr Douglas Maimane, and NWHC CEO, Bishop Sello Mogodiri. A total of 87 beneficiaries from Mothotlung Ward 20 were finally awarded their long-awaited title deeds.

These title deeds carry profound significance, marking the properties acquired by Mothotlung beneficiaries through the North West Housing Corporation, from the era of former Bophuthatswana to the present day. The initiative addresses the longstanding challenge of transferring pre-1994 properties into the rightful names of beneficiaries, thereby ensuring their secure ownership and tenure.

During his address, the Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality expressed gratitude to the NWHC for their efforts in resolving the title deeds backlog in Mothotlung. "Every parent deserves to know that his or her children have a place to call home. These title deeds are legal documents that assure you these properties are yours," he stated, emphasizing the government's commitment to addressing the community's concerns.

Cllr Douglas Maimane further underscored the significance of the occasion, saying, "Today, you can be at peace knowing that the houses you have lived in and raised your families over the years are yours and are valuable assets to hand over to future generations." He highlighted the power of government-community partnerships, emphasizing that "nothing is impossible to achieve."

One of the most heartening moments of the ceremony was the delivery of a title deed to a disabled woman, 59-year-old Mme Lilian Muhlenga. Overwhelmed with emotion, she expressed gratitude to the North West government for restoring her dignity and providing her children with a place to call home. In response to her mobility challenges, the Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality pledged support, ensuring she receives a wheelchair promptly.

The ceremony also saw the attendance of MMCs and the ward councillor responsible for Ward 20, Cllr Mokonto. The event served as a testament to the power of collective action in addressing longstanding community needs.

The title deed handover ceremony at Mothotlung Community Hall stands as a symbol of empowerment, progress, and community collaboration. As the beneficiaries secure their rightful ownership, the North West Province takes another step towards ensuring a brighter and more secure future for its residents.



NWWHC

Signs

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MOSES KOTANE FOUNDATION



WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) has formally entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Moses Kotane Foundation. The MOU signing took place during the accelerated service delivery programme, Thuntsha Lerole, held at the Rustenburg Local Municipality.

This collaborative effort aims to solidify the partnership between the NWHC and the Moses Kotane Foundation, with a specific focus on advancing Mega and Smart Cities development initiatives within the North West Province. These projects involve a diverse array of stakeholders, including public entities, private enterprises, local communities, and non-profit organizations (NPOs).

Recognizing the urgent need for concerted action in the construction of Mega and Smart Cities to meet the challenges of our time, both parties have reached a mutual agreement

to collaborate closely on these endeavours.

At the core of this partnership is the shared objective of addressing critical housing needs and overcoming rural and urban development obstacles prevalent in the North West Province. The NWHC and the Moses Kotane Foundation are committed to fostering sustainable and inclusive Mega Cities that can effectively accommodate the province's rapidly growing population.

The MOU represents a significant step towards realizing the vision of modern, efficient, and resilient urban spaces in the North West Province. By leveraging the strengths and resources of both organisations, this partnership aims to drive impactful and lasting development, ensuring that the benefits of growth and modernisation reach all communities in the region.



THE OCCASION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE NORTH WEST HOUSING CORPORATION AND MIDVAAL WATER COMPANY.



WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

Today marks a historic epoch in our forward march to provide decent housing for the citizens of the North West province. It has been a long, difficult but fulfilling journey to be where we are.

Some three years ago the North West Housing Corporation embarked on a journey to conceptualise the concept of mega and smart cities in our province. Supported by our provincial government, our dream of providing the state-of-the-art houses of different typologies and catering for diverse needs propelled us to craft a concept that takes into cognisance, the rural nature of our province without deviating from the key principles of the smart and mega cities. We adapted the concept to maintain the high standards expected of a mega or smart city.

Members of the media, allow me to provide a context to these ground-breaking developments prior to dealing with what has brought us together today. Mega city is a mixed housing development consisting of a mix of affordable housing, low-cost housing, rental stock and up-market (mortgage) housing. The development also has various social amenities including clinics, schools, recreational areas, churches, early learning facilities, shopping malls and even light industries that enables residents to easily walk to and from work.

The new developments will break away from old patterns and significant progress will be made in retrofitting existing settlements. In rural areas, targeted investments and institutional reform will drive a revival of rural South Africa

towards 2050 in working proactively with people.



The Mega Projects strategy was conceptualised to primarily facilitate socio-economic transformation through the provision of access points to economical hubs and job opportunities, something that was glaringly lacking during the apartheid era of racial spatial planning patterns. The Mega Projects will be designed and located in such a way that they promote social cohesion and integration and cut travelling costs as the people will be closer to places of work.

The smart and mega project is in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) objectives of, amongst others, eradicating informal settlements, building integrated urban settlements and fast-tracking housing provision by providing diversity in housing products and finance options. These smart and mega projects are large and complex infrastructure projects, and the entire programme is valued at over R3 billion.

The implementation of the project by the North West Housing Corporation – a Department of Human Settlements (NW) entity - is fully supported by provincial government of North West. This unequivocal support has energised us to work with the requisite speed to not only conduct a scoping exercise, and feasibility study but to also get these projects to the shovel-ready stage. At the very onset we invited partners in the public and private sectors to join hands with us to achieve this noble objective of providing decent, quality and modern shelter to those in need. It has always been and remains a win-win arrangement that would ensure that we deliver this ambitious project.

Without belabouring the point, we have concluded feasibility studies, market studies and bankable business plans for our smart and mega cities programme. Our projects have complied with the shovel readiness matrix. The land availability agreements are in place and reputable developers have been appointed through an open and transparent process. In short, these projects are viable and will cater for the diverse needs of house-seekers in different LSM levels especially given that our province is positioning itself as the new hub for international trade and investment.

The unwavering government support for our smart and mega cities programme and its backing of our envisaged partnership with strategic role players and stakeholders is a major shot in the arm for our efforts. The stability of our provincial economy, business-friendly policies and our strategic location as a province are factors that also contribute to the viability of these projects.

The expected economic impacts are in line with priorities set at national, provincial, and local government levels. Besides meeting the housing needs of house-seekers, the programme offers a myriad of opportunities and spinoffs such as practical and symbiotic economic dividend, aimed at growing the economy, social upliftment, economic growth, and secured business growth and infrastructure development that will be a catalyst for economic growth, job creation and entrepreneurship. These will lead to improvement of millions of lives and significant economic return and social returns.

The Mega and Smart Cities project will also contribute to lowering unemployment levels as thousands of temporary and permanent jobs are going to be created. These projects will also foster inter-industry linkages between the sectors whilst meeting the distributional effects caused by demand for housing services. The focus will be employment for the youth, women, and people with disabilities.

There will be ten (10) smart and mega cities in different parts of our province. There will be the Mafikeng, Potchefstroom, Rustenburg, Brits/Lanseria, Mogwase,

Marikana, Madibeng, and Taung mega cities. There will also be a Student City/Village in Mahikeng to cater for the accommodation needs of the ever-growing student population in our capital city. These mixed-use housing developments will yield close to 30 000 housing units of different typologies including Breaking New Ground (BNG)/RDP housing, Multi-Storey BNG/RDP (for densification), Community Residential Units, Social Housing, Affordable Housing and the Military Veterans housing units.

Given that the Mahikeng Campus is the second largest of the North West University's three campuses and admits thousands of students from over 24 countries, the proposed development will be strategically located for these students. This development aims to provide 1500 much needed beds. There is high demand for accommodation as the current enrolment is over 13 000 students with only 3 200 accommodated on campus.

Having outlined this context, this then brings us to the purpose of today's ceremony. The North West Housing Corporation and the Midvaal Water Company are signing a cooperation agreement. This exercise is a culmination of discussions that have been ongoing for several months. Continuous supply of clean, drinkable water is top of mind. The residents of our smart and mega cities and surrounding areas need and expect to always have access to potable water.

Subsequent to investigations made to evaluate the capacities, capabilities and competence of water service authorities and water service providers in our province specifically, the North West Housing Corporation initiated discussions with Midvaal Water Company to explore cooperation and collaboration options to ensure that our smart and mega cities are successfully implemented and the water needs of the residents, workers and businesses in and around these human settlements are adequately met.

Today's signing of the Cooperation Agreement marks a major milestone in our ongoing journey to provide decent shelter to those in need. The agreement spells out roles and responsibilities of the affected parties and will act as a framework that governs the envisage relationship between the North West Housing Corporation and Midvaal Water Company.

For completeness and in brief, the agreement aims at cementing a formal agreement on the provision of the overall management and the implementation of housing and property projects, facilitation and raising of funds for the projects, the management, implementation and rollout of bulk infrastructure projects; the provision of bulk potable water to the projects, servicing, operating and maintenance of the infrastructure; and provision of water related services, including laboratory services.

It is envisaged that the agreement will contribute to the successful implementation and upkeep of these projects given that the two entities possess the requisite knowledge, experience, capacities, capabilities and wherewithal in housing, property, water and related services. With support of our government, we commit to the delivery of these projects within the stipulated timeframes and budgets.

As the North West Housing Corporation and Midvaal Water Company, we are delighted to be partnering to embark on a trailblazing journey of developing the smart and mega cities programme in our province. Throughout what promises to be an enjoyable, exciting and rewarding journey, we will be continuously communicating the progress we are registering towards realising this noble dream.

CONSTRUCTION OF MAHIKENG STUDENT CITY COMMENCES

MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi Confirms



WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

The new, recently appointed MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Gaoage Oageng Molapisi has confirmed during his budget vote speech that his department will keep its side of the bargain to accelerate service delivery and begin the construction of Mahikeng Student City - a project implemented by the North West Housing Corporation (NWHC).

We are glad to announce that the construction of the Mahikeng Student City with its amenities such as a library gym and sporting and medical facilities will commence in August this year " Molapisi said

Molapisi was delivering his budget speech at the official opening of the provincial legislature in Mahikeng on Tuesday, July 23. He said the facility is earmarked to accommodate the student population growth and help to stave off an acute shortage of accommodation for students at the university, TVET, and nursing colleges.

Molapisi also added that this development is envisaged to contribute to the economy of the environment in which the student city is built and this he said, is likely to upturn the investment in the province and add spin-offs.

"The Investor Conference hosted by Acting Premier Nono Maloyi in 2023 had spin-offs that yielded about **R132 billion** pledges in investments. We expect immediate job creation with the roll-out of this infrastructure that would yield in the region of 3600 temporary jobs," Molapisi said.

CROSS-BORDER PROPERTIES

On cross border properties, the MEC said the Provincial EXCO has resolved that properties belonging to the NWHC in the Free-State, Gauteng, and Northern Cape provinces

be disposed of. He said all relevant processes are in place to ensure the implementation of the resolution.

ON TITLE DEEDS

On the title deeds, the MEC noted that the NWHC has registered a great milestone in handing over the pre-1994 title deeds mostly in townships constructed during the now defunct Bophuthatswana homeland.

"The entity was able to issue one hundred and thirty-three (133) title deeds in the previous financial year and we are still soldering on to ensure ownership and restoring dignity to the people of the North West," Molapisi said.

He said the estimate in this budget year is two hundred (200) registered title deeds.

ZERO LETTERS FOR MABOPANE, WINTERVELDT, AND GA-RANKUWA RESIDENTS (99-YEAR LEASES)

The MEC has confirmed that the 99-year leasehold or what is commonly known as the 'long lease' has been defrayed in parts of Mabopane, Winterveldt and Ga-Rankuwa. He said zero letters were given to beneficiaries who have paid for their property, a house or land they occupy in full. He said the zero letters were referred to the conveyancers to transfer into the name of the clients for the purpose of registering a title deed on their behalf.

"We issued four thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (4886) Zero letters in the 2024/25 budget year. The process to verify more beneficiaries is ongoing," Molapisi said.



UNLAWFUL SALE OF NWHC PROPERTIES BY A THIRD PARTY

WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA

Residents of Mabopane and Ga-Rankuwa continue to fight for justice as they face eviction from their own homes due to fraudulent activities. These communities, represented by the MAWIGA Petitions Group, have been engaged in a long-standing battle to secure their rights to properties that have been illegally sold by fraudsters without the owners' consent. This issue has escalated to the highest levels of government, highlighting the ongoing challenges faced by these communities.

The roots of this struggle date back to 1990 when residents from Ga-Rankuwa Units 7 and 8, Mabopane M, S, U, X, and Winterveld began their efforts to obtain title deeds for their properties. Their case is grounded in a Department of Local Government, Housing, Planning and Development Circular (Ref7/8/2/1), which provided for the disposal of all state-owned and subsidised properties constructed before June 30, 1993, in favour of the beneficiaries.

Despite the clear provisions of this circular, residents have faced numerous obstacles in obtaining their rightful title deeds. The MAWIGA Petitions Group, representing these communities, has taken their case to various levels of government. In 2015, they petitioned the National Council of Provinces, and in 2017, they presented their case to

the Premier of Gauteng. However, engagements with the Gauteng government yielded no tangible results, leading the group to escalate the matter to the National Department in 2021.

The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC), an entity established to promote low-cost housing, has found itself at the centre of a complex and troubling situation. Initially, the NWHC sold properties to beneficiaries who entered into agreements of sale through proper procedures. However, over time, unknown fraudsters managed to exploit weaknesses in the system, selling these properties through channels known only to them. This led to three households facing eviction, as the new buyers presented proof of ownership, while the original owners had not yet received their title deeds due to delays in registration.

These delays in registering title deeds were attributed to several factors, including the lack of centralised signing powers of attorney within the NWHC and the fact that certain townships had not been registered and proclaimed. The combination of these issues left the original homeowners vulnerable to fraudulent activities, resulting in a legal battle that further complicated their plight.

Frustrated by the lack of progress, the MAWIGA Petitions Group filed a complaint with the Public Protector, but

the matter initially received minimal attention. Determined to seek justice, the petitioners escalated their case to the Minister of Human Settlements. Recognising the seriousness of the situation, the Minister intervened, directing that the NWHC pay an ex gratia amount to the affected beneficiaries, as recommended by the Public Protector.

In addition to the ex-gratia payments, the NWHC was instructed to provide available vacant land to the petitioners, allowing the National Department of Human Settlements to develop top structures for residential houses. This intervention marked a significant step forward in resolving the matter. As of February 2022, the NWHC has made considerable progress by paying the ex gratia amounts to all affected beneficiaries and allocating the available land. The implementation of the Minister's directive is at an advanced stage, with the National Department of Human Settlements set to build residential houses for the beneficiaries through a Military Veterans Subsidy Quantum.

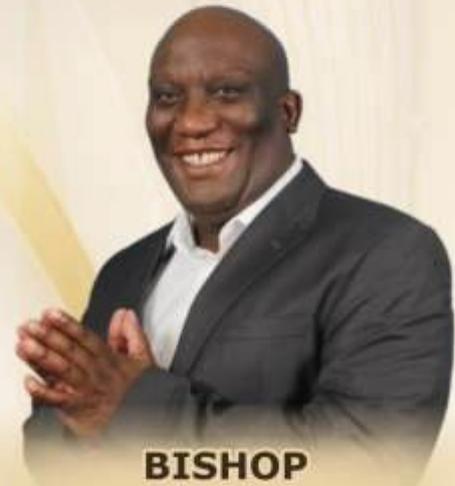
However, while these developments are promising, the construction of new homes remains an outstanding issue. The affected residents continue to wait for the fulfilment of the government's commitment to restore their rightful ownership and provide them with secure housing.



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WRITTEN BY NEO MAJA



Mafikeng – The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) celebrated a significant achievement on August 15, 2024, at Cooke's Lake, marking its third consecutive unqualified audit outcome. This accomplishment underscores the organisation's dedication to maintaining transparency, accountability, and excellence in financial management.

The celebration featured a keynote address by NWHC CEO and Accounting Authority, Bishop Sello Mogodiri. In his speech titled "Building Smart and Mega Cities with Limited Resources Through Transparent Governance in Our Lifetime," Mogodiri shared the NWHC's journey from struggling with legacy issues to becoming a beacon of success and innovation. Reflecting on his appointment in August 2020, Mogodiri recounted the challenges he faced, inheriting an organisation plagued by poor audit opinions. "I vowed that this would be the last bad audit opinion for this corporation," Mogodiri stated. "Today, we celebrate our third consecutive unqualified audit outcome. We have moved from old problems to

new developments, and our vision of building multi-billion rand smart and mega cities is becoming a reality."

Mogodiri's address emphasised the importance of visionary leadership, noting that the NWHC's progress is rooted in seeing opportunities where others see challenges. He highlighted the organisation's commitment to innovation and its break from traditional government bureaucracy, which has been crucial in achieving these audit outcomes. The CEO also pointed out that the Smart and Mega Cities initiative, once a priority for the NWHC alone, is now embraced by the broader provincial government and key stakeholders, including Premier Lassy Mogotsi and Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi.

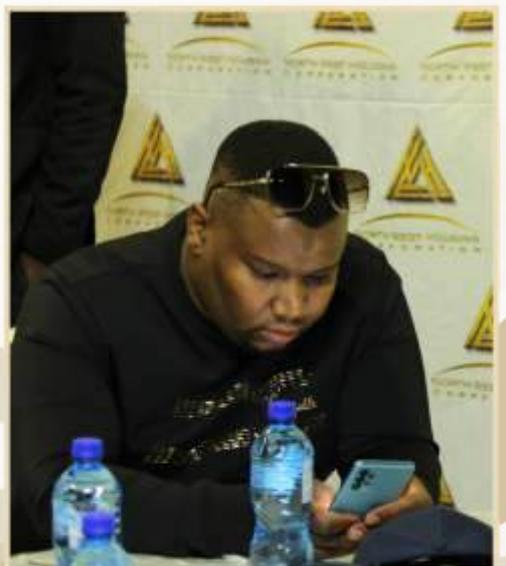
Adding to the event, NWHC CFO, Ms. Kemmone Ahithile, spoke on the disciplined financial management practices that have been instrumental in achieving the unqualified audit outcomes. She emphasised the importance of collective effort, transparency, and accountability in financial governance.

The celebration was not just about speeches; it was also a festive occasion

with performances from renowned artists, bringing a lively atmosphere to the event. In recognition of the hard work and dedication of its staff, the NWHC CEO awarded 'certificates of outstanding achievement in service excellence' to several employees.

Distinguished guests, including members of the North West House of Traditional Leaders, representatives from the Mafikeng Local Municipality, developers involved in the Smart and Mega Cities project, former board members of the NWHC, and members of the media, attended the event. This celebration is more than just recognition of the NWHC's financial achievements; it is a testament to the organisation's commitment to visionary leadership, innovative governance, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. As the NWHC continues to build smart and mega cities, it remains steadfast in its mission to transform challenges into opportunities, ensuring a legacy of progress, prosperity, and sustainable development for the people of the North West Province







VENTERSDORP

THUNTSHA LEROLE PROJECT BRINGS HOPE TO

Ventersdorp



Communities

The North West Housing Corporation (NWHC) is excited to share significant advancements in the Thuntsha Lerole project, which aims to provide clean and portable water to the residents of Tshing Ext 10 and Toevlug. The project, which began with a sod-turning ceremony led by former MEC for Public Works and Roads, Mr Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, in Ventersdorp Ext 10, is a critical part of the North West Department of Human Settlements' accelerated service delivery programme.

Since the ceremony, the NWHC has made notable strides in constructing elevated water storage tanks. According to Bishop Sello Mogodiri, CEO of NWHC, both the foundation designs and the steel tanks' drawings have been carefully reviewed and approved by the JB Marks Local Municipality and internal engineering services. "We are pleased with the progress so far," Mogodiri said. "The contractor has quickly established the site and has started installing essential services."

The project is on track, with the installation of services completed by the end of June 2024. The NWHC extends its heartfelt thanks to all stakeholders for their ongoing support and cooperation. The Thuntsha Lerole project represents a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life for communities in Ventersdorp, bringing hope and essential services to those in need.

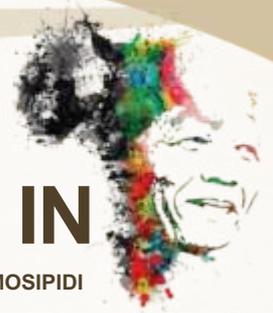


MOCUMI'S FAMILY DIGNITY RESTORED

DURING A HOUSE HAND OVER IN

CELEBRATION OF THE NELSON MANDELA DAY

WRITTEN BY KEORAPETSE MOSIPIDI



MEC Molapisi officially handing over the house to the Mocumis family

Nelson Mandela Day 2024 celebrations will forever be engraved in hearts of the Mocumi family from Tlaskgameng Village, Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality. A family of eight (8) members waited for many years to finally own a newly built and fully furnished house.

The hand-over led by MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi together with MEC for Social Development, Basetsana Sussana Dantjie, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Mayor, Cllr Motseokae Maje and Acting Mayor for Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality, Cllr Karolo Mothwane in partnership with Malapane Properties heralded a new era to the family; as the house was in the brink of collapse as it had to withstand heavy rainfalls and strong winds.

According to beneficiary Ms Rosina Mocumi (59), she has never had any formal employment, survives on temporary work in nearby farms but had to leave due to ill health. The family depends solely on grants received by her last born son, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family has been occupying a one room mud house that has been used as a bedroom, bathroom, living space and kitchen; house does not have any proper flooring nor windows.

"Today's is the best day of my life, I never imagined that I would one day be living normally in a proper house with furniture like any other family. I would like to give thanks to our government for recognising me and my family as this has really improved our living conditions, I wish they do the same to other families," said Rosina.

As part of celebrating the world icon, Tata Madiba and in line with the poverty alleviation programme lead by government, the Mocumi family received groceries and a backyard garden. This food security initiative is aimed at promoting gardening and also seeks to encourage communities to grow their own foods especially during the current economic crisis.

Speaking during the hand-over, MEC Molapisi said Mandela day does not only celebrate Tata Madiba's birthday but also recognizes and acknowledges the contribution he has made towards the struggle for democracy

internationally and the promotion of culture and peace throughout the world.

"This day is very essential in our lives because it reminds us of the challenges that we must tackle and resolve in making our country and the world at large a better place. We should also be mindful that our actions go a long way in the broader work of government in changing the lives of our society"

MEC Molapisi said the call for change is not for government alone but for every one of us especially those who are more fortunate to join hands, and do their bit in order to bring about change in the lives of the disadvantaged communities. "It is for such reason that the Department brought in the expertise of Malapane Properties to assist in improving the quality of life of the Mocumi family".

The Department will continue to work with relevant stakeholders in changing the livelihoods of communities by identifying families living in poor conditions, especially where there are elderly and disabled people" added MEC Molapisi.

MEC MOLAPISI EXTENDS HELPING HAND TO HANDS THAT CARES OLD AGE HOME

WRITTEN BY KEORAPETSE MOSIPIDI



The MEC for Corporate Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi accompanied by Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Dinah Pitso and Head of Department, Kgomoitso Mahlobo closed off the Mandela Month Activities by spending 67 minutes at Hands that Cares Old Age Home in Dinokana and Gopane Village, Zeerust.

The handover is part of the MEC's programme of unblocking all the blocked projects across the province. Both beneficiaries appreciated the gesture bestowed to them citing that indeed their living conditions will be improved.

MEC Molapisi visited the centre wherein he donated blankets, groceries, toiletries and sanitary packs to the centre. He described the Nelson Mandela Day as an extremely important day for all of us especially South Africans as it reminds us of our global icon and all the good deeds he has done towards building a better South Africa.

Hands that Cares Old Age Home was founded in 2006 by Ms Gadifele Sebogodi and operates as a non-profit making organisation which renders social welfare services to elderly people, middle aged people, people living with disability and destitute people. The centre provides the victims with access to shelter, provision of nutritious food, emotional support and other essential services in order to ensure the physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being of fellow citizens.

Gadifele thanked the department and all stakeholders involved for the donations they received. She said the gesture came as a surprise to them as they did not expect anything nor made applications to any institution for assistance.

"I want to thank you for remembering us on this Mandela Month, this is testament that indeed our good work is noticed out there," said Gadifele.

"Throughout his lifetime, Madiba inspired us with acts of generosity. We are forever indebted to his lesson of humanity. His legacy should not die, I therefore urge all of us to work together in ensuring that the Madiba legacy multiplies for generations to come" said Molapisi.

Officials from the Department lent helping hands at the centre by cleaning the yard. Mahlobo thanked the officials for their selfless contribution and ensuring that they play their part as this embodied the values of peace and human dignity as espoused by Nelson Mandela.

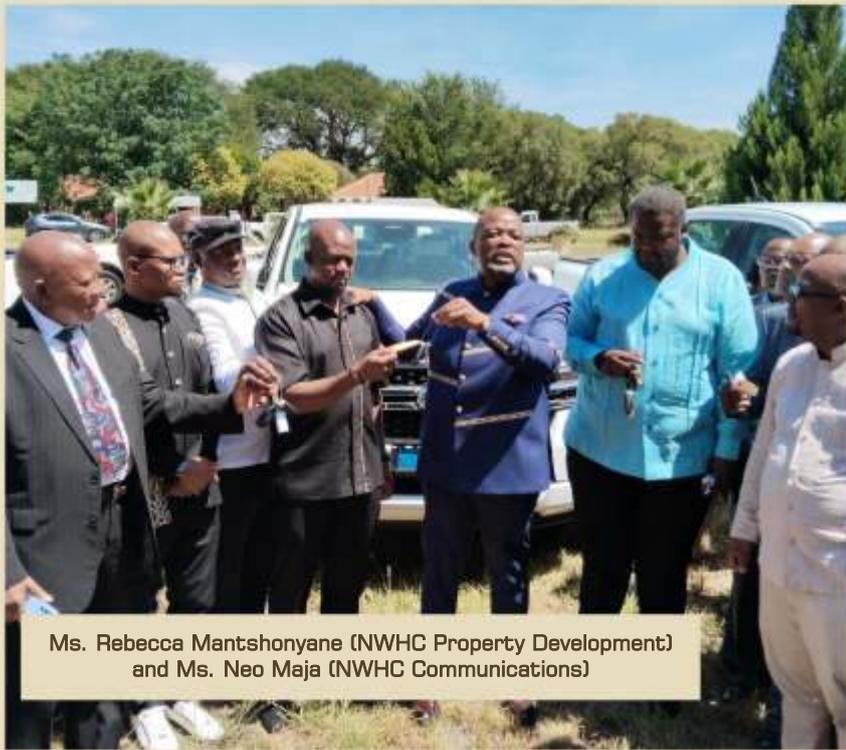
In addition, MEC Molapisi also handed over two (2) newly built houses to the Morubane and Phejane families at Gopane Village.



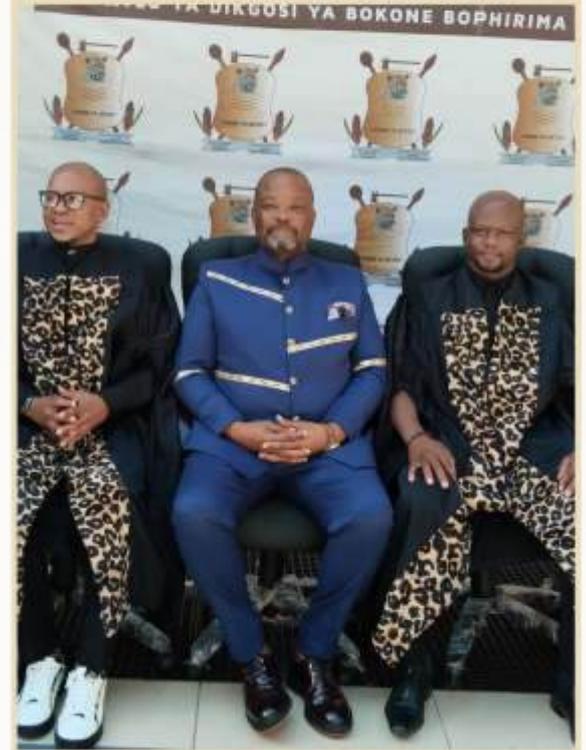
MEC Molapisi joined by HOD Kgomoitso Mahlobo and departmental officials hands over goodies to some of the elders at Hands that Cares Old Age Home

Boitumelo Le Mogolokwane Ka Letsatsi La Pulo Semmuso Ya Ntlo Ya Dikgosi Le Baeteledi Pele Ba Khoi-san

WRITTEN BY THATI SEKOBOANE



Ms. Rebecca Mantshonyane (NWHC Property Development) and Ms. Neo Maja (NWHC Communications)



Mopitlwe o ne a tlhola malatsi a le lesome le borobongwe fa moporemiri wa nakwana wa North West, Patrick Nono Dumile Maloyi a ne a bula ntlo ya dikgosi ya NW semmuso mo Mahikeng ko Lowe.

Ntlo e ya dikgosi e butswa morago ga pulo semmuso ya ntlo ya Bosetshaba ya Dikgosi le Baeteledipele ba Khoi-San (NHTKL) e e butsweng semmuso ke Moporesidente wa naga Motlotlegi Cyril Ramaphosa fa Tlhakole a ne a tlhola malatsi a le some a mabedi le bobedi (22).

Pulosemmuso e e diragala go ikamaganya le molawana wa karolo ya 33 (1) (b) ya tsamaiso ya boeteledipele jwa dikgosi le Khoi-San (Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019).

Moaparo le mmimo e ne e le tsa matsetseleko mo letsatsing leo le neng le edile mme go bontsha bontle jwa tsotlhe tse. Mophato wa ga Kgosi Tshupo Mankurwane kwa Taung o ne wa gorosa moporemeri wa nakwana mme meduuetso le boitumelo di le kwa godimo. Ditlhopa tse dingwe tsa setso le tsona di ne di thuntsa lerole fa di ne di refosana serala ka bothakga jwa mmimo wa setso, go sena yo o batlang go gaisiwa. Kgosi Joy Ramokoka o ne a tsatsanka ka seditsi, setepe sona o ne a sa se fose o ne o bontsha boitumelo ka motsamao wa gagwe mme a kgatlhile ba le bantsi.

Maikaelelo a ditiragalo tse ke go bontsha botswerere jo bo farologaneng jwa meetlo ya se Afrika e farologaneng le go ipela gonna mo Afrika yo tshetsang e bile a sa le bale ngwao boswa.

Moletlo o o ne o eteletswepele ke Modulasetilo wa ntlo ya dikgosiKgosi Thari Maotwe fa sebui segolo sa letsatsi e ne e leTonakgolo ya nakwana Moporemeri Maloyi mo letsatsing la keteko. Bangwe ba baeteledipele ba ba neng ba farafarile moporemire e ne ele Dikgosi, Bahumagadi, Bakhuduthamaga, Rrateropo wa Mahikeng Tshupo Mphelo le wa Sedika sa Ngaka Modiri Molema Khumalo Molefe, baemedi ba palamente ya NW le ba bangwe.

Mo puong ya gagwe Rre Maloyi o ne a leboga le go gopola bagaka ba ba weleng ba ba lwetseng kgololosego ba akaretsa Kgosi Besele Montshioa wa Barolong boo Ratshidi, Kgosi Ramotshere

Moilwa wa Bahurutshe boo Moilwa, Kgosi Lentswe II le wa Bagkgatla ba Kgafela. "Go a itshupa gore Dikgosi tsa rona di nnile le seabe se setona mo go lweleng kgololosego mo nageng ya rona ya Afrika Borwa le Porofense ya rona ya North West" go tlhalosa Rre Maloyi.

Rre Maloyi o netefaditse fa maikaelelo magolo a puso e le go direla morafe wa NW segolo thata ba metse selegae. Metse e, e mo tlase ga baeteledipele ba segosi mme tlhokego e santse e le ko godimo thata. Puso e ikaelela go tshwaragana le segosi go isa ditirelo kwa metseng.

"Jaaka re le boeteledipele jwa porofense ya North West re ikemeseditse go dirisana le ba segosi go siamisa dikantoro tsa magosi. Re setse re simolotse ka porojeke ya go baakanyetsa Bahurutshe ba ga Suping di kantoro, re tabogile ka lebelo le le kwa godimo go fetsa le go neelana ka di kantoro tse mme di tla amogelwa ke ba segosi semmuso mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, gase yone fela kantoro e bankangwang, Barolong ba ga Molefe, Bahurutshe Boo Mokgatla ba ga Mooketsi le bone batla iponela dikantoro tse di baakantsweng", go bua Rre Maloyi.

Tonakgolo Maloyi o tlhalositse gore kago ya Lowe le yone e tlhoka go tlhabololwa, mme o rile, "dithulaganyo tsa go baakanya kago eno gore e e nne mo seemong se se maleba di setse di gatetse pele. Komiti ya bokhuduthamaga ya Ntlo ya Porofense ya Baeteledipele ba Segosi le ba Khoi-San e kopane le bagakolodi go ba neela tshedimosetso le go ba bontsha setshwantsho sa kago e e tla tlhabololwang", go tlhalosa Tonakgolo Maloyi

O rotloeditse dikgosi go nna kelothoko mo metseng ya bona ka dikolo tsa go rupisa tse di seng mo molaong. "Re rata go rotloetsa Dikgosi go nna kelothoko le go bega dikolo tsa setso tse di seng ka fa molaong mo metseng ya bone. Dikolo tseno di tsenya bana ba rona mo kotsing mme di tshwanetse go begiwa kwa sepodising. Ga re dumalane le dikolo tse di ntseng jalo, ka gonne di tshwanetse go kwadisiwa le balaodi ba puso, re tsaya dikgato tsotlhe tse di tlhokegang go fedisa dikolo tseno tse di seng kafa molaong le go tlhomamisa gore bana ba rona ba babalesegile".

Agreement Reached Between Flats Tenants, JTC and North West Housing Corporation – Start Date For Payments

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The North West Housing Corporation CEO, Bishop Sello Mogodiri met with the Joint Tenants Committee (JTC) and tenants of Kagiso, Kamogelo and Wimpy flats at the Mmabatho Civic Centre on Wednesday evening to break the stalemate that is more than a decade in the making.

Since 2011, tenants have had to defer their dream of property ownership, the proximate cause of which lack of streamlined rent collections processes and robust accounting tools, a non-payment culture and illegal occupancy were top of the list. If non-payment and illegal occupancy was a strategy for tenants, Mogodiri was quick to remind the meeting that tenants cannot assume themselves into a conclusion that suits them only.

"There is a public pressure and public outcry out there. Homeowners say they pay their rent while the flats do not. On our end we have done our job. We have sectioned the properties and we have started with the process of issuing title deeds. So, we need to fix this situation," Mogodiri said.

"The decision and attitude of the board is that the flats must be sold, and that the people must have title deeds. That is a board resolution. We mean it when we say you must own the flats."

The board has resolved that the 1-bedroom flat be R50 000, 2-bedroom be R100 000, and 3-bedroom be R150 000. "However, the provincial treasury must have concurrence. We have made resubmission to EXCO, and we have made a compelling case that these flats must be sold below market value."

Mogodiri said the transition to property ownership will be based on a rent to buy scheme. "You will be liable for occupational rent starting from 1 November 2024. Meaning the occupational rent will go towards offsetting

the purchase price and will appear in the purchase agreement. Whatever we are saying today will be in the purchase agreement. The process must happen fast. The MEC, Mr Oageng Gaoage Molapisi was briefed, and he says this process must be concluded."

The Chairperson of JTC, Daddy Sebolecewe said the back and forth must end.

"The only next meeting we attend must be a meeting about the offer to purchase. The CEO is telling the absolute truth in terms of selling flats to tenants," Sebolecewe said. "However, we need to have a signed lease agreement so that we are protected. We also request the CEO to activate the system where every tenant receives a statement so they can make reconciliations. We will not allow the tenants to be abused."

Mogodiri said if tenants pay their rentals, they will ease the burden on the entity.

"If you pay you will be supporting my case in parliament. And if you are one of the of people occupying the flats illegally, you have 10 working days to come and properly regulate yourself. You have no reasonable defense to stop paying your rent. "

Non-payment will not be tolerated, Mogodiri said.

"Eviction is the spine of my address today. Without any financial commitment or arrangement for a payment plan, meaning those who do not pay will surely face evictions. I thought I should make this point clear."

Those who have already paid up in full, Mogodiri said they can come to the entity if they have queries, want to match transactions, or make statement reconciliations.



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