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ELDERLY WOMAN RECEIVES RDP HOUSE

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Proud home owner ... Samma Tlaetsa has received a new bigger RDP house after the intervention of Cogta MEC, Ollly Mlamleli

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The 84-year-old, Samma Harriet Tlaetsi, from Phahameng in Maganug will receive a new, modern and spacious five-room RDP house, after the department of human settlement offered to build a new house for her.

Tlaetsi was born in Thaba Nchu, and it was recently discovered that she is the only daughter of Alfred Moroka, who is the younger brother of the former ANC president, Albert James Sebe Moroka. She was married to a political activist, Cecil Boichoko Tlaetsi, who also served in the historical Second World War.

They had seven children but only three are still alive. She is a staunch member of the ANC and served as its volunteer for many years. Her husband built the house Tlaetsi still lives in today but died before he could complete it.

“I am very happy that I will be staying in a beautiful house with everything I need inside. My house is no longer in good condition but I will always be strongly attached to it. My husband worked very hard to build this house by himself and I will always look at it and be proud,” said Tlaetsi.

Tlaetsi got her house after securing a meeting with MEC Ollly Mlamleli to explain her plight. Mlamleli subsequently decided to visit her home, earlier this year, and was shocked by the terrible conditions she was living under.

Mlamleli discovered the terrible conditions of her house in Phahameng, and consequently promised to build the elderly Tlaetsi a new house before the end of winter.

“I told her that I could never sleep with the knowledge that an elder person live alone in such a house. The house is not in a good condition for her to live in it. However, I was happy that I took time to visit her, so that I can see her living conditions myself. If someone would have just described these conditions to me in words, it would not have made any difference.”

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The new RDP house is build next to the old house. Tlaletsi will move in the fully furnished house this week.

“I am so thankful to the ANC government. I used to work very hard for this organisation and I remember travelling as far as Johannesburg, by train, to attend different ANC meetings and activities. I loved to sing to my leaders and I still feel strongly about the leadership of the ANC,” said Tlaletsi.

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