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## MAGASHULE GIVES RDP HOUSE TO WHITE FAMILY

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**Conquering race barriers ... The Henning family was overjoyed after premier Ace Magashule handed them the keys to their RDP house following years of suffering**

Free State premier, Ace Magashule handed over an RDP house to a poor white family during an Operation Hlasela visit to Viljoneskroon, this week.

The Henning family, of the Rammulotsi township, received a new modern three-bedroom house, with new furniture worth R48 000 in every room.

Magashule was fulfilling a promise he had made to family in December 2010, when he visited the area. He said the handing over of the house demonstrates the government's commitment to creating a better life for all South Africans, black and white.

The head of the household, Gawie Henning (49), who lives with his wife and three kids, told The Weekly he was grateful that Magashule has finally provided his family with a roof over their head.

During the handing over of the house keys, Magashule said his government was committed to improving the lives all the citizens of the province irrespective of their race.

"I want to make it clear that we are a province that cares for its people, irrespective of their colour. I also want to apologise for the long time we took to hand over the house.

But we are happy that we are finally here to restore the dignity of our people. This house was built through a partnership with the private sector and the local municipality.

I would like to extend gratitude to everyone who contributed towards the building of this house." Henning thanked Magashule and the provincial government for restoring the dignity of his family.

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“I have been staying here for a long time and I have never been able to build my kids a decent house. But through premier Ace Magashule, my children will now enjoy the warmth of living in a decent house which will help to build a better future for them,” said Henning.

After their two-room dilapidated house was destroyed, the Henning family lived in three caravans in the backyard for two years.

“Life was not simple but I always knew that one day we will be able to move out of the caravans to a better house.”

The premier consequently promised that government will demolish all the dilapidated houses and replace them with new two-bedroom houses.

The Free State MEC for human settlement, Olly Mlamleli also weighed in and urged community members to stop demolishing their toilets, with hopes of getting new ones from the government.

“We are now facing a problem of people destroying their toilets and coming to demand new ones. Last year we managed to enclose all open toilets in the location, but for some reason, we found that the residents had destroyed their toilets when we come back. Now they expect us to build them new ones.

People should understand that we will not be able to go forward if we keep on fixing the same toilets every time.”

Mlamleli said the provincial government worked well with the local municipality to enclose all the open toilets in the area.

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