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WE HAND OVER HOUSES AND TITLE DEEDS TO BLUEGUM-BOSCH RESIDENTS

MEC SM MLAMLELI of COGTA and Human Settlements yesterday handed over houses and title deeds to beneficiaries in Bluegum-Bosch, adhering to the promise made in her budget vote speech earlier this year, and the promise reiterated in April when the rectification programme for the two rooms and one-door houses was launched in Bluegum-Bosch.

Starting with handing over title deeds to the elation of homeowners who had been waiting in anticipation for this moment of certainty, MEC Mlamleli led the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality's process of handing over title deeds to homeowners.

In the 20th year of the anniversary of the 1913 Native Land that sought to deprive people of the right to land, the handing over of title deeds, reversing this legacy, is in keeping with the promise made by the Freedom Charter's security of tenure clause: There shall be houses, security and comfort. In October this year, MEC Mlamleli issued over 7500 title deeds to municipalities for further handing over to beneficiaries of government-subsidised homes.

Almost 350 of the 500 houses planned for this financial year at a cost of R33 millions, have thus far been completed in Bluegum-Bosch and were officially handed over by MEC Mlamleli to very happy beneficiaries. The houses are differently designed with about 2 plans to choose from for variety and individuality as opposed to the matchbox rows of grey houses built for our people by the previous government.

Singing, ululating, and affirming the work of the ANC-led government, the small but vocal group of beneficiaries were full of praises for the government that brought significant changes in their lives: "Mme ha ke tsebe hore na ke tla reng. Ke re le bana re ne re sa tsebe hore re ka ba sunya hokae matlong a no a khale. Le bontante ba tla khutla Gauteng ba re fumane re se re dula matlong ana!" said mme mmaDitabe who received both a house and a title deed.

In her speech, MEC Mlamleli reiterated the importance of looking after the title deeds and the houses as assets that could be used to create wealth. These simultaneously give stability and a sense of belonging for the family, which would lead to a stable future for the children towards a stable community and nation.

Last week houses were handed over in Schonkenville, Tumahole, Oranjeville and Deneysville as the department seeks to meet its commitment to ensuring that deserving citizens are housed decently.

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