

One Smiling Face Among the Villagers Sets a Good Tone for Delivery



Maria Mokomane was among the 700 people who gathered to celebrate the launch of the people's housing project in Malatane, Ga-Seloane within the Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality. A few months ago when the word came around that the municipality will implement the people's housing project she did not believe that it would happen, not after she unsuccessfully tried to apply for social grant for her 10 year old son. With seven surviving children and a farm worker husband she did not think this would be possible for her.

Today she is a proud owner of a house that she participated in building. As the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Ms Bridgette Mabandla handed over the key to her she was sure that this is indeed her house, her dream has come true. A mother of 10, her surviving seven children now have decent house and a place they call home.

"I cherish this house, the government has helped me, I never believed that I would have a decent place to stay after staying in this shack for many years. With many applications for social grant that did not go through I didn't think government cares for people like us. I thank the Lepelle-Nkumpi municipality for donating the dining room furniture. I will demolish the shack and move into this place," said Mokomane.

The housing scheme was part of the 100 units built through the people's housing project within the municipality. Sixty-five units have been completed so far, 15 are at roof level, 5 at wall plate, 2 at foundation level while 12 are still outstanding.

The Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Clr Suzan Chego said that the "people's housing project is aimed at maximizing the utilization of local resources, material and human, in the provision of housing to the people. Local contractors were appointed to build the units allocated to the area."

Even as the dignitaries left the house Mokomane's contentment was evident, interacting with fellow villagers who wanted to know what the Minister, MEC, Mayors and other dignitaries may have brought. Issued by Capricorn District Municipality Contact: Nдавhe Ramakuela 082 455 1894

PHOTO CAPTION (DSC 1390): Ms Maria Mokamane (second from left) receives keys to her house from Limpopo MEC for Local Government and Housing, Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane (extreme left), Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality, Clr Suzan Chego (third from right, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Ms Bridgette Mabandla (Second from right) and the Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, Clr Motalane Monakedi (extreme right). Mokomane is among the 100 beneficiaries in Malatane village in Limpopo who benefited from the people's housing project implemented in that area by the Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality.

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