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DEPRESSED CHILDHEADED FAMILY RECEIVES A FULLY FURNISHED HOUSE

Happiness was the order of the day when an impoverished family of six received a fully furnished house in Sibetha, Thandukukhanya, Mkhondo Local Municipality at the weekend. The family whom have been living in abject poverty since the loss of their parents few years ago were fortunate enough to be identified by Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane and considered them to benefit from her legacy projects.

Learning of their plight, the Premier deemed it necessary that a proper house should be built for this family that endured hardships living in a dilapidated mud house. 29 year-old Ntombikayise Mkhwanazi relived the sad times of need when she explained to Mtshweni-Tsipane how they survived stormy weathers sleeping in a derelict structure.

“As good as this may be, I still can’t believe that it is actually happening. This is simply because I have had all my hopes gone since the passing of our parents. Myself together with my siblings had come to a point where we thought we were all alone with no one to help us,” explained the teary Mkhwanazi who thanked the Premier for the intervention in their lives.

The Department of Human Settlements was the one instructed to solicit a sponsor to build the three bedroom house for the family who survived merely on social grant. Speaking to the family and thanking sponsors, Premier Mtshweni-Tsipane said that this posture by government appeals directly to the image and character of caring and a responsive institution.

“It is therefore paramount that environments where children are housed should be improved and be habitable for human beings, as it pose threat to their health, security and wellbeing. As government we would like to thank all role players together with the sponsors that made this a success and changing the lives of the Mkhwanazi people for the better. Let’s encourage working together for a common cause to save and change lives,” she said.

MEC for Human Settlements Ms Norah Mahlangu committed to deliver 6 694 housing units, service 5000 sites which will yield 11 694 housing opportunities and issue 15 000 title deeds to rightful beneficiaries in and around the province during this financial year.

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