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**Press Release**  
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**DEPARTMENT ON COURSE TO MEET ANNUAL TARGETS**

The Mpumalanga Department of Human is on track to achieve its annual target of **6 984** housing units for 2019/20 financial year. Notwithstanding the challenges encountered, the Department has so far been able to deliver **4 947** housing units, and looking to accelerate its delivery in the remaining months. In servicing sites the Department has been able to service **2 445** sites. These achievements were recorded on the nine months performance report for the period ending December 2019.

Head of Human Settlements, Mr. Kebone Masange reflected on these milestones saying that they did not come free of challenges. "As the Department we had to deal with the enrollment of our projects with National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) after they were stopped in particular Ehlanzeni District, perhaps we would have now already exceeded our targets by now, as we always do" alluded Masange. He added, that they have since appointed Geotechnical Specialists and Department's enrollment officers to facilitate the enrollment process and strengthening the engagements between the Department and NHBRC.

In appreciating the bulk infrastructure problems which have a bearing on servicing sites, Masange stressed that the Department will be working with sister departments and the affected municipalities to tackle the challenges. "The implementation of bulk infrastructure still remains a challenge from the side of local municipalities, thus the department is focusing on assisting municipalities through partnerships with Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and Department of Water and Sanitation to ensure that bulk infrastructure services do no delay the implementation of the servicing of sites" he charged.

Following MEC Mahlangu's announcement during her Budget Vote that in the current five year the Department will be commencing with the construction of five (05) new CRUs in Sonheuwel, Malalane, Sabie, Umjindi and Reabota areas which will be implemented over the MTSF period, whilst completing the old on-going CRUs projects in Standerton and Govan Mbeki Local Municipalities. The Department has been able to initiate the process of implementing these plans with some already have sites handed over and contractors introduced to stakeholders.

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