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MINISTER KUBAYI REINSTATE DIGNITY TO A CHILDHEADED FAMILY

Gogo Florah Matome, 73 year-old was fearing that she may lose her RDP house one day since she did not have the sense of ownership of the house, today she received her dignified gift in a form of a title deed from Minister of Human Settlements, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi accompanied by the Deputy Minister, Ms Pam Tshwete and MEC, Mr Speed Mashilo in Siyanqoba, eMalahleni Local Municipality. Minister Kubayi issued 400 title deeds to government's low cost housing beneficiaries during her visit to the Local Municipality.

Taken aback with joy, gogo Matome overwhelmingly explained that she was scared that one day someone might claim her house because she did not have any legal proof of ownership of the property. "I can't explain what I am feeling now, but I am so excited to finally receive my title deeds as my legal proof of ownership of my house. I have four kids and this will be their family house, thanks to the government for remembering us" said Matome one of the beneficiaries.

Sharing the same sentiment was Precious Madisa, (27), the elder and guardian to her three siblings a childheaded family revealed that the sudden passing of their grandmother left them homeless, stranded and lost hope that one day they will have their own house. "I am so happy today I have received the title deeds for my siblings and myself" cited Madisa. The family survive with the social grant received from government since their sister is unemployed. MEC, Mashilo congratulated all the recipients of title deeds and emphasised that, "A title deed is a legal document that ensures ownership of a property as it allows home owners to make decisions that will improve their living circumstances."

Addressing the community during the issuing of the title deeds Minister Kubayi appealed to the community members not to illegally occupy land in the municipality. "It is very vital that as we continue building our people these houses especially in mining township we make sure that we conduct a thoroughly land survey to avoid the collapsing of houses, the illegally occupying of land makes our work difficult as government hence we condemn such behavior" charged Kubayi.

Later today, the Minister will host a stakeholder dialogue with Women in Construction. The two days programme will unfold tomorrow with a visit to Reabotha Community Residential Units (CRU), Hlalamnandi Child Day Care Centre and official handover of Rockdale housing project. The Minister visit is a build-up of the Presidential Imbizo which will be held in Caroline this coming Friday, 20 May 2022.



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